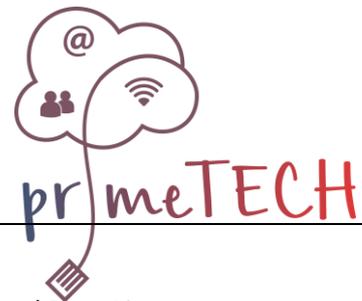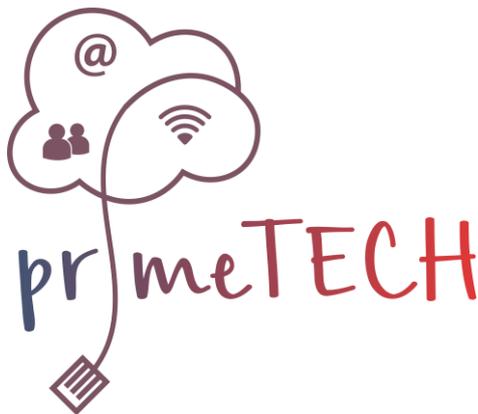# primeTECH Newsletter №2

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About primeTECH

primeTECH is a two-year Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership project. It aims to promote Technology Enhanced Teaching in Primary Schools and is run by 6 partner organisations from 6 countries.

The project tackles the need to enhance the uptake of ICT in teaching and learning, to promote stronger coherence between different transparency and recognition tools at the national and EU levels, and to strengthen the professional profile of the teaching profession.

Initial framework

Since our last newsletter there has been significant progress towards achieving the goals of our project.

In the summer of 2017 we prepared the framework for the training modules, detailing the planned content. The framework contained not only a detailed structure of the modules, but also the assessment criteria covering pre-assessment, theoretical and practical assessments. We also agreed on the pass marks for each type of assessment.

The partners decided to structure the necessary skills and competencies for primary teachers in five areas and training modules:

1. *Information and Data Literacy*
2. *Communication and Collaboration*
3. *Digital Content Creation*
4. *Internet Safety and Security*
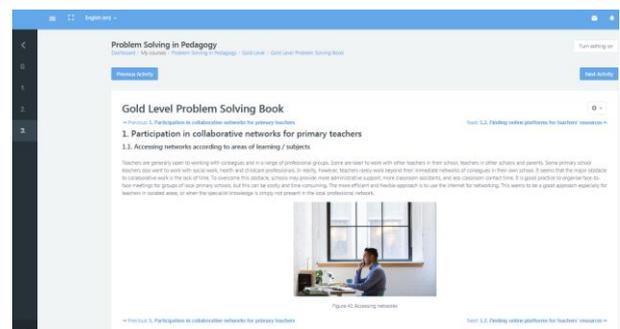5. *Problem Solving in Pedagogy*

Training modules and Open Badges

In the autumn of 2017 all partners have been busy researching and creating the training modules, each of them composed of three levels. The users of the modules will have to undergo a pre-assessment which will inform them of their level of knowledge and recommend which level of each module should be studied. The goal is to complete all five modules. In the process the users will be earning separate badges for each level of each module – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Once all Gold levels are completed, the user will have earned the Diamond badge. The primeTECH learner will receive a notification of their achievements every time they earn a badge, which can also be used as a certificate.

For now the enrolment to the primeTECH courses on Moodle is done manually by the partners for safety reasons while the project is still in development. Once everything is finalised primary teachers will be able to access the modules by themselves and go through the modules in an independent manner, at their own pace.

If you would like to preview the course in English, please, follow this link:

http://primetech.iit.demokritos.gr

Partner meeting and training in Athens

In January 2018 the Greek partners hosted the third transnational project meeting in Athens at the National Centre for Research Demokritos. The focus of the meeting was to monitor the project progress and plan for the next steps as the period of module creation was coming to its end. The next meeting was planned as well, as it will coincide with the final conference.

Partners at the Athens meeting in January 2017

The project management meeting was followed by 5 days of intensive training where partners were trained on the technical subtleties of the Moodle platform, where all the modules are hosted. We have also gone in detail through all the modules, training each other on the different topics and providing feedback to each other in order to achieve top level quality throughout all the training resources.

The final version of the module content was produced and agreed by all partners.

Localisation of training modules

Since all the work on the modules was conducted in English, now that the final version was agreed all the partners have been busy translating the modules into German, Greek, Latvian and Romanian. The UK partner had the task to proofread and consolidate the content in English. It is expected that all the modules will be available in all partner languages by the end of April 2018.

Next steps

With the creation work almost finished it is time to take the project outcomes to the wider public, test them with primary teachers across the partnership countries and disseminate widely in order to reach the largest possible number of learners, who can benefit from the training modules. They can start learning online and earning badges, thus validating their newly acquired skills.

Design of the primeTECH open badges

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