



eTwinning

THE COMMUNITY  
FOR SCHOOLS  
IN EUROPE  
GREECE



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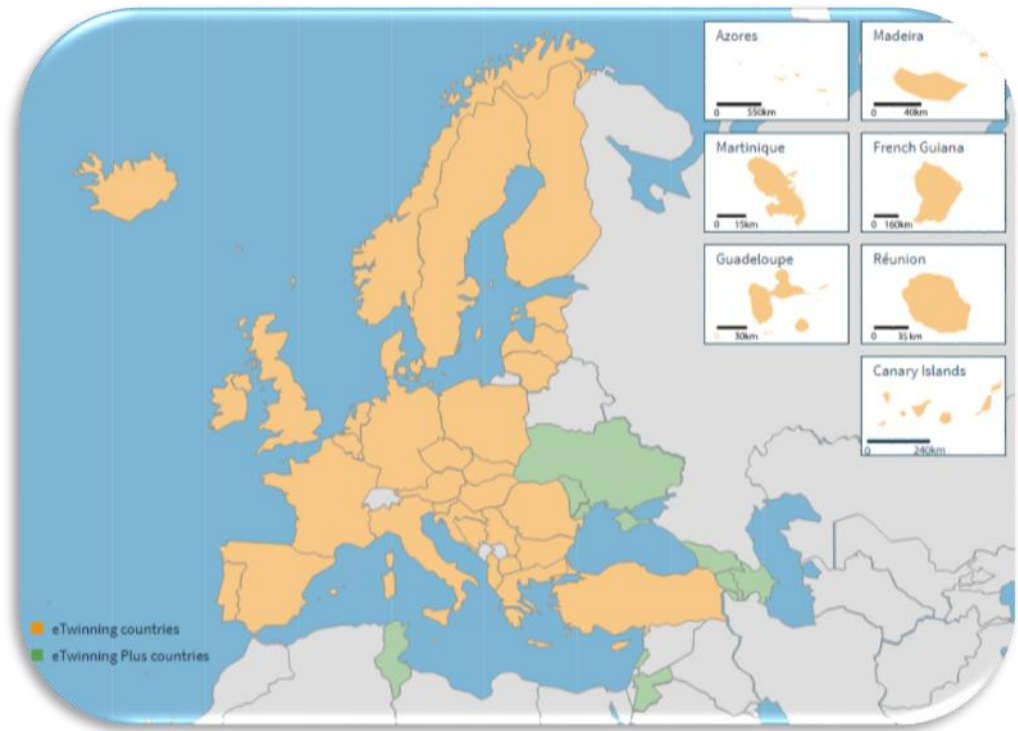


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## eTwinning introduction

▶ Hellenic National Support Service  
Chrysa Kapralou



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## What is eTwinning exactly?

- ▶ eTwinning is a vibrant community that has involved, in its 14 years of existence, more than 712.200 registered teachers, working in in more than 200.000 schools.
- ▶ More than 90.000 projects have been run, involving more than 2,000,000 students across the continent
- ▶ Professional Development: An important element of the **eTwinning** community is providing opportunities for teachers to enhance their **skills**, competencies and pedagogic approaches!



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## eTwinning – the community for schools in Europe and neighbouring partner countries

- ▶ 36 countries in Europe (2014-2020)
- ▶ 8 countries from the European neighbourhood (eTwinning Plus). eTwinning Plus includes eight countries from the European neighbourhood - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, which are part of the Eastern Partnership and Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon which are part of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EUROMED).



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## A European action

- o Launched in 2005 as a pilot project



- o 2007-2014 : integrated into Lifelong Learning Program, Comenius

- o 2014-2020 : part of Erasmus+



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## Organization of eTwinning

- ▶ European platform managed by Central Support Service (CSS) in Brussels (European Schoolnet - EUN). The CSS is responsible for the development of the platform, as well as offering a range of professional development opportunities and other activities such as an annual European Conference and a Prize Event which awards teachers and students for their involvement in outstanding projects.
- ▶ In each of participating countries (currently 44), a National Support Service (NSS) or a Partner Support Agency (PSA) promotes the action, provide advice and guidance for end users and organises a range of activities and professional development opportunities at national level.
- ▶ eTwinning «ambassadors» in every country!



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## eTwinning Platform and Live

eTwinning is a digital platform available in 29 languages. Browsing visitors can access a range of public information about how to become involved in eTwinning; explaining the benefits the action offers and provides inspiration for collaborative project work.

Registered teachers have access to a restricted area called eTwinning Live, which is the individual teacher's interface with the community: it enables users to find partners, interact, collaborate in projects and participate in professional development activities organised at European national, non-European national, and European central levels.



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## Professional social network for teachers

The screenshot shows the eTwinning Live website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for PORTAL, ETWINNING LIVE, MY GROUPS, MY TWINSPACES, and NSS DESKTOP. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are options for English and Logout. Below the navigation bar is the eTwinning Live logo and a search bar. To the right of the logo are icons for Support, a notification bell with '11', and an email icon with '7'. Below the logo is a horizontal menu with categories: PEOPLE, EVENTS, PROJECTS, GROUPS, PARTNER FORUMS, and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a user profile for 'chrysa kapralu' from 'HELLENIC NSS' with an 'Edit' button. Below the profile are three orange buttons: 'MY EVENTS', 'MY PROJECTS', and 'MY GROUPS'. Below these buttons is a 'LIVE NOW' section with a 'Test' event scheduled for '24.04.2019'. On the right side, there is a large banner for 'Democratic Participation' with the eTwinning logo. Below the banner is a notification titled 'Discover the eTwinning Schools Mission Statement!' dated '18.04.2019'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Create post' section with a user profile picture and a question mark icon.



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## Tools to find partners

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- Profile:** chrysa kapralu, HELLENIC NSS, with an Edit button.
- LATEST POSTS:** A list of recent posts, including:
  - RE: Creating with natural materials-approved project (eTwinning Projects: 4-11)
  - RE: Looking for partners for ERASMUS+ KA2 project - history, culture and nature (Erasmus+ Partnerships: 12-15)
  - We are looking for partners for our "Nutrition Friendly" project (eTwinning Projects: 16-19)
  - Pen Pals (eTwinning Projects: 4-11)
- Find posts:** A search bar with the placeholder text "Type a keyword, name, place, ..." and a SEARCH button. A link for "Need an extended search?" is also present.
- Project Categories:** A grid of orange boxes representing different project categories:
  - Student Teachers:** 0 thread(s), 0 message(s)
  - eTwinning Projects: 4-11:** 5792 thread(s), 34371 message(s)
  - eTwinning Projects: 12-15:** 5091 thread(s), 21581 message(s)
  - eTwinning Projects: 16-19:** 2657 thread(s), 10644 message(s)
  - eTwinning Projects: General:** 841 thread(s), 1826 message(s)
  - eTwinning Plus:** 852 thread(s), 3095 message(s)



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Create your project



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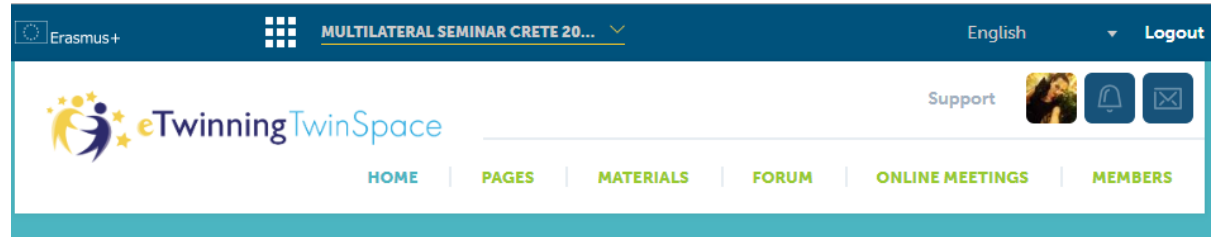


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★ **Twinspace: a secure collaborative platform for projects**

When teachers work together in a project, they have access to a private collaborative space, which is unique to each project, called the TwinSpace.



## Multilateral Seminar Crete 2018



Multilateral Seminar on "Open Sources Tools in eTwinning projects" in Chania, Crete, Greece, 18-20 October 2018.

The participants teachers of primary education (age group 6-12) will get to know each other, get familiar with the eTwinning, Twinspace platform and a variety of Open Sources Tools, collaborate and create new eTwinning projects.



+ Add a new post

## Teacher Bulletin

Thank you for organising this conference in Crete and enabling us to set up new projects with new partners.

**21.10.2018** 16:45

*Colette Cotton*



Hello!!!

**19.10.2018** 14:45

*Aikaterini Papadia*



+ Post an update



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## How can eTwinning help teachers?

Using project-based pedagogy and ICT tools:

- ▶ Change teaching habits, classroom dynamics
- ▶ Integrate ICT naturally
- ▶ Use language as a communication tool
- ▶ Open classroom up to Europe
- ▶ Interdisciplinary and cross-curricular teaching... open your classroom up to the rest of the school!



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## eTwinning projects help pupils...

- ▶ Be engaged, feel empowered
- ▶ Develop autonomy and planning skills
- ▶ Use language in real situations
- ▶ Build ICT skills
- ▶ Be more aware of life in other parts of the world
- ▶ Make connections between subjects areas



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## Professional Development in eTwinning

Formal and informal learning around pedagogy, ICT through...

- ▶ Projects: on your own, from partners and pupils
- ▶ Exchanges with other eTwinners
- ▶ Face-to-face professional development workshops
- ▶ Contact seminars (as this one!)
- ▶ Online training: webinars, online courses, moodle lessons



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## Best Practices and Recognition



- ▶ Quality Labels (good for you and us!)
- ▶ Ambassador network of eTwinners
- ▶ National and European Prize Competitions
- ▶ Dissemination of projects: eTwinning websites, social networks, school websites...



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## You are NOT alone! Call on the eTwinning support network

- ▶ Your National Support Service (NSS or PSA)
- ▶ Local support: eTwinning ambassadors, other regional representatives ...
- ▶ Central Support Service (Brussels)

*Check out your [national website](#) for resources in your country!*



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