

iCAP: Our story



Our journey began when our teacher Mr. Kapetis came to our class and presented this project. We had a talk about our views on what is innovation and what it takes for an action to be innovative and in the same time helpful for the society. It was the first time we really had to **think about innovation** and what could be made to help our city. Our teachers invited Mr. Meimaris, the president



of the InterBalkan Institute to talk to us about innovation. It was something that we took into consideration in the next stages of the process.

We immediately started working together in order to find the best idea. This process was very helpful because we had to **communicate and respect everyone's opinions and ideas** and decide which is the best. We **took into consideration the city's needs and the general**

good of the society and we voted for the bicycle path.

We had to **think out of the box** so that we make this path special and we decided to create it with ecological material. We invited a chemical engineer to ask him about his ideas and suggestions so that we have an expert's opinion before starting to work on our project. He gave us some useful information and directions on where we would find good examples for our bicycle path.



We started searching for ideas on the internet and we found some very interesting cases in other countries. We had to collaborate and communicate efficiently in order to coordinate our work outside of the school and collect all the ideas and submit a complete proposal. We used the viber app to have video chats when we



were not at school. **Cooperation and team spirit were some of the most important values we gained from this work.**

When we gathered all the results, we



prepared a presentation for the **local authorities**. We visited the town hall and presented our work to the deputy mayor, responsible for construction issues. We had a talk about their plans and how our ideas can be implemented. We also visited

Mr. Ntantamis who is a candidate mayor for the elections of 26th of May. He was happy to listen to our proposals and revealed a plan on making pathways not only inside the city but also in the wider region of Pieria.

At the end of the project we decided to add something more and create some alternative routes apart from the one that is already planned by the municipality. We designed these routes on Google maps in ways that they cover the biggest part of the city and connect significant places. In that way it would benefit many people and it was our purpose to think of the general good in order to **make our project related to society.**