

Ariana Kounturi: “The School Mediation/Erasmus+ team/4GELA”

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The first contact our school had with the school mediation peer-to-peer was back in 2015. The contact was orchestrated by our vice principal Alikí Giatra that had decided after watching and participating in seminars about mediation and more specifically school mediation that it will benefit both our school and its students to include the mediation process. After that seven teachers all along with the School’s Principal have been trained in school mediation, and then the school mediation team of the 4GELA was created. It’s scope? To bring a more peaceful way for students to solve different conflicts that may arise inside the school's walls and to low down the percentage of violence between students. The members (students) of the team are being trained first step by learning about the procedures that are followed, the rules, how to handle some situations. Then by simulations they start to have a better grasp of what it means to be a mediator. Of course it doesn’t stop there: the students start to get into more and more difficult and sensitive topics. At the begging of each school year the team carries out an information campaign for the school community to inform them of the alternative way that exists in our school to solve a conflict. But of course what mediations offers gets no limit up: it teaches students to always choose conversation when dealing with a problem and not violence and not only on school surroundings but also in their personal life. More information about our school mediation team can be seen on our [school website](#).