

INTERVIEW

1st (from Maria Grafiadelli)

Question: Where do your parents come from?

MG: My parents come from “Imbro” which is an island that was Greek but now it belongs to Turkey. I was born in Thessaloniki Greece , but now I live here in Germany . I came here a few years ago actually 4 years ago.

Question:What reason did you come here for ?

MG: I came here because I was married here so I had to live here. I was a teacher of New Moudania Lyceum but now I am in a Greek school of Munich.

Question: Would you prefer to come back to Greece or to stay here ?

MG: I knew it from the start that I would live here so I don't think of coming back to Greece , here I made my home ,here I made my family so I don't think about coming back.

Question: How did you feel the change from Greece to Germany?

MG: In the beginning it was a little bit difficult because people here are different from people in Greece and also the lifestyle here is very different but I adapted easily because I found a job very quickly.I have my husband and my family , so my integration was easier than other people.

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Question: To you?

MG:Because since I have been here for a while, I would say the sun and the natural beauty, but because there are natural beauties here as well I don't miss Greece so much . But my family and friends and mostly the culture is very difficult to get used to living without.The culture here is blossoming at all levels but just because I have a difficulty with the language here I can't get the most of it .I also miss the theater and the cinema .

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MG:When I am in my country, I miss the German organization in their work . Also the transportation is easier here .To move with public means of transport is an adventure in Greece.

MG:Yes, but we have to see the negative things, not just the positive ones.For example people here are a little unapproachable and more remote. They are not so often interested in their neighbor. No noble ways exist. In Greece we think that young people should give the elderly their seat in a public bus .Here it is ok to see a child aged 10-15 years old sitting down ,while an elderly person is standing.

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