PRESS RELEASE

DAISSy Research Group of the Hellenic Open University successfully organized a Multiplier Event on **Combining Cuisine, Languages, Culture & Digital Technology**. The event was held on 20 October 2018 at a central hotel in Athens, Greece.

Aim of the Multiplier Event was the presentation of the Linguacuisine project results, which was implemented in the framework of Erasmus+/KA2 programme. The project is coordinated by Newcastle University, UK, with Hellenic Open University (HOU) being the Greek partner.

Director of DAISSy Research Group, Achilles Kameas Professor with HOU presented in summary the objectives and the results of the Linguacuisine project. Then, Maria Aspioti, Researcher with the DAISSy Research Group and Adults Education Teacher presented the project’s training methodology and the Authoring Tool, an online platform for the digital recipes produced by the learners of the project. Aliki Panagiotarou, Researcher of DAISSy Research Group and Expert in the development of digital skills, presented the innovative digital skills evaluation and certification system developed by HOU, based on the European Framework DigComp 2.1.

Athanassia Drakouli, Doctor of Language Teaching and Sociolinguistics, referred during her speech to multimedia and digital technologies used in language learning as well as to their role contributing in particular to the exploitation of interdisciplinary elements in a holistic approach of knowledge. Moreover she stressed their role in providing students with motives for active engagement in the learning process and reducing anxiety levels while in contact with a foreign language learning process.

Eleni Chrissikaki, English language teacher, Headmaster of a Language Teaching School, talked about the use of digital technology in contemporary language teaching methodology and the potentials it provides teachers and students with in order to be able to interconnect learning process with their real needs thus rendering the learning object more attractive and accessible.

Lila Karapostoli, Culinary Director at the Culinary Center & Cookery Club “Mathimata Mageirikis” (“Cooking Lessons”), referred to the three dimensions of cooking: the profession, necessity “it is necessary to learn how to cook, because I have to be fed” and finally, creativity. In addition, she emphasized on the direct relation between these three dimensions as well as the rapid multiplication of digital communities with cookery at their core.

At the end, Eugenia Kollia, European Project Manager, and Maria Krina, Gastronomer, presented Healthnic Diet for Inclusion project, implemented by Vardakeios School of Languages, at Ermoupolis, Syros island, Greece, stressing in particular the contribution of digital technology in combination to cookery and language learning aiming to the inclusion of migrants in the local community.

Moments of special value and interest were the presentations from the learning experience of some of our learners (Vassiliki Tefa, Margarita Gheka, Georgia Psiouri, Myrsini Karakasoglou, Daphne-Demetra Panteliadi, Penelope Babalou), talking about their participation in the project and about the importance of the digital skills they developed and were certified for in this framework.

The Multiplier Event was attended by more than 50 participants, who had the opportunity to get actively involved in an open, constructive and fruitful dialogue with experts from the areas of linguistics, Adults Education, language learning, digital technology as well as culture and gastronomy, and also with representatives of the Civil Society regarding the use of digital technology in the framework of innovative and alternative training methods in Adults Education. They also showed great interest for and shared with our learners their personal stories on their experience with the project and discussed ideas for further exploitation of the project’s results.

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