

Press Release

Alpha Bank Cyprus Ltd: The Educational Program “Coins and Transactions. From yesterday to nowadays”, was completed in the schools of Cyprus

The **interactive educational program “Coins and Transactions. From yesterday to nowadays”**, implemented by **Alpha Bank Cyprus Ltd**, in cooperation with the Alpha Bank Numismatic Collection and approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, was successfully completed during the current school year.

A specially designed **Educational Suitcase** “travelled” to **20 lower secondary schools** across Cyprus and presented the **history of currency** and the evolution of transactions in the Hellenic world, from antiquity to the present day, covering six historical periods (Antiquity, Roman Era, Byzantium, Ottoman Era, Modern Greek State, Present Day). The program was implemented by more than **100 teachers** and attended by more than **2,500 students**.

This educational program, designed by the Alpha Bank Numismatic Collection, is offered free of charge, with all shipping costs covered by the Bank. It comes with suitable materials intended for a variety of **educational activities, documentation and digital transaction games**.

It aims to stimulate children's interest in the emergence and evolution of currency, providing them with important **historical knowledge** about the world, the values, the norms and attitudes to life as well as an understanding of the **concept of financial transactions** and their evolution throughout history.

The program is expected to continue during the next school year. **Strengthening education** has always been one of the **main Corporate Responsibility priorities** of Alpha Bank Cyprus Ltd, which invests in the country's future through targeted programs and actions.



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The Alpha Bank Numismatic Collection

The Alpha Bank Numismatic Collection is considered one of the most important of its kind worldwide. It numbers approximately 11,000 coins from the ancient Greek world. Among them stand out some extremely rare pieces, unique specimens of ancient engraving. The Collection includes coins ranging from the end of the 7th Century BC and the invention of coinage, to the 3rd Century AD and the termination of coin production in the Greek and Roman world. It also comprises some Roman and Byzantine coins.

The primary aim of the Collection is to highlight the widespread diffusion and influence of the Greek civilisation on the ancient world. Thus, the Numismatic Collection Section organises exhibitions, lectures and educational programs, participates in scientific symposia and international conferences and produces relevant publications. As part of its activities, it designs and runs educational programs on the history of currency, in the form of an Educational Suitcase, which travels to schools both in Greece and in Greek schools abroad.