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Dear Readers,

Moving to the Next Phase: *Focus Groups Between Supportive Adults and Minors out of home*

Dear partners and supporters of EURHOPE – «The EU as a Home of Solidarity for Unaccompanied Minors»,

It is with great excitement that we share our latest updates with you!

Since May, discussion groups between minors and supportive adults have officially begun in Greece, Italy, and Spain. In each country, a series of 12 meetings is taking place, bringing together minors and adults to form small groups where they engage in conversations on key European topics.

The goal of these meetings is to offer minors the opportunity, with the guidance of trained adults, to explore and reflect on European values and issues, such as the environment and climate change, solidarity, civic engagement, volunteering, democratic principles, and human rights.

Through hands-on activities, meaningful dialogues and opinion exchanges with peers and positive adult, role models, we aim to foster knowledge about the European Union, strengthen critical thinking, active participation and help shape a shared vision for Europe.

In Greece, the discussion groups are implemented by ARSIS and take place in three cities: Thessaloniki, Ioannina, and Kozani. In total, 31 minors and 12 supportive adults are participating across the three groups, all of whom received prior training during earlier phases of the project. The first group sessions have already taken place. The minors enthusiastically engaged in discussions and activities focused on the environment, democratic values, human rights, civic participation and solidarity. The members have started to get to know one another and are forming meaningful connections and bonds. They are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming meetings and the experiences that lie ahead.

In Italy, the discussion groups are implemented by Centro Studi Affido and Metacometa, taking place in two groups, in the cities of Campania and Molise, with a total of 20 minors and 12 adults participants. The focus groups have already begun, with discussions about: Gender equality, Racism, Rights and Freedoms in E.U. All participants look enthusiastic with those meetings and are looking forward for what is coming next.

In Spain, the discussion groups are implemented by Cordoba Acoge and take place in the city of Córdoba: Although the children live in different accommodation centers, we are trying to run the groups together, with 20 children and 10 adults participating. The first session was essential for all participants, adults and minors, to get to know each other. The adults shared information about themselves and why they like to participate in this project with minors. Minors shared their interests and what they expected from the project, which was mainly to learn and meet nice people.

Thank you all for your commitment and collaboration!
Let's stay united in our common goal: **to build a true European house of solidarity for minors outside the family.**



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Thank You