



## **Contact seminar - Luxembourg city – 29 au 31 may 2014.**

The eTwinning National Support Services from Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the UK invite you to their annual multilateral contact seminar.

**Theme:**

“Tackling lack of pupil motivation, risk of school dropout and low basic skill achievement through European projects”.

**Date:**

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015

**Where:**

Luxembourg City (Luxembourg)

**Rationale:**

Motivating students is a challenge all members of the education community face. For schools and teachers dealing with difficult pupils and school drop outs, this issue is even more important given that lacking motivation is often seen as a main factor for early school leaving.

Project-based learning (PBL) has proven to be one of the most effective ways available to engage students with their learning content. Placed in a context of European cooperation, pedagogical projects involving schools from other countries can even increase their motivational potential by providing students with an authentic audience outside of their classroom.

**Aim:**

Addressing low achievement in basic skills and supporting schools to tackle early school leaving are two main priorities set by the European Commission for the school sector in the Erasmus+ Programme. The aim of the contact seminar is to set up good quality eTwinning projects addressing those priorities and helping to rise pupil's motivation by engaging them into authentic and meaningful activities.

During the seminar the participants will

- have the opportunity to network and to find project partner
- discover successful projects and project ideas
- learn how to plan, register and manage a project
- discover the eTwinning tools
- receive hands on training (online tools)

**Target public:**

50 teachers from the organising countries.

Age of pupils 12-18

Priority will be given to teachers from schools dealing with difficult pupils and school drop outs.

## AGENDA

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

13.00 – 14.00	: Registration and welcome coffee
14.00 – 15.30	: <b>Plenary opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome speech and presenting NSS (15 min)</li><li>• Presentation of eTwinning and Erasmus + (30 min)</li><li>• Keynote speech on Project-based learning (45 min)</li></ul>
15.30 – 16.00	: <b>Ice-breaking</b> (+ introducing partner finding/project planning)
16.00 – 16.20	: <i>Coffee break</i>
16.20 – 18.30	: <b>partner finding/ project planning</b>
19.30	: Diner in the hotel

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015

09.00 – 09.30	: Bus transfer to school
09.30 – 11.00	: <b>Workshop session 1</b> : Working with pupils from difficult circumstances Muriele Dejaune & Claudine Coatanea
11.00 – 11.15	: <i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 12h30	: <b>Time for project planning</b> (hints on project planning by Carmen)
12.30 – 13.30	: Lunch
13.30 – 15.30	: <b>Workshop session 2</b> : eTwinning platform
15.30 – 16.00	: Bus transfer to hotel
16.00 – 18.00	: Free time
18.00 – 20.00	: Guided tour
20.00	: Dinner

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

9.30 – 10.30	: <b>Workshop session 3</b> :
10.30 – 10.45	: <i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 12.00	: <b>Project planning and registration</b>
12.00 – 12.30	: <b>closing of the seminar</b> (project presentation / evaluation)
12.30	: <i>Lunch</i>