What is eTwinning?

eTwinning is a safe online community that facilitates collaboration between schools and educators across Europe. It is an initiative of the European Commission, part of the Erasmus+ programme. eTwinning is open to educators from early years to post-secondary education. It provides a virtual space for networking and professional development. Educators and students can collaborate with other eTwinners, breaking down barriers and fostering a sense of European citizenship and cooperation in education. The main objectives of eTwinning are:

- fostering intercultural understanding
- promoting language learning
- enhancing digital competences among students and educators

Overview of an eTwinning project

An eTwinning project is created collaboratively between two or more European schools. The project is hosted on the TwinSpace after being approved by the National Support Organisation. This virtual space is a collaborative area including the project aims and objectives, the project timeline, activities as well as the final outcomes.

Benefits of eTwinning

- Educators work with like-minded professionals on a project which enriches their practice.
- Students experience an international collaborative project which is highly motivating.
- Educators have the opportunity to engage in both in-person and online activities focused on innovative and relevant subjects such as MOOCs, webinars, online courses, CoPE sessions and conferences.

9 EASY STEPS TO SET UP A PROJECT eTwinning

1 CREATE AN EU LOGIN ACCOUNT

- Access the European School Education Platform.
  https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/en
- Click on **Create account** and choose Create EU Login
- Fill in the required details and follow the instructions as prompted.

2 REGISTER YOUR PROFILE AND JOIN ETWINNING

JOIN

- Access the European School Education Platform.
- Click on **Login**.
- Fill in the required details and click on **Join eTwinning**.
- Complete the registration form.
- Remember to tick 'Available for eTwinning project'.
- Search for your organisation and click on it.
- Fill in the required details to complete your eTwinning profile.
- Remember to adjust your profile visibility settings.
- Then click on Finish.

3 FIND A PARTNER

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- Click on **Networking** and choose **Partner Finding**. Then check the ideas proposed by other educators and answer their posts, or else be proactive and post your own ideas.

4 CONTACT INTERESTED EDUCATORS

- Check their availability and whether they are interested in working with you.
- Work with your partners to plan the project.

5 ADD EDUCATORS TO YOUR CONTACTS Add as contact

- Once you find interested educators, look for them in **People** and click on the button **Add as contact**.

Create project **6** CREATE A PROJECT

- When they accept your contact request, you are ready to set up the project. Decide who is going to be the other founder.
- Click on **Projects** and **Create project**

| ① Select school | ② Select partner | ③ Project description | ④ Review |

7 ACCEPT PROJECT INVITATION & APPROVAL

- Once the application is submitted, the other founder needs to accept the Project invitation.
- Then the project will have to be approved by the National Support Organisations of both countries.

Invite member **8** ADD OTHER EDUCATORS AS MEMBERS

- Click on **eTwinning** and choose **My Projects**.
- Click on the name of your project and **Invite member**.
- Type the name of the educator and click on Search.
- Tick the box next to his/her name and click on **Invite to project**.

Invite to project

9 ACCESS YOUR PROJECT TWINSPACE

- Click on the down arrow next to your name and choose **My TwinSpaces**.
- Click on the name of your project and start creating pages and uploading your content.

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