

SEMELI PROGRAMME INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 20 October 2022 at 18:00 the Information Evening for the European Educational Programme SEMELI (Socially Excluded youth of MEDIA Literacy) was successfully held. The event took place at the premises of the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus (TSCC) and was attended by 70 people. The project is co-funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ programme (KA3), with partners from five countries.

The SEMELI project was officially launched on 1 December 2020 and has almost completed most of its objectives. The project has developed and implemented innovative methods and practices to promote the inclusion of socially and geographically marginalised young detainees (16-35 years old) through digital media and media literacy. Through the development of shared values with the rest of society and the promotion of digital skills and media literacy, it has already trained 35 young detainees in the Cyprus Prison Department. Equivalent number of detainees in each of the four partner countries have been trained. Moreover, the training programme for prison staff has been prepared. Prison staff, after their training, will be able to act as trainers and facilitators in promoting media literacy for the empowerment of young detainees in each partner country.

The event was welcomed by (i) the Director of the Theological School, very reverent Kyprianos Kountouris, (ii) the Director of the Cyprus Prisons Department, Mrs Anna Aristotelous (via a delegated speech), (iii) the Vice-Rector for Research and External Affairs of the European University Cyprus, Prof. Marios Vryonidis (coordinator and scientific officer of the project) and (iv) Konstantinos Kloudas, the General Manager of Enoros Consulting Ltd. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Charis Xinari, Associate Professor of the European University Cyprus on "Media Literacy in our time and the need for education". Afterwards, Dr Olga Solomontos-Kountouri, Associate Professor of the TSCC (and scientific coordinator of the prisoners' programme) gave a general briefing on the SEMELI programme and the education programme for detainees and prison guards. Finally, Dr Iliada Tofaridou presented the topic Digital Skills and Literacy and Dr. Konstantinos Tsagkaridis presented the topics: Role Models Testimonials, Robotics and Virtual Reality. A reception followed.

More information about the project and its activities can be found on the project's [website](#) and [Facebook](#) account.

