

Press Release for the Pre-Conference Meeting of the 31st Congress of Greek Teachers in Europe

The 1st pre-conference meeting in Athens of the 31st Congress of Greek Teachers in Europe was held in a warm and engaging atmosphere at the Spiritual Center of St. Anthony in Peristeri on Saturday the 14th February 2026. The theme of the meeting was **“Education in Multicultural Europe: Developments, Policies and Practices.”**

A presentation was delivered by Mrs Corinna Pertsinidou, Coordinator of Extra curriculum Activities and Networks of the Directorate of Secondary Education of East Attica under the title **“The Multicultural School in Europe: Inclusion Policies and Pedagogical Practices. The Contribution of the European Teachers’ Academy – ACAΔIMIA.”** The presentation aimed to highlight European policies on inclusion, multilingualism, and democratic education, as well as the contribution of the European programme **“ACAΔIMIA – European Teachers’ Academy for Creative and Inclusive Learning,”** coordinated by Action Synergy, in translating these policies into everyday educational practice through modern, experiential, and student-centred methodologies. The presentation impressed the participants, who raised thoughtful questions about the methodologies of **ACAΔIMIA.**

During the meeting, distinguished speakers presented experiential and European intercultural education programmes, good practices from Greece and abroad, as well as the contribution of media, rhetorical education, and language to the preservation of identity and intercultural dialogue. A common thread throughout the conference was the empowerment of the school as a space of inclusion, dialogue, and cultural encounter. Particularly moving was the presentation delivered in fluent Greek by the Belgian Stéphanie Groulard on the power of the ancient Greek language as a means of uniting cultures.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Action Synergy, Mrs Anastasia Blaska, Ifigeneia Grigiriadou and Katerina Pitirinopoulou.

We warmly thank the organizers for this constructive pre-conference meeting and His Eminence the Metropolitan of Peristeri, Mr. Grigorios, for his hospitality. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Theodoros Kallianos who for decades has successfully brought together Greek teachers across Europe through conferences addressing timely and meaningful themes, and to Ms. Evgenia Tsolopoulou for her contribution to the organizing committee.

We wish every success to the 2nd pre-conference meeting in Düsseldorf, as well as to the 31st Congress of Greek Teachers in Europe in Brussels.