

# Youth at Risk

## *The case of Larissa-Learning city*

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200.000 residents in a rural area of Greece

## ***Challenges:***

- Austerity policies,
- Increase of vulnerable groups,
- Young people - The highest unemployment rates in the EU (40.4% in March 2019)
- Brain drain
- depreciation of democratic institutions

*The City Council sets young Citizens at the centre of their community and promotes opportunities for learning, education and participation in everyday activities.*



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**LEARNING CITY**

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# Larissa Learning City

## Key actions- Holistic approach

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- Cooperation Agreement between Municipality of Larissa and Greek Institute of Employment
- Accommodation and inclusion homeless' programme
- 2<sup>nd</sup> chance schools / Alternative adult school for ex drug users
- “Laboratory of life” of Prevention Center for Addictions
- Social Tutoring School by the cooperation of 60 structures of private sector with agencies of municipality.
- “Citizens’ University of Larissa”

### *Parenting Schools*

### *Education Through Art*

- Actions for Roma social inclusion
- Open Schools program





# Key actions

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- Networking at local level and communication with the young citizens
- Investing on culture and education
- Actions in favour of vulnerable groups and multi-cultural populations in a holistic approach aiming to social cohesion.
- offer to all young people access to knowledge and possibilities of developing their core skills (the ability to cooperate, to communicate effectively, to seek for common understanding and action).



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*“I dream because I aim high: to contribute in the creation of a free citizen, as Aristoteles envisioned. Citizenship requires discipline and freedom. A process that never ends and that we must always strive for. Every democratic education is a citizenship education. Responsible, honest, consistent and therefore a happy citizen!”*

**Paulo Freire, “Ten letters to those who dare to teach”**

# Thank you for your attention!

