**our experience at Muzeiko, Sofia, Bulgaria**

As part of our Erasmus+ programme “Save Energy Save the World”, the 1st primary school of Palamas, Karditsa, Greece, had the chance in our first short-term exchange with students to visit our partners in Sofia, Bulgaria. On the 22nd of March, which was the World Water Day, we went along with our Bulgarian, Polish, Romanian, Turkish and Italian classmates to the children’s museum Muzeiko. Our four Greek students narrate their experience:

Valia Mante (12 years old):

“It was really a magic world inside this museum!

The clever exterior design, made from recyclable, glass materials really impressed me! These ‘little mountains’ out of glass were awesome! The looks and the wits of the museum so artfully combined into a whole!

When we entered the museum what really amazed me the most was the space room, where there was an astronaut’s equipment, we entered into the cabin and we actually looked like one!!

Ofcourse, I truly liked the talks of the experts about the importance of water saving and how they filter water for Sofia city..very interesting. There were things I didn’t know about the water cleaning process and I learned them there. Since then I bring these words in my mind and advise my friends to respect the water cycle and not pollute or destroy it.

I learnt through games, I played and enjoyed myself very much. I took every opportunity to interact with all exhibits. I think this museum is somehow alive! It has life within, Energy..

I would like to go again there the soonest!!!”

Xenia Liapi (12 years old):

“During our visit in Sofia, Bulgaria, we visited a lot of places. I prefer though the Muzeiko museum, because it was really for kids, for us!

Outside there were many flowers, a beautiful garden, a playground, where the little visitors could enjoy themselves. Everything placed according to its use, from flowers to trees. So bioclimatic!

Inside I liked very much the giant musical instrument, which along with my classmates, played! Fantastic! I didn’t know we can produce music with the power of our movement! I never wanted to stop!

I also liked the terrarium, where iguanas and venomous snakes were kept. A little scary..

I want to go there again with my new friends, which I made, from Bulgaria, Poland, Italy, Romania and Turkey!!!”

Aggeliki Arhodouli (12 years old) :

“It was an unforgettable experience for me at the Muzeiko!

This science museum had all sorts of exhibits from microorganisms to anacondas!

We even explored our solar system and saw how future will be on the upper floor. So extraordinary!

I listened to the experts’ talks with interest, because I learnt new stuff, such as the fact that microorganisms are used to clean water! How interesting! I actually saw through the microscope some of them! They had names too! So fun! From now on when I drink fresh tap water I consider all these things and try not to waste or pollute it. I even tell my parents and siblings to do the same!

All these exhibits really impressed me! It was the right museum for me!”

Miranda Didangelou (12 years old):

“The best place we visited during our stay in Sofia was the Muzeiko.

Starting from the architecture, I really liked the bright and vivid colors of the exterior.

But surprises kept on coming in the interior too! We actually saw through a microscope the microorganisms that clean the water, so impressive! We felt like little scientists! That’s how one can really appreciate the element of water! So precious so endangered by humans’ activity..

Moreover, we experienced the vision of the eagle, the fish and caterpillar through the special glasses! Wow! Reeeally cool!!! I didn’t know the eagle has such an ability to see that far..

I loved the reptiles’ section, I took pictures of them all! I even called my dad not only to tell him how amazed I was of the Muzeiko’s terrarium but also to ask him to get me, when I return home, a reptile like the one we saw! It’s a must!

Last but not least we even had the chance to play and exercise on the climbing wall on the roof of the museum! Such fun!!!

A museum for older and younger children as well, a museum actually for everyone curious to learn new scientific stuff..”