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The "GODIGITAL –Intergrating Mobile Learning and Upgrading Teachers’ Digital Skills " is a European Programme of the Regional Directorate of Primary and Secondary School Education of Crete which aims to upgrade the digital skills of teachers. The programme was materialized in the context of Key Action 2 -Co-operation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices.

The aim of the GoDIGITAL project which is carried out by the partnership of six partners from Poland, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Italy and Greece, is to design and construct a series of e-tools to support digital training of primary school teachers by means of an e-platform.

During the first phase, the project identified by means of an extensive research the conditions and the reality surrounding digital education in the countries of the partners and the E.U more generally, following the principles of the European Framework for the Digital Competence of Educators (DigCompEdu) it carried out a research to explore teachers' needs.

During the second phase, in the light of the research results and the conclusions drawn, an analytical curriculum of independent training was formed. The final product was the construction of an e-learning platform which allows the participation to a series of e-learning classes followed by self-evaluation and the acquisition of a digital badge. The digital skills that trainees are called to develop through the e-platform are related to five basic modules, i.e. *Internet, LMS, Web design, Hardware, Tools and Applications*. By means of support on a theoretical level, practical activities, guidance and consolidation questions the teacher trainees obtain a complete picture of the five modules that appeal to them, while at the same time they are given the chance to gain a digital certificate (badge) after their participation in the process of evaluation.

During the period from January to May 2020 the partners organized a series of pilot training actions in which 15-20 primary school teachers participated, being physically present or online. The new conditions formed due to the pandemic caused by SARS-cOV-2 and the increased need for the use of tools and methods of distant learning resulted in the organization of supplementary training events so as to utilise the educational material of the Godigital platform. Hence, a series of free access online seminars occurred while new complementary material was produced, which was available through video-lessons from the U-tube channel of the project.

The final phase of the project consists of two important events. The first is an online Conference which is going to take place on **22 September 2020**, where all the results and the conclusions drawn from the partnership will be presented. An online three-day training action will take place from **28-30 September 2020**, in which teachers and ICT and new technology experts will take part from all the country partners. The analytical results of the training event will be announced next week. More information on the Project and the e-platform can be found you on the website <http://teachersgodigital.eu>

