Introducing eTwinning – Teacher and student collaboration in Europe

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Anne who?

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What is eTwinning?

A Lifelong Learning Programme initiative - within Comenius up to 2013

Launched January 2005

Now a transversal action in Erasmus+ until 2020
Key Facts about eTwinning

★ 33 countries participate
★ Each of those countries has a National Support Service (NSS)
★ Overall coordination by the Central Support Service (CSS)

Run by European Schoolnet on behalf of the EU Commission

✔ It all happens on the eTwinning Portal www.etwinning.net
eTwinning has ....

★ 4 main elements

- Informal social network
- Online collaborative work
- Continuing professional development
- Inbuilt recognition
The heart of eTwinning is the portal:

www.etwinning.net
Portal has 3 Levels

1. Public – [www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net)
2. When you register – eTwinning Desktop
3. If you register a project - TwinSpace
Informal Social Network
News from the eTwinning world

Notifications regarding your eTwinning activity

Information about upcoming events
Personal profile

Personal content

Contacts & projects

Journal
Online Collaboration
TwinSpace

- Chat
- Image Gallery
- Document folders
- Publishing tools
- Blog
- Live Communication

A safe closed environment where you have total control
Continuing Professional Development…
eTwinning Groups

15 Groups now active

Web 2.0 – applications and IT-tools
CLIL and eTwinning projects
Collaborative writing
Creative Classroom
eTwinning Project Trailers
Ευρωπαϊκό Έτος 2010 (European Year 2010)
Experimental sciences
Groupe Francophone
Learning Events

20 Learning events in 2013

Approx. 2,500 teachers involved

Communication in eTwinning
eTwinning & the Creative Classroom
Using Google Earth in Teaching
Education of the future
Using mobile devices in teaching
Video Conference as a teaching tool
Art, history and philosophy for eTwinning projects
Using iPads in the class
Quality Label Criteria – How to achieve them
Effective use of Social Media in teaching
Planning a project

http://learninglab.etwinning.net
Other Professional Development activities

- **eTwinning Annual Conference**
  - 500+ teachers

- **European Seminars**
  - More than 50 in 2013 (1000+ teachers)

- **FCL workshops for eTwinning**

- **Webinars....etc. etc. etc.**
Built in recognition
National and European eTwinning prizes

National Quality Label

European Quality Label
Is eTwinning successful?
In 2013…eTwinning expanded with

★ Armenia
★ Azerbaijan
★ Georgia
★ Moldova
★ Ukraine
★ Tunisia
**eTwinningPlus**

**eTwinning for you**

**Discover**
The basics of eTwinning
Explore all the advantages of becoming a member and learn how to get started.

**Connect**
Link up with other teachers
Want to find colleagues and teachers at a European level?

**Collaborate**
Get Inspired
Share ideas, cooperate and participate in projects.

**Get support**
Need help?
Let us help you with eTwinning

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**Keep up-to-date**

21/05/2012
Interview with Geert Kessels, Project manager at EUROCLIO

21/05/2012
Winning project spotlight “SOHO: Sunspots Online - Helios Observatory”

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**People say**

“platform exceeded my expectations”
eTwinning......
In September 2014

🌟 eTwinning
– will promote project work between schools from the same country!
Why is eTwinning successful?

- It is flexible and non-bureaucratic.
- It offers opportunity for professional development.
- It networks like-minded people.
- It is supportive.
- It offers recognition and reward.

It costs nothing to schools.
eTwinning is not only about technology....

eTwinning is about:

- Shared professional development
- Support for educational ideas
- Exploring educational ideas together
- Teachers professional network
eTwinning is about…….

★ EDUCATION

– Exploring pedagogical methodologies such as project based and inquiry based learning
eTwinning is about....

⭐ Learning
  – Intercultural learning
  – Authentic learning
  – Contextual learning
  – Personal learning
eTwinning is about........

Skills and competency development

- Team working
- Researching
- Choosing
- Analysing
- Creating
A video example: The Rainbow Village

Watch on YouTube
More video examples

★ http://prizes2014.etwinning.net/videos/
How do you get involved?

⭐ Register on www.eTwinning.net
Ways forward

🌟 In eTwinning you can…

– Continue to develop project work together
– Work in specialised groups to maintain contact
– Offer online events in your area of expertise
– Take part in workshops
– Make your presence felt!
Any Questions?
THANK YOU

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