DAISSy-HOU on the

"World Science Day for Peace and Development"

World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated annually on **November 10th**. It reflects the growing recognition of the vital role science plays in shaping **sustainable societies**, achieving **peace**, and **strengthening social cohesion**. Furthermore, it serves as a reminder of the **relevance of science to our daily lives**, highlighting citizen participation, access to knowledge, and procedural transparency as essential prerequisites for scientific progress. In August 2023, the UN General Assembly proclaimed the period 2024–2033 as the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development, thereby supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The **DAISSy Research Group** of **Hellenic Open University (HOU)** works systematically over time through targeted actions, promoting **interdisciplinary collaboration** and highlighting the role of science in building a **safer**, **fairer**, and **more prosperous future** for everyone. Examples of such successful actions in recent years are important european co-funded projects, where DAISSy-HOU participated as the only Greek entity in international consortia.

With an emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration regarding aspects of daily life, the project "**Towards a more Digital and Greener Postal Era (DigiGreeNPost**" was designed for employees of European postal services, in response to the need for a green and digital transformation and to ensure the sustainability of the sector. The Hellenic Authority for Communication Security and Privacy (ADAE) served as an associated partner, contributing added value to the entire initiative. The project achieved the certification of digital as well as of environmental knowledge and skills of employees, through a suitably structured training program and participation in examinations for obtaining the "DigiDreeNPost Dual Certification (ISO/IEC 17024)" certificate.

Among current projects, the "**A European Inclusion Reference Framework for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (IncluDE)**" serves as a notable example. Its primary objective is to establish a comprehensive European Reference Framework for inclusion in higher education, alongside related tools, designed to empower institutions to manage and enhance their policies regarding inclusion, equality, and diversity within higher education and lifelong learning. The project will yield a set of interconnected outcomes, devised to provide practical tools and generate a sustainable impact on society.

Similarly, the "**AI-Driven Open Science: A Curriculum for Research and Innovation (AIOS)**" European project involves the development of a framework and a training curriculum for the emerging role of the Open Science Officer (OSO), with a focus on the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence. It includes the creation of Open Educational Resources (OERs) and digital materials designed to enhance skills in Open Science and Artificial Intelligence. AIOS also entails the implementation of pilot training and certification initiatives within actual academic and professional environments.

DAISSy-HOU works continuously to make a consistent contribution toward strengthening interdisciplinary synergy, with the ultimate goal of broadening understanding and fostering engagement for the creation of sustainable societies for everyone and all.