

Greece – Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands

Institution	Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands
Interviewed Person	Mirela, 29 years old from Albania

I – Preparation

Mirela is 29 years old and she came from Albania three years ago. She is a graduate of the Academy of Arts, she is a professional pianist.

II – Awareness

Mirela was aware of her capacities when she was entering Greece. She had been taking piano courses since she was a child. She graduated from a Music High School and the Academy of Arts of Albania. She used to give tuition privately since she was nineteen years old. She knew her capacities could be used for both integrating and working in the host country as a piano teacher.

II – Starting up

One of the first steps Mirela took entering the host country was to learn the language. This is how she got contacted with the Club for UNESCO and a group of migrants learning the Greek language. After Mirela had created strong bonds with the Club, she was suggested to work voluntarily as a piano teacher in the frame of the Art and Cultural lessons of the Club and be guided by professional guidance counselors of it.

II – Documentation and support

Counselors and social workers advised Mirela to translate all her diplomas. Moreover she completed her portfolio with both photos of the private piano courses to students and a letter of recommendation concerning her voluntary work at the Club for UNESCO.

II – Assessment

Mirela was highly comfortable and supported during the procedure of the assessment. Moreover the outcome was clear for her. She had a completed portfolio, she was aware of her capacities and she was determined to continue her career as a piano teacher.

II – Impact

Mirela was determined to take further steps in learning and working. Due to the fact she wanted to work with children, she is planning to attend seminars of child psychology. Currently, she is already giving two private piano lessons.