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EDucation and DIgital Cultural LABoratory

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Project outputs

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CULTURAL HERITAGE is widely recognised across Europe as a vehicle of cultural identity. The protection of our common heritage and the promotion of cultural diversity are also very important instruments for bringing different communities closer and enhancing dialogue between different cultures.

This is why one of the main objectives of the EDUCLAB project is to increase the awareness of children aged 3-5 with regard to the importance of cultural heritage as a common good, independent from any ethnic or religious considerations. Investing in early education is one of the most powerful tools to make a positive change for the future and the Council of Europe has long been committed to the idea that education is a fundamental mean to help ensure positive social, cultural and economic development.

That's why ECEC needs to adopt a pedagogical approach which intentionally promotes socio-cultural diversity in society in improving a HIGH QUALITY IN PRESCHOOL SERVICES as it is recommended in the "Proposal for key principles of a Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care" Report of the Working Group on ECEC under the auspices of the EU Commission (October, 2014).

The EDUCLAB project objectives are focused on the training of pre-school teachers working with children aged 3-5 in order to implement workshops in the field of Culture.

In detail to:
- train 60 ECEC teachers to make workshops on the thematic of European Culture (kids aged 3-5) at EU level;
- update digital competencies of teachers;
- promote children's and families' awareness in the frame of Cultural Heritage;
- develop a holistic approach based on Active Learning and Play to support children's growth;
- implement 20 cultural workshops with kids (aged 3-5);
- share tools and methodologies to create a Network in the Culture and Pre-school sector to foster an intercultural dialogue among children, families and teachers aimed at building EU Citizenship.

Target Groups

The EDUCLAB project is willing to involve the direct target group of ECEC teachers in the following activities:

IO1. EDUCLAB Guidelines - in order to develop the Guidelines per partner country 10 pre-schools teachers/other staff working with 3-5 aged children will be selected among the partnership organizations. Workshop will be organized in every partner country, the focus groups are aimed at analysing the competence gaps in order to prepare the Training Handbook.

IO2. EDUCLAB Training Handbook - for training pre-school staff to implement workshops in the field of the Culture: testing and piloting of the developed training programme is foreseen in all partner countries with 10 participants who have been involved in the previous output.

IO3. EDUCLAB Toolkit - to provide a very practical tool for pre-school teachers to implement cultural workshops in the classroom by describing step-by-step how to carry out the activities.

IO4. EDUCLAB Online platform and Cultural Workshops - to put into practice what pre-school teachers have learnt during the project through the implementation of at least 4 cultural workshops in each partner country involving a total of 625 children at EU level. Video tutorials will be made during this phase and will be shared on the online platform.

LEARNING, TRAINING, TEACHING ACTIVITIES - The training is aimed at developing a unique EU approach in the frame of Cultural workshops for children 3-5 and on the use of project products (IO2 and IO3). It will consist of 5-days training in Florence/IT, every partner will send 2 participants.

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Meetings

Kick-off meeting
8 November 2018 in Lousada (PT)

The Kick-off meeting of the EDUCLAB project took place on the 8th – 9th November 2018 in Lousada, Portugal. The meeting, which was attended by at least one representative of each partner organisation, focused on getting to know each other and to get a general presentation on the project and its main activities.

After a detailed overview on the 27 months-long project by the Italian project coordinator and the discussion and clarification of open questions, the partnership concentrated on the first Intellectual Output of the project: the "EDUCLAB Guidelines".

2nd project meeting
13-14 June 2019 in Nicosia (CY)

The 2nd project meeting of the EDUCLAB project took place on the 13th – 14th June 2019 in Nicosia, Cyprus. The main aim of the meeting was to present the results of the EDUCLAB Guidelines developed in the framework of IO1, as well as to plan the development of the EDUCLAB Training Handbook and Toolkit.

Basic information on the Short-term Joint Staff Training Event have also been provided to partners and the dates have been set: it will take place between the 17 – 21 February 2020.

Next steps of the project

The partnership is currently working on IO2. EDUCLAB Training Handbook and IO3. EDUCLAB Toolkit. Necessary agreements and task distribution have been made during the 2nd project meeting in Cyprus.

Expected Results

The project's main expected results are:

IO1. EDUCLAB Guidelines
A document for pre-school teachers on how to arrange training environment, learning processes, address age-specific needs and children motivation when implementing a cultural workshop.

IO2. EDUCLAB Training Handbook
To supply competences for ECEC teachers to implement cultural workshops and to provide them skills in the digital area and inclusive approaches.

IO3. EDUCLAB Toolkit
A step-by-step description on how to carry out the cultural workshop activities.

IO4. EDUCLAB Online platform and Cultural workshops
Video Tutorials will be developed and uploaded on the EDUCLAB online platform to complete the EDUCLAB Toolkit with visual-based learning support. Additional videos will be developed during the implementation of the cultural workshops at EU level.

These Intellectual Outputs will be connected with Multiplier Events, in order to reach the widest range of target groups and stakeholders possible.