



E-COURSE: a School Support Platform for multicultural primary schools

The E-COURSE project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, aims at enhancing the skills of teachers in managing multicultural environments and in supporting the inclusion of students with a migrant background. As part of the project, the partners have conducted a desk and field research to collect information on the state of art of inclusion policies in the partner countries and to investigate the challenges and opportunities that teachers faces in their daily work in multicultural environments.

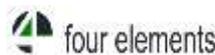
Based on the results of the research, each partner has developed learning modules addressed to teachers in order to improve their knowledge and skills in supporting migrant and refugee students and in managing multicultural school environments. According to the different needs identified, each learning module is focused on a different topic, among which: the use of Web 2.0 tools to enhance learning,

school and parenting aspects in the countries of origin, understanding interculturality, non-formal education approaches and methods, teaching non-native languages.

Piloting of the learning modules

The learning modules have been piloted in two cycles with primary school teachers in order to finalize their content in terms of effectiveness and adapt them accordingly. The piloting phase has been carried out between September and December 2018 in Germany, Greece, France, Italy and Cyprus. During the piloting phase around 100 teachers received training via face-to-face training workshops.

The results of the piloting phase have shown that there was a high motivation among primary school teachers to participate to training activities that focused on providing them with further skills to work with



students with a migrant background and to support their inclusion at school.

According to the feedback received, the learning modules have been finalised and their content was adapted so to be included in the School Support Platform.

The launch of the School Support Platform

The School Support Platform has been finalized and is available on the project's website: <https://learning.e-course.eu/>

Teachers and school staff can find the learning modules developed within the project, thus having free access to the learning content. Along with providing training opportunities to teachers, the platform includes sessions aimed at facilitating the communication among the whole school community: teachers, headmasters/mistresses, school staff, students and their families.

The School Support Platform will be piloted in primary schools in Germany, Greece, France, Italy and Cyprus to support them in managing diversity and fostering the development of an inclusive school environment.

Indeed, the platform includes the following sessions:

- E-learning modules for teachers and school leaders on diversity and inclusion;
- An Online Homework Support tool to facilitate the provision of free online homework support to migrant and refugee students;
- An Online Space for teachers-parents communication to exchange messages; to share information; to set calendar reminders; etc.;

- Useful contacts and information on the partner countries' national educational systems, including enrolment procedures, addressed primarily to migrant and refugee students' parents and families.

It is possible to remain updated on the project's progresses through its website: <https://e-course.eu/>

Further information

[E-COURSE – Enhancing the Participation and Learning Performance of Migrant and Refugee Children in Primary School Education](#) – is a project co-funded by the [Erasmus+ programme, Key Action 2: Strategic Partnerships for school education](#). The project aims at enhancing the professional development of teachers and school leaders in dealing with migrant and refugee students as well as supporting schools to facilitate the inclusion and success of students with a migrant background.

The project involves 8 organisations: [IMA](#) (Coordinator, Germany); [KMOP](#) (Greece); [FOUR ELEMENTS](#) (Greece); [Canary Wharf Consulting LTD](#) (UK); [CARDET](#) (Cyprus); [ESHA](#) (Netherlands); [Pistes Solidaires](#) (France); [CESIE](#) (Italy).

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