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Building an Inclusive and Green Strategy in Your eTwinning School

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Policy Context: The European Education Area

European Commission Communication on achieving the European Education Area by 2025

1. Quality in education and training
2. Inclusion and gender equality
3. Green and digital transitions
4. Teachers and trainers
5. Higher education
6. Geopolitical dimension

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Inclusion

eTwinning Schools- inclusive organisations

- The school creates and supports **continuous learning opportunities** for all staff e.g., participation in trainings, conferences, distant learning

- The school **promotes team learning and collaboration** among all staff.

- The school **recognises and supports pupils** with special needs - pupils who might face learning, linguistic and social challenges - through specific support and actions that are aimed to increase their learning success.
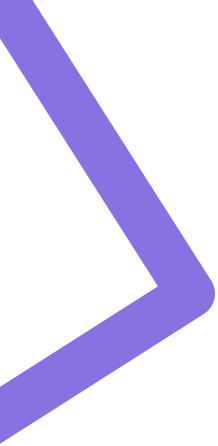
European Toolkit for Schools

Created in 2016 as part of the **School Education Gateway platform (now ESEP)**

Aimed for:

✓ school heads

✓ teachers

✓ policy makers

✓ anybody working with schools

Green

eTwinning Schools – green schools

- No specific reference is made in the eTwinning School Mission
- Many **projects** on sustainable education
- The school focuses on priorities like: efficient **use of resources**, a **healthy environment**, an **ecological curriculum**, **nutritious food**, and sustainable **community practices**.
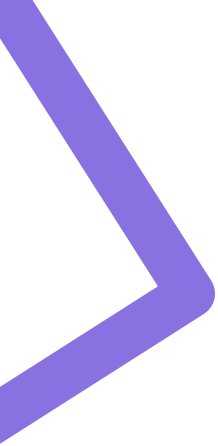- The school has a **green action plan.**

EU Activities

- European Green Deal
- Council Recommendation of 16 June 2022 on learning for the green transition and sustainable development 2022 supports the embedding of sustainability in schools
- Education for Environmental Sustainability Working Group to promote how education can support the move to a greener and more sustainable Europe, including the development of sustainability competences.
- Researchers at Schools
- European Innovative teaching Award: 50 projects on sustainability
- Learning Corner

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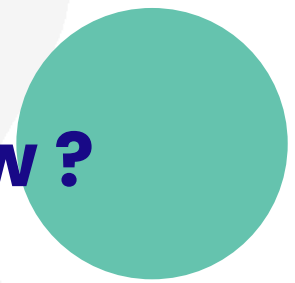
Share an example of an inclusive or green activity you implement in your eTwinning School!

How ?

School Policies: crucial role in promoting inclusivity and sustainability

These policies can help schools to:

- Create a **safe and welcoming** environment for all students and staff
- Foster a sense of **community and belonging**
- Reduce the **school's environmental impact**
- **Prepare students** for the challenges of a changing world

When developing policies:

- it's important to involve **all stakeholders**, including students, staff, and community members
- Schools should also **regularly review and update** their policies to ensure that they remain relevant and effective in promoting inclusivity and sustainability.

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Curriculum Activities

- Students can learn about issues related to sustainability, diversity, and inclusion in a meaningful way, and develop the skills needed to become active and engaged citizens.

- Examples of relevant activities include project-based learning and inquiry-based learning.

- Other activities that can support inclusivity and sustainability include:
  - Service learning projects
  - Debates and discussions
  - Field trips to local environmental or cultural sites
  - Student-led initiatives

Community Engagement

Schools can:

- partner with local businesses and community organizations to develop joint initiatives that promote environmental and social responsibility.

- organise events or activities that raise awareness about sustainability issues or celebrate diversity and inclusivity.

- make use of local resources and expertise that can help to support your school's goals.

- involve parents, community members, and other stakeholders in your efforts to create a shared sense of purpose and commitment to building a more sustainable and inclusive future.

Transformative process!

- Create a shared vision
- Engage stakeholders
- Assess current practices
- Implement changes
- Reinforce teamwork and community involvement in the process

Change is necessary: to create a more equitable and sustainable future for all

How can you find support as eTwinning Schools?

[Professional Development](#): MOOCs, onsite courses, webinars

ONLINE | **OUR OFFER** **FEATURED**

Unlock the Power of Parent-Teacher Partnerships for Inclusive Learning

🕐 Next upcoming session 22.05.2023 - 01.06.2023 (1 sessions)

Organised by European Commission

WEBINAR | **OUR OFFER** **FEATURED**

How to become an eTwinning School: Students as agents of change

The webinar aims at presenting ways in which our school, as an eTwinning school, involves students in European projects and activities and how students become agents of change in their school and also in their community.

📅 11 May 2023 🕐 Starting at 4:00 PM

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CONFERENCE | **OUR OFFER** **FEATURED**

European Online Conference for eTwinning Schools

European Online Conference for eTwinning Schools - Igniting creativity, nurturing well-being

📅 24 May 2023 🕐 Starts at: 2:15 PM Europe/Brussels time 💻 Online

Organised by European Commission

How can you find support as eTwinning Schools?

Supportive Partners:

- Lie Detectors
- European Federation for Intercultural Learning
- Scientix
- Anne Frank
- House of European History
- Europeana
- Foundation for Environmental Education

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