USING ICT SKILLS TO TRANSFER HUMAN VALUES IN SCHOOLS WITH ETWINNING

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ETWINNING IS…

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INTRODUCING ETWINNING

★ What is eTwinning?

★ **Community for schools** in Europe and neighboring partner countries

★ **Fully digital platform** for school staff (teachers, head teachers, librarians, etc.) working in a school in one of the countries involved in eTwinning

★ eTwinning is action for schools **funded by the European Commission under Erasmus+**, the European programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport

★ Implemented by **European Schoolnet**, a consortium of 34 MoE
DELIVERING ETWINNING

★ **On national level**, the following bodies promote the action, provide advice and guidance for end users and organize a range of activities and professional development opportunities at national level
  ★ 36 European countries with National Support Services (NSS)
  ★ 8 neighboring countries and their Partner Support Agencies (PSA)

★ **On European level**, eTwinning is coordinated by the Central Support Service (CSS), managed by the European Schoolnet on behalf of the European Commission

★ CSS liaises with NSS and PSA in delivery of activities and is responsible for development of the [www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net) platform and various other activities, including Prize Award for the involvement in outstanding projects
ETWINNING IS …

More than a platform, a tool that enhances learning experiences, student collaboration & peer-to-peer learning.
ETWINNING IN NUMBERS

🌟 798,586* teachers
🌟 205,075* schools
🌟 106,267* projects
🌟 44 countries
🌟 31 languages

*numbers as of 13/05
BENEFITS OF JOINING

★ Registered users can communicate easily, collaborate rapidly, develop projects and share thoughts in a protected and safe online environment for them and their students

★ Access to restricted areas:
  ★ eTwinning Live, individual teachers’ interface with the community where they can reap benefits of the peer-to-peer and participate in professional development activities of interest
  ★ Twin Space, private collaborative space unique to each project
  ★ eTwinning Groups, gathering users with shared interests
  ★ Learning Lab, online home of Learning Events where develop skills and simulate ideas
KEEPING ETWINNING SAFE

eTwinning Code of Conduct

★ eTwinning is a community of eTwinners based on mutual understanding and respect

★ Ground rules that keep eTwinning safe and fun for everyone
  ★ Be inclusive
  ★ Do not offend
  ★ Do not attack

★ Users are encouraged to report when necessary
MYRIEM AND FRIENDS, CITIZENS OF A BETTER WORLD

More than a doll, more than a child’s game
MEET MYRIEM: MORE THAN A DOLL

Myriem is a messenger of Love, Friendship, Brotherhood, Equality, Peace, Tolerance, a mediator who travels between schools spreading values among children and youth.

Educational, cultural and especially human project.
GENERAL INFO

Objective: **Using ICT to develop commitment, to transfer all human values and to foster ethos**

- **Participating countries:** Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, and Ukraine

- **Foster relationships** among young people from different ethnic, religion and cultural groups **enhancing their tolerance in diversities**
FOLLOWING MYRIEM’S STEPS

- **Originally from Tunisia**, for couple of years Myriem travelled around 10 countries, spending three months in each
- **Age** of participating students: 5 - 17
- Myriem’s **role** was to act as the **starting point to spark conversations** on universal human values
- Students created **international calendar of activities** for Myriem to take part in, where to present their own and learn about other cultures
- Students were also encouraged to **bring Myriem to** their own **local communities**
- Before returning home, **all the students met** for a final gathering in the “**Concordville**”, imaginary ideal country designed by students
CONCORDVILLE MANIFESTO

★ Jointly, students created a Concordville manifesto – "the community of our dreams, beyond our borders"

★ Created through a treasure hunt game of values, where students used QR codes to fill a crossword and create the manifesto

★ Simple way to present what discussed in the project
CREATING COLLABORATIVE STORY

- Using Thinglink interactive image and Google doc, students created a collaborative story.
- The book is a refugee’s diary of Jacob, 13-year-old refugee from Syria in the camp in Greece with his sister Ivy and his mother, narrating from the time he learned about war.
- Opportunity to discuss difficult topics with even the youngest students.

“A boy from Syria”(issuu)
SNEAK PEAK

★ Twin Space: projects’ online home where partners meet, define activities, deliver actions, store the materials developed and report on

★ Framework of activities

★ Space to upload students’ and teachers work, create interactive tools, share common actions etc.
RESOURCES

eTwinning Book
- If not in Schools, where? Learn and Practice Democracy in eTwinning (2019)
- “Building a culture of inclusion through eTwinning” (2017)
- “Growing Digital Citizens: Developing active citizenship through eTwinning” (2016)

eTwinning Projects
- Develop your own project with eTwinning Project Kits
- Browse the gallery of the most successful eTwinning projects

Find all the above, and much more on our portal, www.etwinning.net!
BEFORE WE GO...

🌟Homework time!

1. Visit the padlet
   padlet.com/eunacademy/etwcofacebreakfastbytes
2. Write your replies to questions in padlet
3. Tip: think outside the box!

Meet you there!
THANK YOU 😊!

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