



Dear Europe – greetings from Norway.

First of all, on behalf of the Norwegian group who attended the Europe Conference this summer, I want to thank you Iceland, for some very well organized and interesting days. It also became a special event for us Norwegians as one of our members, Bjørg Nakling, received the European Award for all the work she has done for DKG, both on a national

level as well as on an international, and also for her great social engagement, and valuable job she has done as a teacher and school headmaster. We are all very proud of her!

All three chapters in Norway are now working well during the first part of the semester. We are putting in much effort in finding interesting, relevant and engaging subjects for our meetings. One pedagogical subject that has been debated in the media for some years now, is why girls are doing better in school than boys. Why do the number of boys dropping out of school become so much larger than that of the girls? Where has the school gone wrong? Is it because that the curriculum is more on the girl's premises than that of the boy's? Studies have been undertaken to try to seek the answers, and come up with sustainable solutions. It is a hot theme, but we have not yet reached any good solution.

As for Epsilon, my chapter, in our October meeting, we had a very interesting lecturer from our local university. She questioned: "Does the media focus strengthen the masculine crises?" Instead of focusing on the bad boys all the time and thereby stigmatize them even further, would it be better to focus more on the girls, and give them credit for doing well? Interesting thoughts! We have certainly not concluded this discussion.

I wish you all a good autumn, now as the winter is on its way here in the north.

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