



# The eTwinner

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*Dear educators,*

We are proud to say that as a concept eTwinning has grown exponentially across all levels of education in Malta. Not only have we experienced an increase in the number of registrations of individual educators and schools but also in the number of awarded National and European Quality projects. This clearly indicates the firm belief of educators that through innovation, collaboration, interculturality, communication and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills they are able to effectively target learning outcomes, thus motivating learners and engaging them into active participation.



During the annual eTwinning Conference, which took place in Warsaw, Poland 25-27 October 2018, more than 600 teachers from across Europe explored the theme of 'Cultural Heritage' and the intrinsic role it plays in both teaching and learning. We are proud to say that during the conference eTwinning ambassador – Mario Xerri from Gozo College Middle school presented his project: 'Adventures in castles, fortresses, churches and places of worship' during a TeachMeet session and Ramona Mercieca together with Marvic Refalo also from the same school in Gozo conducted a workshop about Eco-schools.



Marc Durando, Chief executive of Schoolnet speech presented an excellent overview of accomplishments and future targets in terms of digital literacy in education. He identified different realities, provided the ways to follow and listed challenges that must be faced at different levels. He emphasized the successful role eTwinning has in enabling the achievement of real successes. This included shared leadership, trust, time and recognitions.

Michael Teutsch head of unit of the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission commented that eTwinning brings together educators from all cultures who are “united in diversity”.



**Rose-anne Camilleri**  
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## The new revamped TwinSpace

As you might have noticed the new twinspace was launched, featuring an improved design, and new tools that will make the management of your collaborative projects easier than ever.



Watch the video below and listen to the eTwinning team of the Central Support Service explaining the features of the new TwinSpace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHWdv3IqPOE>

# Entrepreneurship

## Contact Seminar

Nathalie Scerri, St. Theresa Secondary School, Mriehel

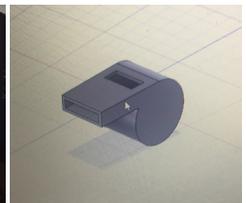
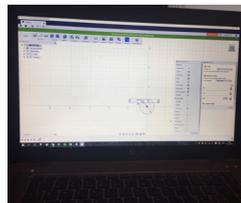
The Polish NSS organised a contact seminar, centred on the theme of entrepreneurship, in Wroclaw from the 22rd to 25th November 2018. This seminar was attended by Ms Alexia Baldacchino, Ms Marvene Cassar and Ms Nathalie Scerri. The objectives of this seminar were:

- To find educational project partner(s) and start international collaboration with another school(s) in Europe;
- to discover all the great opportunities eTwinning can offer to enrich teaching and learning; and
- to learn how to develop a set of important entrepreneurial skills among students. These include a sense of initiative, problem solving, team work, creativity, innovation, risk taking, and ability to plan and manage projects in order to achieve objectives and results.

One of the workshops focussed on the increasing benefits of 3D printing. The workshop, entitled How designing and 3D printing create our lives better, focussed mainly on

the downloadable (limited free trial period) program FUSION360. During this workshop teachers learned how to develop students' creativity, spatial imagination and logical thinking and how to implement 3d printing into their school projects, using free online tools and apps. During the workshop various uses of 3D printing were shown, and the way one can save money by printing in 3D mode was explained. Practical uses of 3D printing for school classes include biological and anatomical modelling. With 3D printing imagination is the limit. The workshop also led participants to create a simple 3D model using the program Fusion360.

The photos show the process of creating a 3D whistle which was eventually printed too. The following are websites where students can download 3D models for free: Thingiverse.com; Myminifactory.com and Embodi3d.com



# EMBED

## *Digital Literacy & eTwinning Awards Ceremony*

*Melanie Cini – Tarxien Middle School*

Xara Lodge, the splendid hosting venue for the Embed Digital Literacy Conference and Awards Ceremony 2018 was packed with longer tables and more seating, than previous years. Why? It's due to the fact that more teachers are successfully including the digital aspect in their teaching. Equally, many more teachers are getting involved in eTwinning, which is digital literacy put into a meaningful context. It's not a hype, it's not a fashion...it's a winning formula for our students! Students love eTwinning, they know about it and are very eager to participate in it. eTwinning is powerful a tool, unleashing students' potential and skills, and yes, they get an additional certificate to celebrate their achievements as well! Everyone enjoys feeling appreciated, we all like being rewarded for going that extra mile.

Amongst the various workshops integrating digital literacy were two eTwinning workshops:

- The eTwinning Concept
  - Enhancing eTwinning projects
- eTwinning celebrates our achievements and promotes good



practice, and for one day, we are all there to share, inspire and be inspired in a buzzing community of hardworking educators. It is a showcase of amazing projects and wonderful ideas of what educators are capable of doing within the vast European community! Yes, eTwinning is communication, collaboration, but also a celebration of the brilliant work my fellow teacher colleagues do!

# National Quality Labels 2017-2018

1. 100 Folk games for Estonian Children
2. An electric story
3. Being a parent today...is not a secret anymore
4. Build it !
5. Celebrating birthdays around Europe
6. Christmas Cards & Song Exchange
7. Christmas Cards Exchange 2017
8. Christmas Greetings
9. Colours and Shapes
10. Come and Meet Me
11. Diamond Water
12. Easter is coming
13. Enhancing student & teacher success through STEM Education
14. Adventures in castles, fortresses, churches & places of worship
15. Every child wants to write read a book so let's write read it together!
16. Exploring our capital city as the European Capital of Culture 2018
17. Exploring the treasures of Malta and Gozo
18. Flowers and Plants around Europe
19. Grow it, Cook it, Math it, Share it!
20. Happily and Healthily ever after
21. Happy Easter!
22. Knowing Vincent
23. Let's be Lanterns
24. Let's use tablets in a collaborative way
25. Let's Vlog !
26. Lights on Cultural Heritage
27. Little treasure from...
28. Maths through Coding and Robotics
29. Meet the ancestors - Where did I come from?
30. Mission 2020
31. My Favourite Game
32. Naturally Beautiful
33. Once Upon a Time
34. Our Town, our life !
35. Painting with scissors - Henri Matisse
36. Schoolvision 2018 - the 10th anniversary edition
37. Share your language
38. Silent Night in Europe
39. Small Scientists "STEM Club"
40. Snapshot of Europe 2018
41. Storytelling leads to robotics / La robotique au service de la littérature enfantine
42. Take 3, 2, 1....Action!
43. The Children's Conference
44. The world around us
45. TRAVEL WITH FLAGS
46. We are creative writers!
47. We are all pieces of the same puzzle !
48. We, Robots: Coding and Cooperating!
49. Where is the love?
50. Young photographers exploring their city!



## European Quality Labels 2017-2018

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Alexia Micallef Gatt

## Using eTwinning in KA2 School- To-School



Set in the lovely city of Prague was our seminar regarding the significance of eTwinning as a tool in KA2 projects. The main aims of this seminar were not only to provide further knowledge about eTwinning and ERASMUS+ KA2 projects but also to encourage partner finding and project planning. The seminar kicked off with the aims with a good introduction of eTwinning and KA2

projects. Although other platforms for communication are available, eTwinning is very safe and is well moderated thus, teachers can rest assured the platform is being used only for valid communication. Alena Jandlova, an eTwinning ambassador for Czech Republic presented us with her project to exemplify the effectivity of conducting a KA2 project making use of eTwinning. We were then assigned into groups and enjoyed some ice-creaking games. Finally, we walked into the room next door where all our project proposals were grouped by similarity. This was an ideal and fun way of encouraging partner finding. Both of us managed to find partners in this activity. Alexia will be working on problem-solving science challenges based on the first Harry Potter book with Petra from Czech Republic while Dian will be collaborating with a number of partners from Denmark, Spain, Czech Republic on a project which will focus on European Citizenship and Cultural Heritage. The following days featured training with regards to the use of the eTwinning portal including eTwinning live and twinspace. Another session communicated the details regarding the types of KA2 projects such as job shadowing or teacher mobilities as well as details in relation to the application. An interesting session was one conducted by Miroslava Filipi,

about different types of online tools to use with students. Among these were Fotor and Superlame; photo-editing and designing tools. We also made use of Quizziz to create quizzes for students and Answergarden which allows for individuals to share ideas. We used this ourselves to see what international collaboration means to the course Participants (pictured below) and we had some interesting responses such as “learning from others” and “development” as well as “challenge” and “opportunity” and obviously – “having fun”! We had plenty of time allocated to work with our project partners. This allowed us to develop the project fully and get a large amount of work done while we had the unique opportunity to work in person. It was amazing to hear about the large number of fantastic projects that were created and developed during this seminar in the closing session. Don’t worry, the seminar was not all work and no play, we did have some time for a guided tour of the main sites in Prague as well as lovely dinner on a boat!

It was clearly a successful and productive couple of days during which we met some lovely and inspiring individuals! The seminar has left us both feel enthusiastic and motivated to further collaborate with like-minded professionals across Europe using eTwinning as our key!

# Make Learning Accessible: SEN in my classroom

*Louis Vella*



Between the 29 and 30th September 2018, the European schoolnet has organized a workshop on how to make learning more accessible for students with special needs in the classroom. This workshop was based on the study carried out by the Teaching and Learning International Standard (TALIS-2013). The aim of this workshop was how students with special Educational needs can benefit with the use of ICT in more tangible ways. This workshop was divided in different pedagogical activities so that all the participants coming from European countries shared their teaching knowledge experience in an inclusion classroom.

The trainers Mr. Donal O Rially and Ms Efi Saltidou shared the experience/knowledge and strategies implementing ICT as a means to teach students with special needs. For me, it was a positive experience, meeting with colleagues who encouraged me to continue giving support within our inclusion classroom. From the first day all the group broke the personal barriers and interacted with each other and shared his own experience. This enabled us to collaborate learn from one another different ideas and strategies.

I was encouraged to present the software that could support software which helps students of all ages and abilities to develop their reading and writing skills and how this software make learning accessible within the Universal Design Learning module. I was encouraged by Ms Kate Keaveny from UK and Mr Jacek Mielcarek from Poland, to continue disseminating and create some video clips about how to use the software in different pedagogical activities to be used in an inclusion classroom.

The ideas that I experienced during this workshop gave me more motivation/ideas to continue supporting our students with special educational needs by using new application like Story Cube, and Open Education Resources like Learning Snack and using multisensory gadget in order to stimulate and engage the learning curve every student could achieve in his path way. Furthermore I am willing to share with colleagues the ideas that I have come across and how we can adapt them in the lesson plans.