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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Preparedness training for protection from natural disasters to students of its schools N.**

**Faliro, Piraeus and Aliveri, Evia.**

An educational course for the preparation of students for their protection from Natural disasters and dangers, in case they are at the time of their event in their school building, was held by the International Hellenic University, on November 24 at the 2nd Primary School N Faliro (Piraeus) and on November 25 at the Primary School and the 2nd High School of Aliveri (Evia). Students aged 11-12, attended the course which is based on the Virtual School, an innovative educational system - educational process, developed by the International Hellenic University and have the following objectives:

The recognition of good practices for dealing with natural disasters and dangers and then the personalization of ways of action - escape - release of students from the school building, with the maximum possible safety.

According to this innovative educational tool, each group of students creates a model of their school. Then with the help of the ARTutor application (awarded by UNESCO), which is a key tool of VIRTUAL SCHOOL and appropriate supervisory cards, students are trained using Augmented Reality technology to recognize and memorize safe case-by-case concentration options and exit - escape from the school unit, depending on the layout of their school space but also the type of physical danger that threatens them (e.g. floods, forest fires, earthquakes).

The VIRTUAL SCHOOL educational initiative is part of the 'RESISTANT' project, which is funded by the European Union under the Policy Mechanism program Union Protection (UCPM-2020). The project aims to create the first European Training Platform for first responders, to help our fellow citizens at risk. In addition to creating the platform, this project includes training, information, and preparation techniques for dealing with natural hazards that are supervised with the help of augmented reality and are aimed at students, citizens, and tourists.

The 'RESISTANT' project, which is coordinated by the International Hellenic University with Professor D. Emmanouloudis, Project Leader, involves seven partners from four different countries (Greece, Ireland, Croatia, and Northern Macedonia). For more information, visit the project website at: <https://www.resistantproject.eu/>



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*Photos from the education of students at the 2nd D. School of N. Faliro*



*Photos from the education of students at the D. School and at the 2nd High School of Aliveri, Evia*