

Concept Note
Professional Development Workshop “*From the Classroom to Lifelong
Success: Nurturing Essential Competences*”
Seville 9th-11th November
Early Childhood and Primary Education

As the European Union faces new challenges in the era of globalization, it becomes increasingly crucial for every citizen to possess a diverse set of essential skills in order to effectively adjust to a rapidly evolving and interconnected world. Education, with its dual function of serving both social and economic purposes, plays a pivotal role in equipping Europe's citizens with the necessary competences to adapt flexibly to these dynamic transformations.

The development of the [8 key competences for lifelong learning](#) define the skills and competences necessary for personal fulfilment, active citizenship, social cohesion and employability in a knowledge society. They are especially important for young people as they ensure by the end of their initial education and training, that learners have developed these key competences to a level that prepares them for adult life and provides a foundation for further learning and work. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of enabling adults to continuously develop and update their key competences throughout their lives ([European Parliament; Council of the European Union, 2006](#)).

In this context, the professional development workshop on Early Childhood and Primary Education aims at **deepening the participants' knowledge on the development of various competences** including **digital** ([DigComp](#)), **entrepreneurial** ([EntreComp](#)), **lifelong learning** ([LifeComp](#)) and **sustainability** ([GreenComp](#)) and highlight the **integration of eTwinning** as a tool for upscaling those competences. Additionally, it aims to equip them with **practical strategies and resources** to enhance their teaching practices. The workshop encourages active engagement, collaboration, and reflection to support educators in promoting the holistic development of their students.

Objectives:

1. Familiarize participants with the frameworks of digital competence ([DigComp](#)), entrepreneurial ([EntreComp](#)), lifelong learning ([LifeComp](#)), and sustainability ([GreenComp](#)) and their connection to eTwinning.
2. Encourage participants to reflect on their current teaching practices and identify opportunities for integrating eTwinning projects to develop key competences.
3. Exchange ideas and experiences with other early childhood education and primary teachers and experts in the field.
4. Offer them opportunities to initiate eTwinning projects that are related to one or more of the above frameworks.

Draft Agenda

Day 1 (9 Nov)

15h00 - 15h30	Formal opening: CSS, NSO, ES MoE
15h30 – 16h00	Keynote 1: Equipping Young Learners with a Diverse Set of Essential Skills (focus on the 8 key competences for lifelong learning and highlight how these contribute to personal fulfilment, active citizenship and employability in a rapidly evolving world)
16h00 – 16h30	Prize Ceremony
16h30 – 17h00	Break
17h00 – 18h15	Networking Activity
19h30	Dinner

Day 2_(10 Nov)

09h30 – 11h00	Workshop Slot 1 - Focus on Competences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WS1: Promote Learning on Environmental Sustainability (GreenComp Framework) – EC Joint Research Centre• WS2: Fostering the Entrepreneurial Capacity of Learners (EntreComp Framework) - EC Joint Research Centre• WS3: Personal, Social and Learning to Learn Key Competence: Thriving in the 21st Century (LifeComp Framework) - EC Joint Research Centre• WS4: Digitally Competent Learners (DigComp Framework) - EC Joint Research Centre
11h00	Break
11h30 – 13h00	Workshop Slot 2 - Focus on Prize Winners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WS5: Workshop by Prize Winners (STEAM Preschool Academy/ Age Category 0-6 years)• WS6: Workshop by Prize Winners (eTwinners as pros/ Age Category 7-11 years)• WS7: Creating Successful eTwinning Projects (Irene Pateraki / Alexandra Almpandou)
13h00-14h30	Lunch
14h30- 16h00	Workshop Slot 3 - Focus on the Implementation of Frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WS8: Integrating Digital Tools and Resources to Enhance Digital Competences in the Classroom• WS9: Teaching Sustainability for Action• WS10: Learning Activities for an Entrepreneurial Mindset• WS11: Innovative Pedagogies to Support the 21st Century Skills and Competences
16h00	Break
16h30 – 17h30	Networking
19h30	Dinner

Day 3 (11 Nov)

09h30-10h00	Keynote 2: Fostering Creativity and Innovation through eTwinning – Isabel Cirugeda (TBC)
10h00-10h30	Keynote 3: Rethinking Assessment in the 21 st Century/ Assessing Competences and 21 st Century Skills – Mariana Morales (TBC)
10h30	Break
11h00– 12h00	Partner – finding activity
12h00	Closing
12h30	Lunch

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