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★ Dear EPA members, partners & friends

We are glad to send you this newsletter with the report of our last GA & Conference in Vilnius. It was great to meet you there and share these inspiring days with our Lithuanian friends. The Board wants to thank again to the LTF team for their outstanding work during the preparation our November meeting. Additionally, it was a pleasure to restart the EPA ALCUIN Award. We want to congratulate to the members that submitted their projects for their high quality and impact. Each of them is a living example of the



importance of parental involvement in their school. We have already began with the preparation of our June 2022 GA & Conference. Let's hope that the health conditions will allow all of our members to travel to Lyon. But before it, I am sure we will meet in our webinars and meetings. We will keep you updated.

In the meantime, I want to wish you a fruitful end to 2021, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

















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EPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - VILNIUS/LITHUANIA

EPA's (European Parents Association) 2nd General Assembly (GA) and International Conference of 2021, took place on 13th and 14th of November in Vilnius, Lithuania. The members of EPA, who were able to travel to Vilnius from all over Europe (Spain, France, Italy, Estonia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Austria, Ireland, Portugal and Norway), were truly happy and blessed to physically meet again, after 2 years. The other members and interested parents, who were unable to travel due to Covid-19 restrictions or for any other reason, had the chance to join our Conference from their homes as it was transmitted live. We must all congratulate our Lithuanian colleagues for organizing and hosting an excellent GA and Conference.

The agenda of the first day, as always, included visiting two schools (pre-gymnasiums) in Vilnius, that accept children from 6 to 14 years old. These are two high quality schools applying new teaching/learning methods and using the advances of High Technology. EPA members were guided around the schools by representatives of Parents Boards, the School's principal or teachers and students. All of them were very proud and happy about their excellent cooperation between them and for all their achievements.

















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Diana Nausėdienė atidarė Europos tėvų asociacijos Generalinę asamblėją

In the afternoon, our GA took place in the Presidential Palace of Lithuania! We were honoured to be welcomed by the First Lady of Lithuania, Lady Diana Nausédiené, who greeted the General Assembly and congratulate EPA members for their work. She mentioned that parents have or should have the leading role for their children's education and wellbeing. She also talked about the importance of Parents' Associations as equal partners of the Education System.

















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During the first day, among others, agenda included elections for 2 board members, vote on the acceptance of 2 new members, presentation of the activity report and much more.























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EPA - ALCUIN WINNER 2021

Also, the President announced that the revival of the Alcuin Award was a success as five projects had been submitted. He also recalled that this year we are celebrating the 30th anniversary since its creation. The first winner of the award, Mrs Rita Schwark, who is now living in Australia, shared with us her memories of 30 years ago via video-call!

The projects were presented to all the members and the winner was announced by the Chairman of the Jury Committee during the Gala Dinner. The winner of 2021 Alcuin Award is Carob Syrup Producers, a project by Latsia Lyceum in Nicosia, Cyprus.

















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WORKSHOPS

During the Second day, a variety of excellent education topics and 2 workshops were

Parents, a Resourse for the future of Education. Also, two new projects that EPA is participating in, were presented as well, Creative Thinking for Parents and Beyond Project which deals with Gender Equality in early years.



















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Online Info Session:

Erasmus+ Partnerships for Innovation - Forward-Looking Projects 2022

Join this information session on 18 January 2022

To discover all you need to know about the action, call, policy priorities and the application procedure for the 2022 Forward-Looking Projects funding Opportunities under Erasmus+ (Key Action 2)

LOT 1: Cross-sectoral priorities

Priority 1: Supporting high quality and inclusive digital education, in line with the Digital Education Action Plan

Priority 2: Supporting education and training systems

to adapt for the green transition



https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/online-info-sessionerasmus-partnerships-innovation-forward-looking-projects-2022 en

LOT 2: Vocational education and training (VET)

Priority 3: Supporting the Pact for Skills;

Priority 4: Structures and mechanisms for Applied research in VET;

Priority 5: Green skills in the VET sector.

LOT 3: Adult education (AE)

Priority 6: Upskilling Pathways: New Opportunities for Adults.

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1) ImmoHubs project:

Following up on the presentation of the ImmoHubs project at the GA in Vilnius we're pleased to inform you that the Symptom Survey is now online and we'd highly appreciate the dissemination among your members, parents and families. The survey aims to find out which symptoms bother people most when they fall sick themselves and which they find particularly disturbing in children or older people in their care. The results are meant to be game changers in the ways health care systems should operate in the future, taking patients' views better into account and involving them in establishing preventive measures and treatments.

You can access the survey here: https://symptomsurvey.org/take-the-survey and find more information on the project itself at: https://immunisationhubs.eu/



2) MeLi project:

The Media Literacy for Parents project is entering its final phase with the pilot testing of the training materials in the various countries of the consortium partners. Follow the project on fb to stay tuned for the details: @meliforparents The final conference of the project will take place in Brussels on Monday, 31st January 2022 in the afternoon. Please save the date and let us know if any of you are planning to come to Belgium on this occasion. We'll be able to support travels for a limited number of international participants with 200 €. Please send an email to office@europarents.eu if you're interested. More info on the project can be found here: www.meli4parents.eu

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★ General Assembly Spring 2022 in Lyon, France, June 2022 (1/2)



★ General Assembly Autumn 2022, in Luxembourg city, Luxembourg, November 2022 (2/2)







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