

ΠΡΩΤΟΒΟΥΛΙΑ ΠΑΡΟΧΗΣ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΥΠΟΣΤΗΡΙΞΉΣ ΣΤΟΥΣ ΠΡΟΣΦΥΓΕΣ PROVISION OF REFUGEE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SCHEME (P.R.E.S.S.)





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### THE HELLENIC OPEN UNIVERSITY

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### **General info:**

Founded in 1997 as a self-administered State University, the HELLENIC OPEN UNIVERSITY is the 19th Greek State University, with Headquarters in the city of **Patras**, Greece.

**Mission:** To provide high-quality university education **via distance learning** at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. For that purpose, it develops and implements appropriate learning material and methods of teaching.

### **Faculties**

- ✓ Humanities
- ✓ Social Sciences,
- ✓ Applied Arts,
- ✓ Science and Technology

### The HOU in numbers:

**Students:** Over 40.000 undergraduate and postgraduate students registered.

Courses: Over 40 postgraduate and undergraduate courses, via distance learning

Academic staff: Around 50 faculty members and 2.000 adjunct lecturers, professors, post-doctoral researchers, laboratory support staff, instructors etc.

Administration staff: Over 200 administrative Employees.

**Regional Branch-offices:** in 9 major Greek cities for the decentralization of the services and activities of the HOU.



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# P.R.E.S.S. - Provision of Refugee Education and Support Scheme

### **Project Description**

Project P.R.E.S.S. was an initiative of the Hellenic Open University aiming implementation the educational actions and support services for refugees, with emphasis primary research on on communication, linguistic and educational needs and expectations of refugees and the educational empowerment children, adolescents and adult refugees in Greece.

The project was funded exclusively from the financial resources of the Hellenic Open University

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# Axis 1. Research

# IDENTIFYING THE ACTUAL NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE POPULATION

- **■** Ethnographic fieldwork
- **■** Interviews
- Questionnaires
- Qualitative research methodology especially designed for children
- Academic workshops and digital think tank
- Involvement of refugees with a research background in data collection
- Involvement of HOU students in small-scale research
- Training program for educators, researchers, volunteers

# PRESS

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# Axis 2. Language

PROVIDING BASIC LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SKILLS FOR INTEGRATION.

- **►** Face to face program for language learning
- **■** E-learning program for language learning
- Linguistic and cultural integration program for adults
- Non-formal workshops for women
- Non-formal actions for children
- School Integration programs for children
- OLS (online linguistic support) certificates for language training of refugees
- Multilingual approach

# **PRESS**

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# Axis 3. Support

# AWARENESS RAISING & INCLUSION STRATEGIES



- Local awareness raising actions all over Greece (with the assistance of the HOU Regional Offices)
- Training e-learning program on diversity (for the general population)
- Creation of digital portal-database with practical advice (legal issues, studies, society)
- Mobile unit for support services and guidance
- Art projects with the collaboration of artists from the refugee and local population
- Cultural adaptation of existing higher education programs in order to address the long-term needs of refugees

# **Events**



# Project PRESS Online Toolkit

An open-access **ONLINE TOOLKIT** is now available for the dissemination of the materials produced during the implementation of the Project PRESS.



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The toolkit hosts:

- Educational material
- Training material
- Support Tools
- Online Programs for Refugees
- Publications, reports and studies
- Events

Available in Greek, English, Arabic and Farsi

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