



## European Conference

### “Empowering students in the digital age - with Erasmus+”

**6 – 8 May 2024 in Munich**

The digital age is bringing elementary changes to pupils' lives at a tremendous pace: Artificial intelligence, social media, algorithms, translation apps, talking robots, new learning tools...

These few keywords show that digitalisation has an impact on all areas of pupils' lives: on learning at school itself, but also on their life outside school, on their participation in society, and on understanding political contexts in Europe and the world.

#### **Conference Topic:**

The European conference will address the Erasmus priorities ‘digital transformation’ and ‘participation in democratic life’ and focus on digital education in the school sector from the teachers’ and the pupils’ perspectives. It will also approach the topic of this year’s annual eTwinning theme “Wellbeing at school” [eTwinning Annual Theme 2024: Well-being at school | ESEP \(europa.eu\)](https://www.europa.eu/european-union/education/european-school-education-platform/europas-annual-theme-2024-well-being-at-school).

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- How can digital education succeed in the classroom? What opportunities do digital teaching/learning settings offer for personalized learning and student-centered learning? What do learning settings look like in modern lessons, and how is the role of the teacher changing?
- How do we succeed in involving all pupils and to give them orientation in the media world and strengthen democratic participation? How can students be empowered against the dangers of the media like fake news, radical political influence or violence on the Internet?
- How can schools, teachers and school projects promote well-being of students in the digital transformation from a physical, emotional, social and cognitive view?
- How can collaborative work and blended learning succeed - in the classroom and in Erasmus projects? Special attention will be given to blended mobility and the use of eTwinning in the classroom and in project work.

#### **Conference programme:**

- The conference will present scientific views and innovative Erasmus projects so that participants can deepen their knowledge on the conference topics.
- The conference will highlight ways in which schools and teachers can profit from Erasmus+ school projects including eTwinning and the European School Education Platform.
- In exchange with each other and with the help of experts in the field, the participants will discuss and develop concepts for school projects and school development.
- The conference will offer networking opportunities for schools and institutions in the school sector to find partners and initiate new Erasmus projects (mobility projects, cooperation projects, eTwinning projects).

## Target groups

- Representatives from schools (from pre-school to upper secondary level) who are interested in starting Erasmus+ projects (Focus on Key action 1 and 2 and eTwinning) on the conference topics.
- Representatives from teacher training institutions with experience on the conference topics
- Representatives of Erasmus+ projects (Key action 1 and 2 and eTwinning) who have carried out or are implementing projects on the conference topics and who are willing to share their knowledge.
- Representatives from school authorities and Ministries of Education (mobility consortium coordinators).
- Representatives of Erasmus+ Teacher Academies and Jean Monnet activities who are working on the conference topics
- NA representatives

## Number of participants and participating countries

220 participants, the TCA is open to all Erasmus+ programme countries, up to 4 participants per country (incl. 1 NA representative).

## Location

[Holiday Inn Munich - Unterhaching](#), Munich, Germany. The conference hotel is easy to reach by S-Bahn from Munich Central Station and Airport.

**Conference language:** English

## Date

Start: Monday, 6 May with the welcoming buffet at 7 pm / End: Friday, 8 May (at about 2 pm)

## Hosting and co-organizing agencies

The event is hosted by the National Agency for school education in Germany (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst) in cooperation with the National Agencies of Estonia and Serbia.

## Financing

- The conference will be carried out as a Transnational Cooperation Activity among NAs (TCA) and is financed by the EU programme Erasmus+.
- Hosting costs during the conference (accommodation in the conference hotel from 6 –8 May, meals, conference costs) will be covered by the hosting National Agency.
- Travel costs are covered by the sending National Agencies.

## For further questions, please contact NA-PAD:

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