PRESS RELEASE

Program "Routes in Teaching Greek as a Second/Foreign Language" for teachers in Greece and abroad

The Centre for the Greek Language announces the new period of the distance training program "Routes in Teaching Greek as a Second/Foreign Language" for teachers in Greece and abroad (http://diadromes.greek-language.gr). The course begins on Monday, 4 September 2023 and lasts 9 months. **Registrations are submitted from 24 April 2023 until 01 September 2023 at www.greek- language.gr/routes.**

The program consists of the following eight modules, which cover all thematic areas of interest for the teacher of Greek as a second/foreign language:

1. Lesson planning, Classroom Management and Learning Strategies
2. Teaching Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation
3. Computer Assisted Language Learning
4. Teaching Languages to Young Learners
5. Aspects of Language (Language diversity, genres, and literary discourse)
6. Bilingualism: Language and Thought of the Bilingual Speaker
7. When Cultures Converse at School: Intercultural Education Issues
8. Language Performance Assessment

The program, which was first implemented in 2007, was awarded with the **European Language Label**. It is constantly updated and improved, while it offers flexibility in participation, since it is implemented entirely by distance learning and asynchronous teaching. The participants enjoy 24-hour access to the material and discussion forums, in order to communicate with instructors and fellow participants, to exchange ideas, and engage in constructive dialogue.

Two (2) webinars take place in each module, in real time, offering immediate live communication with the team of instructors.

Innovative features of the program:

- Three, at least, specialized instructors in each module, who possess years of experience in the field, teach and supervise the participants and provide answers to their questions.
- Implementation of the principles of distance learning.

- The participants write essay papers in each module under the guidance and support of the team of instructors.
- Starting 2022–2023 an online teacher community welcomes all Program graduates. This initiative complies with the modern scientific theories on teacher training which argue that training does not end with the completion of classes. The online community meets this need for continuance offering opportunities for future updates and cooperation.

The program is addressed to anyone involved and/or interested in teaching Greek as a second/foreign language in Greece and abroad, provided he/she is a **B.A. holder from departments of Greek philology, foreign language philologies, pedagogical studies, theological studies or other departments of Greek or equivalent foreign universities**. Candidates who have not completed tertiary education may also be admitted on certain conditions.

The Program "Routes in Teaching Greek as a Second/Foreign Language"

a) is recognized by the Greek Ministry of Education as a distance training program granting teaching certification for teaching Greek abroad (Government Gazette 862/Issue B/ 8.4.2014).

b) provides certified specialization in teaching Greek as a second/foreign language and meets the list of additional qualifications as described in the recent State regulation concerning teachers' appointment in Reception Centres for the Education of Migrants (Government Gazette 3049/B/23.9.2016),

c) is considered extra qualification—and awarded points as such—for applicants for job positions in education (Government Gazette 136/A/3-8-2021).

For all relevant information, such as registration and cost, please visit the registration website: www.greek-language.gr/routes**.**

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