

SciFUN's 3rd Newsletter

The SciFUN project on the Greek radio

The SciFUN project was introduced during the Greek radio show “aklaftoi” of Radio Reboot in December 2016. The show hosted an interview of Dr Lida Arnellou (Phd in Science Communication) and Dr Dimitris Petakos (PhD in History of Science) concerning the role of science in society, stereotypes about science and scientists and the role of science education. In this regard, the SciFUN project was introduced giving emphasis on the science education research, which took place at a European level. The project’s aim and final products were also highlighted, as well as the way they can be used by teachers in the classroom. The full interview can be accessed [here](#).

INNOVADE presented the SciFUN project to the Agios Vassilios KA Primary School (Cyprus)

INNOVADE held a dissemination seminar on January 18, 2017 at Ayios Vasileios primary school in Nicosia, Cyprus. The seminar, which was attended by the school’s principal, teachers, and teaching staff, aimed at presenting the SciFUN project’s aims and main outcomes to date to the participants. After that, the outcomes of the project until that time were presented, such as the flyer, poster, website, newsletters etc.



The SciFUN project on the Greek Press

A brief presentation of the SciFUN project was published in the newspaper “Avgi” as a special insert concerning Science and Technology called “Prisma”. It also constituted a part of the electronic version of the newspaper. The publication included the identity, the aim, the intended target group and the website of the project. The electronic version can be found [here](#).

Cyprus’ 1st Multiplier Event for the purposes of the SciFUN project

CARDET in collaboration with INNOVADE have organised the 1st Multiplier Event for the SciFUN project under the framework of the conference “Youth's role in building a better future”. The event took place on the 15th of March 2017 at the Ayios Nicolaos Lyceum in Limassol. During the event, eleven educators were involved, who had the opportunity to learn about the project’s aim, objectives and rationale. In addition, the educators had the opportunity to learn more about the interdisciplinary approach adopted by the project, as well as to study some Sample Cross-Curricular Units of the toolkit in depth. Moreover, a presentation of the most important findings and recommendations of the project was carried out. Specifically, the concepts of utilising mobile devices, online labs, Web 2.0 tools, experimentation and inquiry-based learning, were explored by teachers within the context of the Cross-Curricular Units of the project. The teachers also had the chance to interact with the SciFUN website and have fruitful discussions regarding the teaching and learning recommendations provided.



The SciFUN project was disseminated via mini sessions by the University of Pitești and the Group for European Integration in Pitești (Romania)

In the period January-April 2017 the University of Pitești (UPIT) and the Group for European Integration (GIE) have organized in Pitești a series of mini-sessions with teachers from the schools and high schools in the Argeș region to present the

transnational reports “O2: Collection of Best Practices for making learning science education fun”, “O3: Guidelines and ideas for designing learning activities” and “O4: Recommendations for utilising comics, mobile devices, digital storytelling, and social media”. The discussions were also targeting at the SciFUN Toolkit (which is currently in progress), trying especially to contribute with ideas and recommendations on how to make the toolkit a valuable resource for teachers’ daily activities in classroom.

Sample Cross-Curricular Units (Output 5)

Sample cross curricular units were developed by all partners within the framework of the Intellectual Output 5. These constitute a compilation of a large number of proposed actions and activities, specially tailored to enhanced the quality of teaching science education. The cross-curricular teaching units, which were developed and finalised in March 2017, describe a series of interconnected lessons that utilize ideas from the project, mobile technologies and social media in making learning science engaging and fun and in order to achieve educational objectives in several areas of the curriculum. The Intellectual Output 5 was completed in March 2017 and the Sample Units will be included in the SciFUN toolkit.

CARDET participated in the academic conference hosted by KETPEE and presented the SciFUN project

CARDET participated in the academic conference hosted by KETPEE on March 18, 2017, at the University of Cyprus, by hosting a symposium on the topic of the implementation of new technologies and learning environments. During the symposium, CARDET discussed the significance of new forms of ICT in education, and focused on presenting 4 best practices in which this is exemplified. These 4 best practices were based on 4 Erasmus+ projects, in which CARDET is a partner. Among these 4 best practices, the SciFUN project was presented and a special emphasis was given on the innovative approach to increasing students' motivation in science by making its learning more fun. Many stakeholders expressed their interest in the project’s outcomes and are looking forward to receive the completed SciFUN toolkit soon.

