

## 4th Press Release

### 1<sup>st</sup> face-to-face meeting of the Story Changers “Enhancing Pupils’ Social Skills and Enriching Teaching Methods Through Storytelling and Virtual Reality” project

Marseille  
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The 1<sup>st</sup> face-to-face transnational meeting of the Story Changers project, took place in Marseille, France at EUROCIRCLE premises. The partners that participated at the meeting were the following: M.M.C Management Center Ltd (Cyprus), EUROCIRCLE ASSOCIATION (France), Alexandridis & SIA E.E./ OMEGA (Greece), Apostolos Varnavas Primary School (Cyprus), St. Joseph Mater Boni Consilii School (Malta), Jeanne D’Arc Greco-French School (Greece), Escola A. Aguilera / Escola Sant Josep (Spain) (participating face-to-face) και το Centre for the Study and Dissemination of Myths and Fairy tales (Greece) (participating online).

The partner-coordinator, M.M.C Management Centre Ltd, presented to the rest of the consortium the project's progress, including the finalization of the stories and the next steps to be taken, related to the pilot implementation of the teaching package "Change the story". The discussion that followed, focused on the structure and content of the teaching package "Change the Story", that will be used by the teachers during the pilot implementation. The teaching package includes the stories and the interactive VR scenarios, as well as the training (ice breaker and team-building) activities and the ways to make use of them during the pilot implementation. Within the context of the discussion on the training activities, the partners suggested the use of other relevant tools for the presentation of the stories, such as powerpoint etc. A technical guide on the use of VR headsets will also be included in the teaching package.



Subsequently, each partner presented activities that could be included in the teaching package in order to facilitate the pilot implementation at the partner-schools. The end of October is the deadline for the finalization of the teaching package, which will be followed by the training of the master teachers. Additionally, national trainings will also take place nationally in each partner-country for teachers that will show interest in the "Story Changers" teaching package.

As it has been decided, the teaching package "Change the Story", will be pilot tested at the 5 primary schools that participate as partners in the project. More specifically, 3 workshops will take place in Cyprus, 3 workshops in Malta, 3 workshops in Greece, 3 workshops in Spain and 1 workshop in France (13 in total) and 20 pupils will participate in each workshop (260 pupils in total).

During the second day of the meeting, the partners were informed on the project management issues, the project's quality assurance. Also, the partners were informed on the VR equipment each partners needs to have in order to pilot test the VR scenarios.

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