

Regional Center for Educational Planning (PE.K.E.S) of Western Greece



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The "**Regional Center for Educational Planning (PE.K.E.S) of Western Greece**" is headquartered in Patras and constitutes the regional structure of educational support for Primary and Secondary Education in the Regional Directorate of Primary and Secondary Education of Western Greece. It is a decentralized educational structure of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and its work is supported by the Institute of Educational Policy and the General Directorate of Studies of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. It was established by the Law 4547/2018 (Government Gazette 102 / t.A ' / 12-06-2018) (article 4 par. d) "Reorganization of the supportive structures for primary and secondary education and other regulations".

The mission of PE.K.E.S is:

- to focus on educational planning
- to monitor, coordinate and support educational work of the public and private schools as well as the Laboratory Centers
- to coordinate the Centres of Educational and Counselling Support (K.E.S.Y), the Educational Centers for Sustainability (K.E.A) and the Laboratory Science Centers (E.K.F.E) in their area of responsibility
- to provide teachers with the scientific and pedagogical support in both public and private education in primary and secondary schools
- to plan and offer training - including the introductory one - to teachers
- at regional level to support planning and assessing educational work of school units

In accordance with the above, the mission of PE.K.E.S. in Western Greece is the implementation of its aims among schools, teachers and structures of the Region of Western Greece. Our vision is the moto: *"We design collectively and we support school community in a cooperative and interdisciplinary way."*

To implement its scope PE.K.E.S of Western Greece seeks broader cooperation schemes and partnerships with Higher Education Institutions which mainly operate in Western Greece, the Education Directorates of the three Regional Units of Western Greece and the Regional Governance. In addition, it looks forward to proposals for cooperation with local community entities and associations as well as to European and international partnerships which can contribute to the promotion of its purpose and objectives.

Each PE.K.E.S consists of the Educational Work Coordinators, who are highly qualified and scientifically educated teachers, and cover all subjects of education provided in schools. Additionally, they are appointed after an assessment of their objective qualifications and a personal interview. Each Educational Work Coordinator has the scientific responsibility for all the teachers in his scientific subject all well as the Laboratory Centres which belong to PE.K.E.S of Western Greece for the issues concerning his/her field. They also have the pedagogical responsibility of a group of school units which has been assigned by the Regional Education Director's decision.

Specifically, Western Greece PE.K.E.S consists of 35 Educational Work Coordinators of various scientific subjects with headquarters in Patras and 8 more Educational Work Coordinators who belong to other PE.K.E.S but additionally offer their duty to PE.K.E.S of Western Greece.

PE.K.E.S. is headed by an Organizational Coordinator and a Deputy Organizational Coordinator each one from a different level of education.

In PE.K.E.S of Western Greece Dr. Spyridon Papadakis, Educational Work Coordinator of Computer Science, has been appointed as the Organizational Coordinator and Dr Nikolaos Manesis, Educational Work Coordinator of Primary Education Teachers has been appointed as the Deputy Organizational Coordinator (F.351.1/47/166139/E3|05-10-2018 YPEPTH). Their duty started on 5th October, 2018 and finishes on 31th July, 2021.

Critical Literacy in Literature subjects, Special Education and Training in Digital Learning Platforms are among the actions planned for the near future.