

Ministerial Decree 42856/Θ2

Student Contest – Educational Program on teaching about the Holocaust in Greece

The Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

having regard to:

1. The provisions of:
 - a) Law 1566/1985 on “Structure and Operation of the Primary and Secondary Education and other Provisions” (Official Government Gazette 167 A’),
 - b) article 2(6) of Law 2986/2002 on “Organization of regional services of Primary and Secondary Education, evaluation of educational process and teachers, teacher training and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette 24 A’),
 - c) article 20 of Law 3432/2006 on “Structure and Operation of Ecclesiastical Education” (Official Government Gazette 14 A’)
 - d) article 21(a)(2)(3)(a)(aa) and 21(a)(2)(3)(a)(bb) and article 36 of Law 3966/2011 on “Institutional framework of Model Experimental Schools, Establishment of the Institute of Educational Policy, Organization of the Institute of Computer Technology and Publications DIOFANTOS and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette 118 A’),
 - e) articles 42(2)(i)(1) and 42(2)(i) (6) and article 43 of Law 4186/2013 on “Restructuring of Secondary Education and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette 193 A’),
 - f) article 3(2) of Law 4310/2014 on “Research, Technological Development and Innovation and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette 258 A’)
 - g) Presidential Decree 18/2018 on “Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs” (Official Government Gazette 31 A’)
 - h) Presidential Decree 125/2016 on “Appointment of Ministers and State Secretaries” (Official Government Gazette 210 A’);
2. Ministerial Decree Δ1/Φ.353.1/324/105657/8-10-2002 on “Determination of specific tasks and competences of Heads of Regional services of Primary and Secondary education, of Principals and Vice-Principals of schools and Vocational training schools and of Faculty” (Official Government Gazette 1340 B’);
3. Ministerial Decree 33120/ΓΔ4/28-2-2017 on “Field Trips – Educational Visits of students attending Public and Private Secondary schools in Greece and abroad” (Official Government Gazette 681 B’).

4. Decision 7/5-01-2015 of the Secretary General for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs on "Establishing a Joint Working Committee within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and the Jewish Museum of Greece.
5. The Memorandum of Cooperation between the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and the Jewish Museum of Greece (22-1-2014)
6. The Administrative Act 47/01-12-2016 by the Institute of Educational Policy.
7. The provisions of article 90 of the Code for Legislation for the Government and Government institutions ratified by article 1 of the Presidential Decree 63/2005 (Official Government Gazette 98 A')
8. The report of the General Directorate for Finance of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs (Ref.: Φ1/A/590/81599/B1/16-5-2017) on not causing any additional expenditure on the regular budget of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs or on the national budget.
9. The fact that the provisions of this Ministerial Decree do not give rise to expenditure chargeable to the national budget.
10. The need to implement educational activities to combat intolerance, racism and antisemitism, we decide:

Article 1

General

1. The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Jewish Museum of Greece (22-1-2014) which is annexed to this Decree and is an integral part of it, may organize an annual student contest of creating digital audio-visual works (films) with a theme regarding historical aspects of the Holocaust resulting to participation in an educational program which includes a visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Poland. The contest shall be organized following a recommendation from the Institute of Educational Policy.
2. The contest is addressed to students of the 1st and 2nd grade of Lyceum and may be launched at nation-wide level or within the area of one or more Directorates of Secondary Education.
3. More specific aspects regarding the content and terms of the contest, the stages of its implementation, the transportation required in Greece and abroad are dealt with by the Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations of the General Secretariat for

Religious Affairs, following a recommendation by the Joint Working Committee established in section B.1 of the Memorandum referred to in paragraph 1 of this article.

4. The program of the Jewish Museum of Greece in which the distinguished students are entitled to participate, includes students' and teacher chaperones' transportation in Greece and abroad and in particular: a) a preparatory meeting (seminar) preceding the visit abroad, b) an educational visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Poland and c) a debriefing meeting in which titles of distinction in the contest may be awarded. Participation in the preparatory and debriefing meetings held by the Jewish Museum of Greece complementing the educational visit is obligatory for those who will participate in the visit.

Article 2

Invitation to participate in the contest

1. An invitation to participate in the contest shall be issued by the General Directorate of Primary and Secondary Education Studies and the Directorate of Religious Education of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs each school year and no later than the end of November, following a relevant recommendation from the Institute of Educational Policy. This invitation shall lay down the Directorates of Secondary Education addressed, the theme, the terms and conditions for participation, the technical specifications for the work of the contestants, the criteria, the evaluation procedure, the necessary documents, the deadline for submissions and the authority to receive the contestants' work, the categories of distinction, and all other relevant details.
2. The invitation shall be forwarded through the relevant Directorates of Secondary Education to all schools to which the contest is addressed and it shall be made available online.
3. The Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, shall reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel the contest, to modify the terms, to change the deadline for submissions of participation and to extend the contest to more Directorates of Secondary Education. This may happen for a major reason and following a reasoned proposal addressed to the Joint Working Committee referred to in paragraph 3 of article 1 of this Decree. The interested parties shall be informed thereof in any appropriate way.
4. Participation in the contest is optional and it implies unreserved acceptance of the terms.

Article 3

Submission of work

With a view to facilitate the submission of digital material and to screen and make good use educationally of the distinguished work, the Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations may, at its discretion and under its responsibility, use online services free of charge such as a) cloud computing in order to receive, save and disseminate digital

material b) audiovisual material screening services by creating and maintaining web-based accounts.

Article 4

Evaluation Committee

1. The work submitted in valid applications shall be evaluated by a non-remunerable Evaluation Committee in accordance with the criteria laid down in the invitation. The Evaluation Committee shall be set up by a Decision of the Secretary General for Religious Affairs following a recommendation by the Joint Working Committee referred to in paragraph 3 of article 1 of this Decree.
2. The Committee shall select the work of the applicants who are eligible for participating in the program referred to in paragraph 4 of article 1, as well as the ranking order of the reserve list and shall decide on all relevant matters. The minutes of the meetings shall be promptly submitted to the Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations.

Article 5

Conditions for participation of distinguished students in the education program

1. The Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations shall inform the interested schools in writing on: a) the distinguished students b) the reserve list c) the dates and the detailed transportation schedule d) the division of traveling students in inter-school groups, when deemed appropriate to better manage the program e) the teacher chaperones and their alternates, the leaders and f) any other relevant matter.
2. The distinguished students, with a solemn declaration by their parents or guardians, and their teachers shall inform expressly the Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations on their participation in all planned trips in Greece and abroad for the purposes of the educational program.
3. All distinguished students and teacher chaperones shall participate in the preparatory seminar and the debriefing meeting referred to in paragraph 4 of article 1. Parents and guardians of the participating students may participate, if they wish, provided that they will have notified the competent authority in advance. At the preparatory and debriefing meetings, the task of teacher chaperones shall be carried out by the supervisors of the participating schools. In the case of a teacher's inability to participate, his/her group of students shall be assigned to the supervising teachers of the relevant Directorate of Secondary Education, as laid down in article 9(3) of Ministerial Decree 33120/ ΓΔ4/28-2-2017 (Official Government Gazette 681 B').
4. The Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations shall ensure that in the trips referred to in Article 1(4)(b), each inter-school group will be chaperoned by permanent teachers or full-time substitutes, with priority given to schools outside Athens and from each participating Directorate of Secondary Education, if possible. To this end, participation in seminars organized by the Jewish Museum of Greece, by Yad Vashem and in other seminars managed under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs on teaching about the Holocaust shall be taken into account, as well as the number of distinguished students from each school. For teachers

with similar qualifications, the teacher who has chaperoned fewer times in the past shall be selected.

5. If a teacher among the chaperons has participated in the past in a visit to Auschwitz, he/she shall be appointed as leader of the trip, in any other case, the leader shall be appointed in accordance with the applicable legislation.
6. Chaperons who are unable to participate shall notify the school Principal who will immediately inform the Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations.
7. The teacher chaperones shall be on duty at all times during the trips in Greece and abroad.

Article 6

The Memorandum of Cooperation between the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and the Jewish Museum of Greece is annexed to this Decree and is an integral part of it.

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF RELIGION OF THE MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION AND RELIGION**

**AND THE
JEWISH MUSEUM OF GREECE**

In Maroussi, today (..22/11/2014

- The **General Secretariat of Religion of the Ministry of Education and Religion**, legally represented by the Secretary General of Religion, Mr. Georgios Kalantzis

and,

- The Legal Entity of Private Law named "**Jewish Museum of Greece**" based in Athens and legally represented by the President of the Board of Directors, Mr. Samuel (Makis) Matsas,

which will henceforth be referred to as "the parties,"

signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the following:

A. Aim

The aim of this memorandum is to promote cooperation between the contributing parties in issues that concern Jewish religion, the history of the Greek Jewry, their cultural traditions and preservation thereof, their general contribution to the broader Greek society and to the struggles of the Greek Nation, the preservation of the Memory of the Holocaust, combating anti-Semitism and racism, training educators in teaching about the Holocaust in Greek schools, organizing activities which promote greater sensitivity of the citizens in these issues, as well as the provision of scientific- advisory support by the Jewish Museum of Greece to the General Secretariat of Religion on issues regarding the research or the programs or capacities of the Jewish Museum of Greece in general.

B. Content of Obligations

1. With the aim of specifying the rights, obligations, duties and other responsibilities of the parties, a joint working committee will be established which will closely examine the facts and further define the content of the aims of this memorandum. Specifically, the activities or work of each party in order to realize joint actions as they are referred to in point A in this memorandum, the distribution of labor in realizing them, the timeframe for realization as well as

the exact content of the deliverables by the Jewish Museum to the General Secretariat of Religion will be specified.

2. Any cost arising from the framework of the operation of the specific committee will be undertaken by each side exclusively.
3. The Jewish Museum will not demand any payment or compensation from the General Secretariat of Religion for its participation in the committee.
4. Likewise, the General Secretary of Religion or the staff of the General Secretariat or the General Directorate of Religion will not demand any payment or compensation from the Jewish Museum of Greece for their participation in the committee.
5. The two parties and all their associates of any kind have a duty to maintain confidentiality and take all the necessary measures to ensure the confidentiality of information, documents and all other related material of every kind (ex: written, electronic archives, etc.).

C. Framework of Cooperation

The "joint committee" that will be established (based on point B.1 of this Memorandum) will define and specify the possible fields of cooperation and will make proposals about the form and content of the cooperation between the contributing parties (ex: Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Research, Studies, Memorandums Training, Education, Publications, etc.)

D. Guarantees

The above mentioned committee will oversee the upholding of the terms of this document, as they are further specified.

E. Amending or Terminating this Memorandum


Changes in this memorandum can only be effected by written agreement by both parties.

This memorandum may be terminated at any time even unilaterally and this will be proven by a relevant document.

F. Addendum

This memorandum goes into effect upon its signing by the representatives of the parties

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
RELIGION


GEORGIOS X. KALANTZIS

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
JEWISH MUSEUM OF GREECE


SAMUEL (MAKIS) MATSAS