Future Classroom Lab training programme:
Five-day workshops

Introduction

European Schoolnet (EUN) is the network of 30 European Ministries of Education, based in Brussels. As a not-for-profit organisation, it aims to bring innovation in teaching and learning to its key stakeholders: Ministries of Education, schools, teachers, researchers, and industry partners. Since its foundation in 1997 EUN has actively supported schools in achieving effective use of ICT in teaching and learning aiming to improve and raise the quality of education in Europe, and of course promoted the European dimension in education. Read more on EUN at www.eun.org

All the courses are aimed at primary and secondary teachers and ICT coordinators, enthusiastic to enhance their teaching through new ideas, tools and pedagogies. In addition, all courses support teachers who are active in eTwinning and all those interested to get involved. The courses provide ideas and practical advice to develop and improve school collaboration projects taking place through eTwinning. www.etwinning.net

All the courses will be organised held at European Schoolnet's own training venue, the Future Classroom Lab, a unique and inspiring learning environment in Brussels that challenges visitors to rethink the role of pedagogy, technology and design in their classrooms. http://fcl.eun.org

Training offer 2014-2015

Programming for the 21st century classroom

13-17 October 2014

Programming and computational thinking skills are becoming ever more important in our society and working life. Learning to code develops various skills such as problem-solving, logical reasoning and creativity, and can help student motivation in mathematics theory as it encourages them to apply their knowledge. Schools are key players in introducing programming to students in an engaging way, and help defuse negative stereotypes around computer science. During the course teachers will learn about the importance of programming in today's society and education, learn ways to introduce programming in cross-curricular work, discover and test different programming tools, explore ways to motivate and encourage students, and develop a programming lesson plan for their classrooms. The workshop will be organised during the Europe Code Week - http://codeweek.eu/.

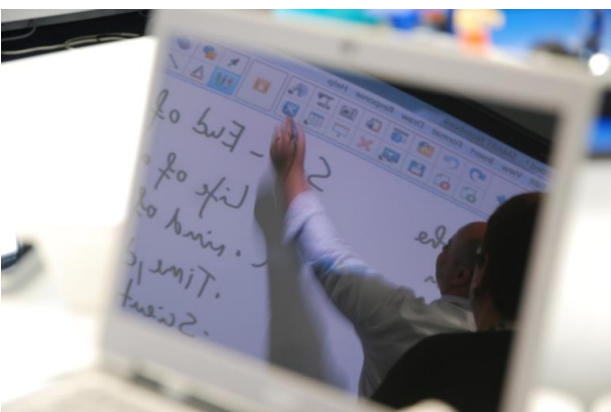## Collaboration and innovative learning scenarios

30 March – 3 April 2015

The course is designed to give a hands-on approach for teachers to develop their collaborative classrooms and innovative learning scenarios. The participants will explore a range of tools and ideas that help them to promote collaborative and team work among students and to integrate ICT into their teaching practice in a collaborative and sustainable way. The participants will also develop and analyse visions for the future classroom, and collaborate on the development of innovative Future Classroom Scenarios based on trends and challenges in society and technology.

Interactive technologies for the future classroom

29 June – 3 July 2015

The participants will learn in this course tools and methodologies to increase and enhance the level of interaction in the classroom. The pedagogically-oriented course addresses topics like student collaboration, freeware for brainstorming and mapping of students' pre-knowledge, interactive whiteboards (IWB) and using different widgets with them, creating interactive exercises and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).

Creative use of multimedia, games and tablets in school

(no date planned)

The course will show teachers how to use multimedia and devices creatively in the classroom. This workshop is designed to help teachers become proficient in exploring how different media can be used in education. The participants will develop the skills required in order to make innovative use of digital text, audio, images, video and games in their classrooms. The participants will also explore how tablets or other portable devices can be used to enhance interactivity in a classroom and used for group work and as a personalised learning tool.

Useful information

Sign up

The schools can **register their interest** for the above-mentioned courses using an online form: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z9SVRKY

The places are given on first-come, first-served basis giving priority to the participants with an Erasmus+ grant. The courses will run if there are a minimum of 15 participants in each. Each course will be confirmed 2.5 months before the scheduled course dates.

If you require a special invitation letter, please contact the course organisers: fcl@eun.org

Course language

All courses will be organised in English. Therefore, the participants need to be fluent in English (both oral comprehension and speaking) to follow and participate in the course actively.
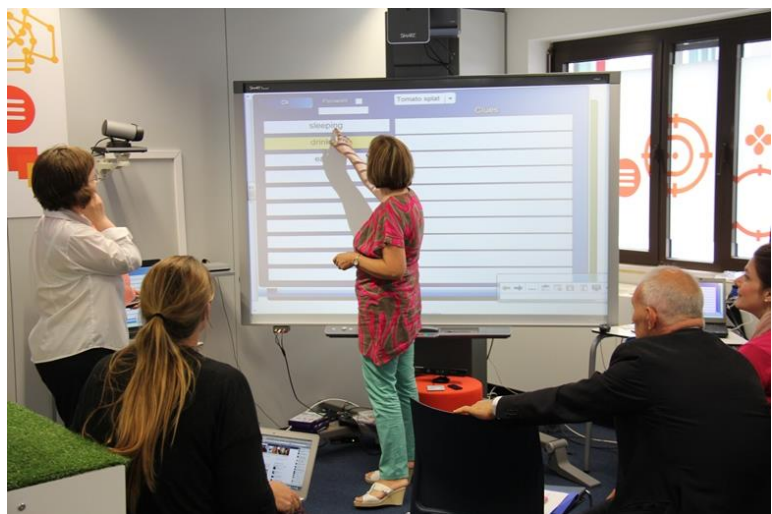
Workshop fees

The prices per person are as follows:

- Workshop fee incl. the tuition and materials: 750€
- Meals incl. five lunches and one dinner: 100€
- **TOTAL: 850€**

Funding opportunities: Erasmus+

The new EU programme, Erasmus+, offers funding opportunities for schools interested to invest in their teachers' professional development (see: Erasmus+ / Key Action 1 / School education staff mobility). Individuals cannot apply directly for grants, but the application must be done by their organisation: pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools located in EU countries, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Iceland, FYROM or Switzerland can apply for this funding. The deadline to submit the funding application this year is 17 March 2014, at 12:00h Central European Time.

Information on Erasmus+ / Key Action 1

- European Union Erasmus+ website for general information
- Erasmus+ programme guide (PDF, in English). See page 55 for Key Action 1: Mobility project for school education staff
- Find your National Agency here – the National Agency website will provide you with information on your own languages and also point of contact in case of questions.

How to apply

First of all, read carefully all information provided on your National Agency website regarding the Key Action 1.

1. Register your organisation on European Commission Authentication Service (ECAS), if not registered earlier.
2. Obtain your Participant Identification Code (PIC): log in to the Participant Portal with your ECAS account details, and there register your organisation on the Unique Registration Facility (URF).
3. Download the application form: Key Action 1 - school education staff mobility. Save it on your local computer.
4. Pay special attention on the "European Development Plan" as part of the application form.
5. Use the Distance Calculator to calculate travel costs for your project.
6. Submit your application online according to the instructions given by your National Agency.

Accommodation

The participants will take care of their own accommodation arrangements so they can select an option that is suitable for their budgets. The following hotels are some of the options close to the course venue:

- Adagio Access Bruxelles Europe; http://www.booking.com/hotel/be/adagio-access-bruxelles-europe.en-gb.html
- Chelton Hotel: http://www.booking.com/hotel/be/chelton.en-gb.html
- Hotel Le Berger: http://www.booking.com/hotel/be/le-berger.en-gb.html
- Silken Berlaymont Brussels: http://www.booking.com/hotel/be/silkenberlaymont.en-gb.html
- Thon Hotel EU: http://www.booking.com/hotel/be/thon-eu.en-gb.html

More options:

- See Booking.com: www.booking.com

- Air B&B at Brussels: https://www.airbnb.com/s/Brussels--Belgium

Workshop venue

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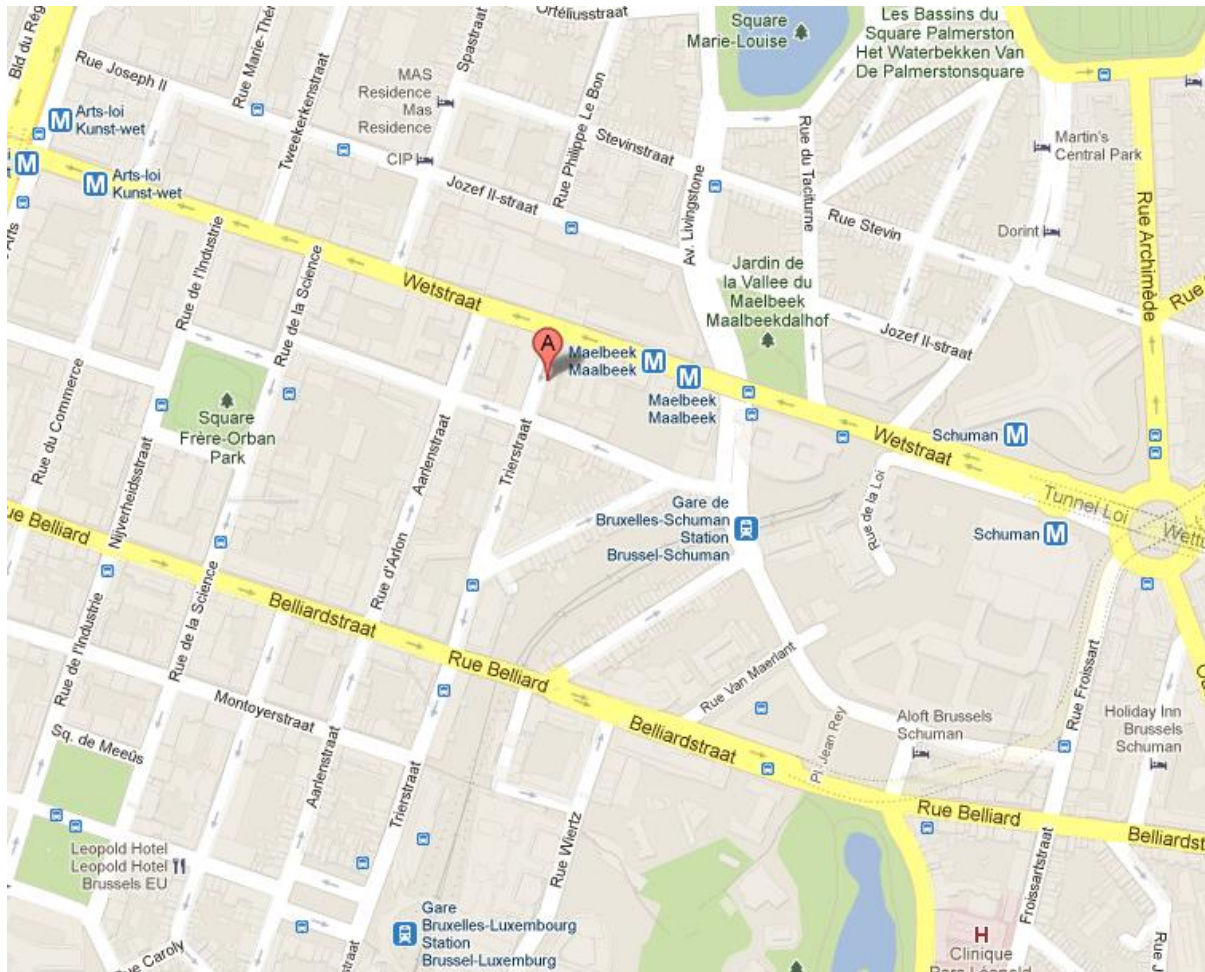http://www.europeanschoolnet.org/

Future Classroom Lab

The Future Classroom Lab is a fully equipped, reconfigurable, teaching and learning space developed by European Schoolnet, its 30 supporting Ministries of Education and leading educational technology providers. The Future Classroom Lab helps to visualise how conventional classrooms and other learning spaces can be reorganised to support changing styles of teaching and learning. Read more: http://fcl.eun.org

Travel and insurance

Travel expenses are not covered by the course fee. The courses start at 9:30h on the first day, and therefore the participants should travel to Brussels the day before. The workshops end around 15:00h on the last day so the travel back home should be arranged at 17:00h or after. Before booking your travels, contact the organisers to check if the workshop will run (if there are enough participants).

We ask the participants to confirm they have health insurance that is internationally valid during their stay in Brussels. EU citizens can obtain a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

Evening program / Cultural visits

We will provide some evening program on some of the course days, e.g. visiting the historical centre or the European Institutions depending on the participants' interests. More information on the evening program will be provided closer to the course.

Participants' cancellation policy

If the cancellation is done at least 4 weeks before the course begins, there won't be any charges. If the cancellation is done 4-2 weeks before the course starts, 50% of the course fee will be charged. If the cancellation is done less than 2 weeks before the workshop starts, the full cost will be charged. Substitutions are possible right up to the start of the workshop.

Any cancellation or change notification has to be done by email to maria.rizza@eun.org. The cancellation is considered valid when you receive a confirmation that the cancellation has been acknowledged.

Contact us

For any questions regarding the course offer or practicalities or to request information on on-demand courses, please contact: fcl@eun.org