**LEARNING AND SHARING**

Pupils from Poland and Norway practice their English skills by communicating in a safe virtual environment using different interactive tools. The 10–13 year-olds send e-mails, chat and discuss in a forum, and in this way get to know each other and become friends while developing their foreign language and ICT skills.

**INTERNETZEITUNG UND U.A. AUSTAUSCH VON TEXTEN ZUR UNTERSTÜZUNG BEIM ERLEARNEN DER DEUTSCHEN SPRACHE**

Pupils aged 14–17 in Germany and Slovakia prepare an electronic newspaper on themes that are actual and relevant in both countries. They work together in using ICT, choosing topics and exchanging materials. The project supports the Slovak students in learning the German language but communication also takes place in English in chats and e-mails.

**SCHOOLS IN PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

* Use pedagogical tools that integrate new technologies in teaching.
* Bring Europe into the classroom by working with schools in other European countries.
* Engage in activities of long or short duration that are related to the curriculum.
* Give their teachers a network in Europe and opportunities for further development through collaborative projects and participation in professional development workshops.

**PLAYING AND LEARNING**

The project introduces computers and other cultures to 5–6 years old children in Poland and Spain. Children exchange information about themselves and look for similarities and differences in school and family together with the teacher. Teachers exchange methodologies, objectives, materials and experiences from teaching at pre-school level.

**FIRST YEAR OF eTWINNING IN EUROPE**

**etWINNING ...**

Promotes school collaboration through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Europe. Teachers and pupils use the Internet to cooperate, exchange information and share learning materials with other schools from the EU countries, Bulgaria, Ireland and Norway.

**Provide an attractive learning environment to pupils and teachers and give new European friends.**

**Get official recognition and high visibility of their work at European and national levels.**

**Benefit from the linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe.**

**Work with easy and simple project administration.**

**www.etwinning.net**
As a collaborative platform where teachers and pupils can work together in a safe environment. The Central Support Service manages the portal in all language versions.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS**

From November 2005 to May 2006, 10 professional development workshops for teachers are organised across Europe to improve teachers’ skills in European collaboration and the use of ICT. Every workshop brings together some 75 teachers to discuss pedagogical methods, share experiences and learn more about eTwinning and its tools. Both novices and experienced eTwinners participate, and they discuss project ideas and set up new partnerships at these workshops.

The workshops are organised by the Central Support Service and the National Support Service in the hosting country.

**NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

28 agencies were set up as national contact points on eTwinning for teachers in their country. The agencies provide information through websites, offer online help to teachers and personal assistance at teacher training seminars on European collaboration using ICT. The agencies collaborate with the Central Support Service on the general development of the action and have regular meetings to discuss issues and future pathways for eTwinning.

**PEDAGOGICAL ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)**

Educational experts from six European countries are appointed to observe the pedagogical aspects in eTwinning. The PAG meets regularly to identify issues and suggest solutions for the pedagogical enhancement of school collaboration in eTwinning. The experts support the professional development of teachers involved in eTwinning by identifying issues and providing general indications on pedagogical innovation.

**WWW.eTWINNING.NET**

The portal is the core of the action and gives teachers and other school staff inspiration and tools to carry out eTwinning projects. The portal is available in 21 languages. It highlights news and events from all over Europe, lets contact details, offers pedagogical tools and learning materials by subject and showcases practice examples. It provides partner-finding and communication tools as well.