

Dear EU Sub-Chapter Mediterranean Group members of UNESCO MIL Alliance,
We hope you are all well and safe. We are getting back in touch with a selection of news
from MIL community and our network in the Mediterranean.
We are looking forward to your own contributions for more synergies and actions.

With an enlarged profile of 53 members, the 1st meeting for the members of the EU Sub-Chapter Mediterranean Group of UNESCO MIL Alliance was held on Monday, January 31st, 2022. 29 participants joined our gathering that introduced the aims and scopes of the network as well as activated the 5 Task Forces. See more [here](#).



Empowering Youth Ambassadors in the Fight Against Online Mis- and Disinformation

The newly launched online programme [YouLead](#) is dedicated to training ambassadors of truth for a better tomorrow. The programme is organised by the [Global Campus of Human Rights](#) with the aim of empowering and connecting young people from around the world who want to help be part of the solution by taking on biased algorithms, learning digital verification skills to spot fake or misused content and advocating for digital literacy within their respective communities. Background knowledge and interactive trainings and tools will be provided, but the youth participants will be in the driver's seat when it comes to actually creating original content, that is awareness raising materials for youth, by youth. Read more [here](#).



14th annual MEDEA Awards

The Media & Learning Association's annual competition to identify best use of media to support education at all levels is now open for entries. They are looking for entries which demonstrate exceptional use of multimedia in a learning setting including videos, audios, simulations, AR/VR/XR apps, podcasts, vlogs, animations, and any other excellent use of educational multimedia. Entries are welcome from students, teachers, schools, production facilities, universities, training companies, agencies, and anyone else working on the creation and use of educational multimedia. Deadline for entries is 17 March 2022 – submission is free. See more [here](#).



EKOME MIL Webinar Series – Round II

EKOME launched Round II of the successful webinars on Media & Information Literacy with a new focus on projects and partnerships, on December 20th, 2021. The theme of the 1st webinar was the EU co-funded project “EduMediaTest: An Interactive Tool for Evaluation of Media Literacy Skills”, with guest speakers, Tânia Soares, Mittzy Arciniega, Robert Tomljenovic, partners from Portugal, Spain and Croatia. 160 registrants from 23 countries globally took part to the webinar that presented the project tested by approximately 9.000 secondary education pupils in the EU and further discussed challenges and emerging trends on media and digital literacy in typical education. Watch the full webinar [here](#).



Bringing the magic world of film to children in hospitals

The Croatian association [Kids Meet Art](#) is a leading partner in the European project “Film In Hospital”, implemented in six countries. [Free digital platforms](#) with high quality feature and short European films of diverse content are available to children in health care of various age groups. Children can watch films together at the hospital (alone or in group), at home when in recovery or in rehabilitation centres. The platforms also offer interactive elements for children to review the films, share images, stories, and the possibility to connect with other children in hospitals in Europe. Extra material educates children in European audiovisual works. See more on the project [here](#) and the Croatian platform [here!](#)



Cultivating Digital Citizenship through Media Literacy

[Cyprus Pedagogical Institute](#) and [Cyprus University of Technology](#) organised in November 2021 an online two-day event under the theme of “Cultivating Digital Citizenship through Media Literacy” aimed to enhance the debate on the importance of developing media literacy for teachers and students and approaching the issue through the dimension of Digital Citizenship. The event was addressed to anyone interested in understanding issues related to the impact of modern technological advances on education and the formation of digitally literate citizens. Distinguished scholars from Cyprus and Greece presented during the event, which was attended by schoolteachers, university students, researchers, public stakeholders, and NGO representatives. See more [here](#).



Broadening access to arts for all children

Psaroloco Educational Classroom for families, teachers, and citizens at large is a film-based curriculum designed to provide meaningful arts engagement, support media literacy, hone critical thinking skills and foster social-emotional learning. [PsarolocoEd](#) includes short films, in a range of styles and genres, that feature diverse stories and storytelling for classroom use, as well as stop-motion animation that can be used to teach a variety of elementary concepts. Films and accompanying easy-to-use educational material are offered free of charge on the [official page of the action](#) in Greek and English editions. Psaroloco Media Literacy won the 3rd Prize of 2021 Global Media & Information Literacy Awards led by UNESCO MIL Alliance.