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## **THE GRETA PROJECT – Challenge-based Learning in Primary Schools for Climate Change Awareness**

*Organizations from seven European countries joined forces into one project team and launched the GRETA project. Yes, the name of the project was chosen in tribute to Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenager who inspired an international movement to fight climate change. The project will run for 24 months and is focused on climate issues. Over the next two years, we will develop and share a range of educational resources on the topic of climate education for teachers and primary school pupils.*

Overall, the GRETA project aims to support school teachers and pupils to raise awareness of climate issues in their school. We will help the school community to identify the habits and behaviours they can change to protect the Earth, and because learning must be fun and engaging, the project team will develop a wide range of WebQuests for use in the classroom. WebQuests are research-oriented activities in which pupils access and collect all the information from the web to complete a series of educational challenges. Teachers, working in support of the pupils, provide them with the guidance and tasks to solve or address the challenge. The reason we are using WebQuests is to encourage pupils to use information and analyse the information rather than simply gathering or memorising it. WebQuest supports critical thinking through analysing, finding and creating solutions.

To support pupils in school and also at home, we will also prepare digital educational resources to increase climate literacy for parents. All of the educational resources we produce will be free to use, adapt and apply to a variety of educational contexts. The 'whole-school' approach for climate awareness piloted through the GRETA project will be transferable to other primary school communities across Europe who want to take the climate change challenge. All educational materials will be freely available through the project website and accessible through our Facebook page.

The project is jointly implemented by organizations from 7 countries, namely Greece, Italy, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Germany, Cyprus and Romania. The coordinator of the project is a Greek school called The 1st Primary School of Rafina from the city of Rafina, near the port 30 Km east of Athens. With 274 students aged between 6 to 12 years the school prides itself on being a leader of educational innovation. Over the years it has consistently initiated cutting-edge, project-based educational programmes, in the fields of culture, environment, science and Information Communication Technologies.

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