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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 train pre-school teachers working with children aged 3-5 in order to implement workshops in the field of Culture in order to increase the awareness of children with regard to the importance of cultural heritage as a common good, independent from any ethnic or religious considerations.

CURRENT STATE OF THE PROJECT

Intellectual Output 2: EDUCLAB Local Training Sessions in partner countries

The Training Handbook, offering new approaches for ECEC educators especially in conveying the concept of cultural (and natural) heritage, has been completed last year and is available on the project website. The aim of this training handbook is to supply competences for ECEC teachers to implement cultural workshops and to provide them skills in the digital area and inclusive approaches. Between February and April 2021 each partner institution organised a local training session in order to pilot the developed training course and especially to improve pre-school

teachers' professional competences in this area. A total of 58 pre-school teachers participated at the local trainings at EU level. Even though most of the partners had to organize this event in a virtual setting due to Covid-19 restrictions, most of the participants gave a very positive evaluation to the training and found the subjects covered very interesting. They also showed enthusiasm and willingness to apply what was discussed with their children in the classroom.

Intellectual Output 4: EDUCLAB Video tutorials and Cultural Workshops

The EDUCLAB Video tutorials are finally ready and uploaded on the project website, as well as on the EDUCLAB YouTube channel! They complete the EDUCLAB Toolkit and provide a visual component to each section to show how to organize and how to create supporting materials for each specific cultural workshop in the classroom. Video tutorials are image-based and include subtitles in partner languages. Thanks to the visual components, they are easy to use even in countries outside the partnership.

Previously trained pre-school teachers are now implementing cultural workshops with kids aged 3-5 in the classroom. In Italy, for example, teachers organised in May 2021 cultural workshops in a toy library in Florence. Children participated in the workshops where they could experience animated readings and other fun activities related to reading and books. We will catch you up about the cultural Workshops implemented in all partner countries in the next newsletter!



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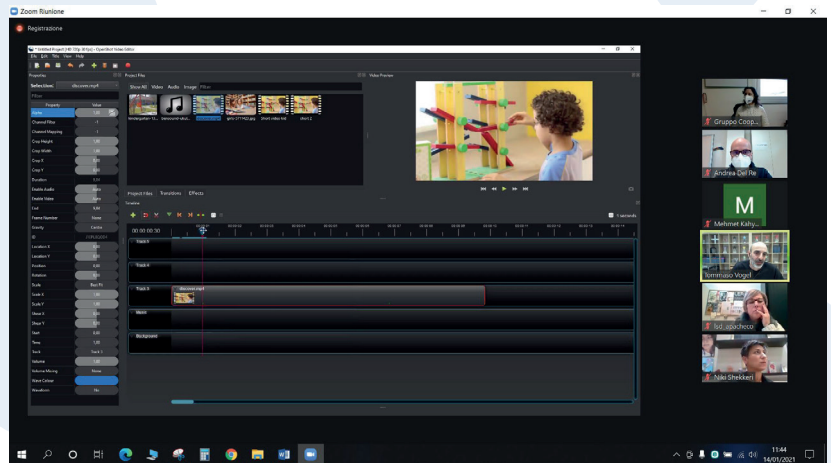
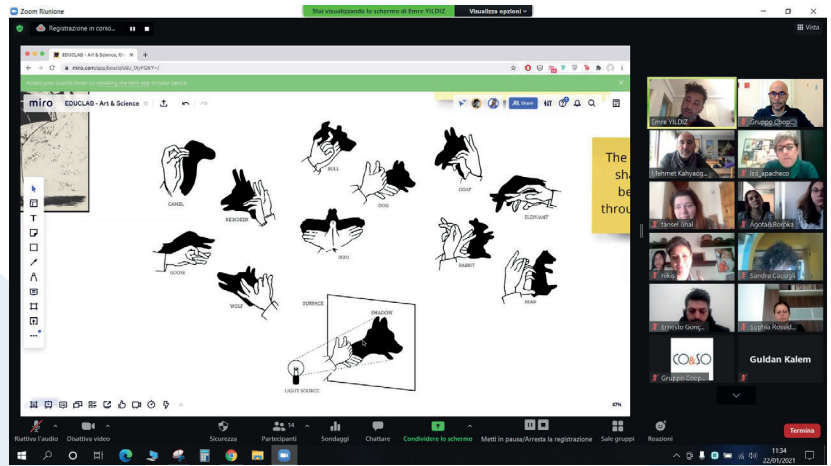
Meetings

SHORT-TERM JOINT STAFF TRAINING EVENT January 2021 online

The joint staff training event had the aim to let participants (pre-school teachers) share and discuss about best practices, tools and approaches identified in the modules of IO2 as well as in the EDUCLAB Toolkit (IO3).

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the training has been organised online using the Zoom platform and this gave the opportunity to all partners to select more participants than those foreseen: nineteen persons instead of twelve (as originally planned) participated at the LTTA, which was a great success for the partnership.

Training activities inspired participants with new and innovative methods to use with kids to promote their knowledge and awareness about cultural heritage. Digital skills were also increased, as participants had the opportunity to try a freeware video editing software as well as some collaborative tools to use in online settings. To conclude, participants had the opportunity to share their practices and also to learn from each other and to acquire competences and tools to be used in their local context, as a guarantee of a real cascade effect.



Next steps of the project

After the project extension from 31st of January 2021 to 31st of August 2021, the project is almost at its end. On the 14th of July the EDUCLAB Final Conference will take place at the Spazio Giovani C.U.R.E. in Florence together with a Live Streaming on the EDUCLAB YouTube channel in order to allow a wide participation even at international level. In July / August partners will also organize multiplier events in their own country, in order to spread and disseminate the project results at local / national level.

At last, the Final project meeting which would have been held in Florence, will be organized virtually using the Zoom platform on the 15th of July. In that occasion, partners will discuss about the project outcomes and results achieved so far.

Stay tuned!

