

# The eTwinner

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Dear eTwinners as we move closer towards the end of 2025, we are proud to announce an exponential increase in new schools, new eTwinners and active ongoing projects. This has been mostly due to the incessant work of our dedicated eTwinning ambassadors, our multipliers and of the NSO coordinating team. Awareness has grown in schools also thanks to the 20th anniversary activities organized all across Malta and Gozo (**visit -<https://www.etwinningmalta.net/20thanniversary>** )

It is not just the numbers which evidence this increase but also the quality of projects submitted. Notwithstanding the very limited human resources, we have now increased interest

in Child Care Centers as well as in Initial Teacher Education.

This issue takes us on a journey into schools, the awards ceremony, eTwinning in research and experiences abroad amongst other adventures.

So, if you are new to eTwinning, need any kind of support or just need to stay tuned and updated on activities, remember to visit our social media, local website, or contact any of our ambassadors. All details are within this newsletter.

Wishing you all the very best of the holiday season ahead.

**Dr Rose-anne Camilleri**  
*National eTwinning co-ordinator*

## **eTwinning National Awards 2025: A Celebration of Excellence and Collaboration**

**29th October 2025 – Xara Lodge, Rabat**

The elegant setting of Xara Lodge in Rabat provided the ideal backdrop for the eTwinning National Awards 2025, a distinguished event celebrating the commitment, creativity and accomplishments of Malta's eTwinning community. Held on 29th October 2025, the ceremony brought together educators, school leaders, eTwinning ambassadors, project partners and key stakeholders, all united in their dedication to fostering high-quality collaborative learning experiences for young people.

The event served as a testament to the outstanding work being carried out across Maltese schools through eTwinning, highlighting the continued growth of innovative practices, international networking and digital collaboration.

### **Acknowledging Our Guests and Speakers**

We extend our sincere appreciation to our esteemed guests, presenters and educational leaders for their presence and support. Their participation reflects the strong collective commitment to strengthening eTwinning's impact in Malta.

Special thanks are due to our speakers for their valuable contributions:

**Mr Raphael Scerri**, Director EUPA Malta – Erasmus+ & European Solidarity Corps

**Ms Janice Cachia Schembri**, Head of school, Skola Primarja Qrendi, Kullegġ San Benedittu

**Ms Sharon Abela Craus**, Kindergarten Educator, Qrendi Primary School

**Ms Charmaine Attard & Ms Anthea Camenzuli**, - Teachers at St Clare College Sir Adrian Dingli Middle & Secondary School

Their insights underscored the significance of communication, networking and collaborative learning within the eTwinning framework.

We also acknowledge the excellent photographic documentation provided by Ms Alexia Baldacchino, eTwinning ambassador and teacher at Naxxar Higher Secondary School.

Above all, the event celebrated the achievements of students whose learning journeys are supported and enriched through these exemplary projects.

### **Award Recipients: eTwinning National Awards 2025**

The awards ceremony recognised outstanding projects that demonstrated exemplary practice, innovation and meaningful collaboration across various educational levels. We proudly congratulate the following recipients:

#### **Best Annual Theme – Primary**

Project: Eco-Heroes: STEAM and Global Citizenship to Solve Big Problems

eTwinners: Ms Francesca Bugeja – St Ignatius College Patri Guže' Delia Siggiewi Primary School

#### **Best European Project in ECEC**

Project: Busy Little Hands

eTwinners: Ms Lara Camilleri & Ms Sarah Cassar – San Ġorġ Preca College Karmen Azzopardi Hamrun Primary School

#### **Best European Project in Primary**

Project: Joyful Reading Journey

eTwinners: Ms Annabella Gauci – Theresa Nuzzo School

### **Best European Project in Secondary**

Project: LinguaCultura: A Bridging Journey of Skills Beyond Borders

eTwinners: Ms Anthea Camenzuli & Ms Charmaine Attard – St Clare College Sir Adrian Dingli Pembroke Primary School

### **Best Newcomer**

eTwinner: Ms Prascovia Deidun – St Aloysius College Secondary School

### **Appreciation Award**

eTwinner: Ms Sharon Abela Craus – San Benedittu Skola Primarja Qrendi

### **Best Fun Project in ECEC**

Project: STEAM and 4 Seasons

eTwinner: Ms Susannah Formosa – St Clare College Pembroke Primary School

### **Best Fun Project in Primary**

Project: Cultural Kal-AI-doscope

eTwinner: Ms Nadette Camilleri Pavia – San Ġorġ Preca College Floriana Primary School

### **Best Fun Project in Secondary**

Project: Una passeggiata nei luoghi storici dei nostri territori

eTwinner: Mr Louis Agius – St Michael School

### **Best Project for Inclusion**

Project: Together in Diversity

eTwinner: Ms Melrose Borg – San Ġorġ Preca College Valletta Primary School

### **Best STEAM Project in ECEC**

Project: Little Inventors Are at Work with Their Inventions

eTwinner: Ms Elaine Gauci – St Nicholas College Guze' Ebejer Dingli Primary School



### **Best STEAM Project in ECEC**

Project: Once Upon Five S.T.E.A.M Story

eTwinners:

- Ms Joanne Micallef – Santa Margherita College Xghajra Primary School
- Ms Charmaine Galea – St Ignatius College Patri Guze' Delia Siggiewi Primary School
- Ms Charmaine Attard – San Ġorġ Preca College Dun Frans Camilleri Hamrun Primary School

### **Best STEAM Project in Primary**

Project: STEAMscape – Teaching and Learning Beyond the Classroom

eTwinners: Ms Janet Calleja, Ms Elaine Sammut, Ms Miriam Chetcuti, Ms Rita Caruana & Ms Abigail Martha Borg – St Nicholas College Anton Agius Rabat Primary School, Malta

### **Best National Project**

Project: Exploring Yesterday, Imagining Tomorrow!

eTwinners:

- St Nicholas College Tumas Dingli Attard Primary School
- Gozo College Dun Salv Vella Nadur Primary School

### **Best Sustainability and Environment Project**

Project: Exploring Soil Animals and Climate Effects

eTwinners: Ms Censina Curmi & Ms Deborah Buttigieg – St Paul's Missionary College

### **Best Collaborative Project in Secondary**

Project: Europe: One Heart, Many Voices

eTwinners: Mr Mario Xerri – Gozo College Agius de Soldanis Middle School, Gozo





### **Best Collaborative Project in Primary**

Project: Valuable Kids

eTwinners: Mr Mario Mifsud & Ms Nadia Cremona, Gozo College Guže' Aquilina Primary & Special Unit, Sannat Primary.

### **Best Project Promoting Maltese Culture and Identity**

Project: Temples Adventure – A Journey Through Three Cultures eTwinners:

- Gozo College Peter Paul Grech Primary School, Kerċem
- St Clare College Madonna tal-Mensija San Ġwann Primary School
- St Nicholas College Mtarfa Primary School

As we reflect on the achievements highlighted during the eTwinning National Awards 2025, we celebrate the collective effort of educators who continue to embrace creativity, innovation and European collaboration. Their projects have strengthened Malta's role within the eTwinning community and enriched the educational experience for countless learners.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all award recipients and look forward to seeing the new opportunities, partnerships and initiatives that will undoubtedly emerge in the year ahead.



# Exploring Traditions Through Coding:

## A Cross-Cultural Kindergarten Collaboration

Students from three Maltese and two Greek kindergarten schools participated in a collaborative CodeWeek activity entitled **“BeeBot in Grandma’s Attic”**, carried out as part of their eTwinning project **“Our World of Traditions.”**

During this engaging activity, children programmed Bee-Bots to navigate between images that matched given descriptions. Through this hands-on approach, they explored a variety of traditional customs, foods, modes of transport, games and other cultural elements. The activity not only strengthened their understanding of cultural

heritage but also enhanced early coding and problem-solving skills.

Congratulations to the dedicated kindergarten eTwinners who made this enriching experience possible:

- **Ms Charmaine Galea:** St Ignatius College Patri Ġużè Delia, Siggiewi Primary School
- **Ms Charmaine Attard:** San Ġorġ Preca College Dun Frans Camilleri Hamrun Primary School
- **Ms Joanne Micallef:** St Margaret College, Ave Marija Xgħajra Primary School



# eTwinning in Action:

Connecting Classrooms, Building Skills for Life

*An eTwinning Seminar for Church School Educators*



On 20th November 2025, eTwinning Malta in collaboration with the Secretariat for Catholic Education (SfCE) proudly hosted a dedicated one-day seminar for Church school educators as part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen digital pedagogy and cross-border collaboration.

Bringing together senior leaders and educators from both primary and secondary schools, the seminar provided an inspiring space to explore how eTwinning can foster innovation, connection and skill development across the curriculum. Participants engaged in discussions on how digital and AI tools can enrich teaching and learning while linking classrooms across Europe. School leaders reflected on practical strategies for nurturing and sustaining a strong eTwinning culture within their schools.



The programme offered a balanced blend of focused presentations and hands-on workshops by Dr. Rose-Anne Camilleri and Ms Roberta Trapani Maggi, Head of Department for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills from the SfCE. Ms Prascovia Deidun, Ms Veronique Degabriele Ferrante and Ms Deborah Ann Buttigieg all educators in Church schools highlighted creative pedagogy, meaningful partnerships and the wide-ranging cross-curricular opportunities enabled through eTwinning.

Sincere thanks go to Dr Rose-Anne Camilleri for her guidance and constant support, and to the Department for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills (MEYR) for hosting and supporting this event.

It was a pleasure to witness such active participation and commitment from all attendees. We look forward to seeing the projects that will grow from this shared work.

# Ambassadors in Action: Building Communities with Skills for Life

Two of our Maltese eTwinning ambassadors, Ms Tania Formosa and Ms Frances Cauchi, attended the PDW “Ambassadors in Action: Building Communities with Skills for Life” in Krakow, Poland.

Day 1 highlighted the importance of equipping students with essential life skills in literacy, mathematics, science, digital competence, and citizenship. On Day 2, they engaged in three enriching workshops: “Innovate and Educate,” which explored critical-thinking mindsets; “Mentoring for the Future,” focusing on life skills for ambassadors and “Fake it till you make it,” addressing fake news, deepfakes and disinformation. Day 3 centred on evaluation and networking with European colleagues, discussing ways to inspire both new and experienced eTwinners.

As both ambassadors return



to their schools, they carry with them fresh ideas and a shared commitment to fostering innovative partnerships across Europe, an inspiring outcome for our Maltese delegation.

# IFE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

27-29 NOVEMBER 2025

Inspiring and thought-provoking discussions were the highlight of the first international conference organized by the Institute for Education from the 27-29 November 2025: **Inspire, foster, and educate. Global research in education today.**

It was an opportunity for sharing research conducted in the field of Education, networking and professional growth including two international speakers: Dr Stefano Oliverio (Associate Professor of Educational Theory and Social Pedagogy at the University of Naples Federico II) and Dr. Dixie F. Abernathy (Associate Professor of Education at Queens University of Charlotte USA).

I also was given the opportunity to present my research on eTwinning during one of the workshops: **An investigation into Maltese educators' perceptions of the role of eTwinning in facilitating pedagogical innovation and transformative classroom practices.**



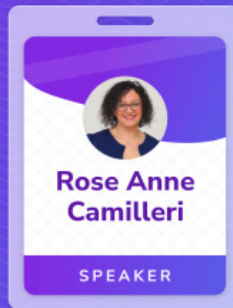


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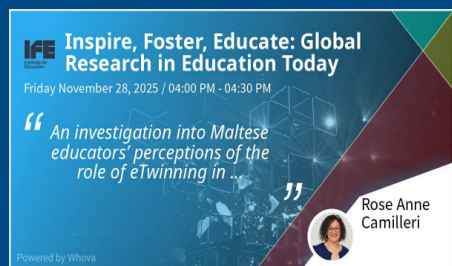
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My qualitative study explores how Maltese educators perceive eTwinning's role in fostering pedagogical innovation and transformation. Guided by Transformative Learning Theory, the SAMR model, and Activity Theory, it examines how collaboration and technology integration influence classroom practice. Using semi-structured interviews and observations, the study employs inductive thematic analysis to identify key themes, highlighting eTwinning's potential as a catalyst for transformative, technology-enhanced teaching and learning.

The whole conference was a learning journey and growth both on a professional and personal level. Grateful to have the possibility to connect with professionals and academics alike.



# Enhancing Collaborative Teaching Through eTwinning at St Aloysius College



On 11 November 2025, the Foreign Language Department at St Aloysius College, chaired by Ms Prascovia Deidun, held a Local Professional Development Session focused on strengthening digital collaboration in education.

Dr Rose Anna Camilleri, eTwinning NSO and Education Officer, delivered an engaging presentation on using eTwinning as a teaching and learning tool. She showcased successful past projects and offered practical advice on finding collaborative partners and connecting classrooms across Europe.

Thanks to the support of St Aloysius College, teachers gained valuable insights and renewed motivation to integrate eTwinning into their practice. It was indeed a fruitful session.

