primeTECH Newsletter №4

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About primeTECH

primeTECH is a two-year Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership project, which is now reaching towards its end of implementation. As the partnership prepares to finalise the project, all its outputs are now live and can be used for free for as long as users remain interested in them.

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.

Latest project outcomes

Primary teachers can register on the primeTECH platform and study at their own pace the following **5 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*

These modules are available in English, German, Greek, Latvian and Romanian.

The **project website**, as well as the **primeTECH platform** now host all information and training resources, which will remain accessible for the years to come. You can also find a handy Guide on how to use the platform efficiently. You can visit them at the web addresses shown at the end of this newsletter.
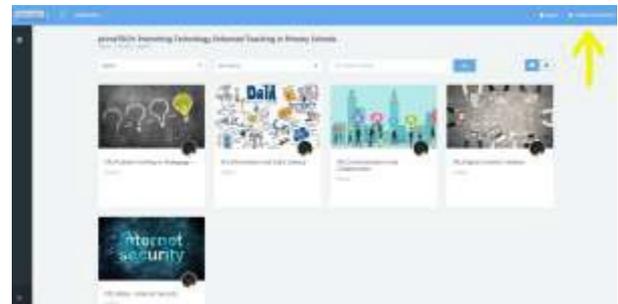
At the last stage of the project the partnership has finalised a document summarising all the findings of our testing and trialling in 5 different teaching and learning contexts across all the countries of the partnership. The **primeTECH in Operation report** provides a very detailed overview of how to use a primeTECH initiative depending on the context:

A. School-based training led by school management
B. School-based training led by external teacher training organisation
C. University-based training within a university teacher training programme
D. In-house face-to-face training by IT experts
E. Self-study without teacher trainers / mentors

Try primeTECH for free now

Anyone can now enrol independently onto the platform: http://primetech.iit.demokritos.gr
All you need to do is to click in the top right corner on "Create new account", filter the courses in your own language and select the topics you are interested in.

You can then take the pre-assessment tests for any of the 5 modules, which will inform you of your level of skills and knowledge and guide you to the corresponding units.

After reading all the materials and trying out the practical activities, you can attempt to pass the Theoretical Quizz and the Practical Assessment in order to earn the corresponding badge.

There is a separate badge for each level of each module (bronze, silver, gold), the completion of all five badges will award the user the Diamond badge, proving your top level skills in using ICT in primary school environment.

primeTECH near you

In addition to the Open Days earlier in the project, every partner organised a multiplier event in their country to promote primeTECH among people, who can help take it further.

CYPRUS - 28th June 2018

During the conference organised by Emphasys Centre, the project's rationale, objectives, products and results were presented. A keynote speech was also given by the Sociologist Maria Christodoulou (representative of UNYSA Cyprus) on 'The role of primary school teachers in the modern cyberspace'. The topics of on-line safety, protection of personal data and dangers for school children were greatly discussed as part of one of the main Digital Competence Modules designed by the consortium. After the presentations, the opportunity was given to all participants to follow the workshops prepared on the five digital competence modules designed as part of the project.

GERMANY - 18th September 2018

The Multiplier Event in Germany took place at the Leibniz University of Hannover and was attended by current and future teachers. The participants enjoyed working with materials from the prime-TECH platform and trying out a variety of ICT instruments.

GREECE – 22nd September 2018

Demokritos successfully organized the Greek Multiplier Event at the Demokritos Congress Center. 96 people attended the event, most of which were Primary School Teachers. After the presentations of the Outputs, a workshop was organized, where participants interacted with the e-platform. The participants showed a real interest and asked questions about how to incorporate blended learning methods in their class.

LATVIA - 27th August and 17th September 2018

Biedriba Eurofortis organised two multiplier events in Latvia with an aim to inform stakeholders about the project outcomes and provide an opportunity to learn more about the primeTECH program in organised workshops. The first event was held on August 27th in Karsava Secondary School. The second multiplier event was organised on September 17th in Pusmucova Primary School. The events received positive feedback from the participants who found them informative and topical.
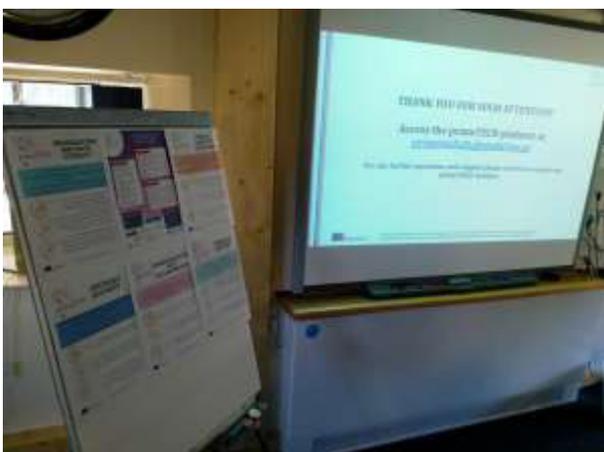
ROMANIA - 5th June 2018

Scoala Primara EuroEd organized their multiplier event at the headquarters of Casa Corpului Didactic Iasi - Romania taking into account the generous space available to the institution. The workshop was received very well by over 40 teachers / inspectors / trainers from different public educational institutions from Iasi. The topics discussed during the event are important to them and they appreciated that the information was presented in a concise and appealing form, receiving information packages and links to primeTECH so they can take it further into their teaching environment.

UNITED KINGDOM - 27th September 2018

The British Multiplier event was scheduled for the last month of the project in order to make sure that a finalized and polished product is presented to the interested parties.
The event was organized at Parkinson Lane Primary school in Halifax, which leads a network of 11 primary schools, but also has extensive connections with other primary schools in North Yorkshire, since it's a teaching school and prepares Newly Qualified Teachers to be posted in primary schools around the region.

This is not the end

The project implementation period may be at its end, but the project team remain involved in primeTECH and will continue to support anyone wishing to adopt and adapt a primeTECH initiative in their teaching environment.

The IO6 primeTECH in Operation report can help schools and teacher trainers to organise their own primeTECH initiative and inside the report there is a list of experts who are ready to assist you in your endeavour.

We really enjoyed working together on this project and are very proud of its results. We would like to thank everyone involved and we hope that primeTECH will continue to inspire primary teachers in their teaching and the youngest students in their learning.

The partnership would like to acknowledge the support and funding received from the European Union through its Erasmus+ Programme which allowed us to bring primeTECH to you for free and the access to all the project results to remain free in the years to come.

Learn more about the primeTECH project activities

- Visit our website: primetech-edu.eu
- Follow us on Twitter: @primetecheu
- Follow us on Facebook: @primetecheu
- Enrol in Moodle:
http://primetech.iit.demokritos.gr

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Keep in touch with
the project partners

The coordinating partner is The Institute of Civic Education, which is part of the Leibniz University Hannover, Germany. The overall aim of the institute is to enable both young people and adults to acquire key skills and competences necessary for active citizenship and participation at all levels of social and political life. IDD develops, tests and implements a wide range of training programs, all of which aim to improve the skills of trainee teachers and other education professionals.

https://www.uni-hannover.de/
http://www.demokratiedidaktik.de/

Primary School and Kindergarten EuroEd in Iasi, Romania promotes the European dimension of education which has become part of the ethos and culture of the school and it encourages multiculturalism and multilingualism by providing education to children of different nationalities or belonging to different ethnic groups.

http://euroed.ro/

The Emphasys Centre is a successful ICT Educational and Vocational Centre and a European Research Centre, based in Nicosia, Cyprus, cooperating closely with various organisations in Europe for the implementation of EU projects. The Centre has great experience in the development of training courses for the professional development of educators across the sectors.

http://emphasyscentre.com/

NCSR "Demokritos" is the largest multidisciplinary research centre in Greece conducting world-class basic and applied research, for advancing scientific knowledge and promoting technological development in selected areas of national socioeconomic interest. It also plays a pivotal role in graduate education and professional training and its unique infrastructure is employed for high-technology services to the Industry and the Society.

https://www.iit.demokritos.gr/index.php?lang=en

Biedrība Eurofortis is a dynamic Czech-Latvian centre based in Riga, Latvia working in the field of training and personal and professional competence development. It provides up-to-date educational and learning materials, tools and methods, as well as training within projects mostly aimed at identification, development and improvement of various competences and knowledge.

http://eurofortis.lv/en/

edEUcation is an education consultancy with expertise in working on international education programmes. The consultancy is led by a former UK secondary Principal who is an officially accredited EU expert in Erasmus+ assisted by highly qualified and experienced practitioners from all education sectors.

http://www.edeucation.com/