



eTwinning Conference 2009
“Creativity and eTwinning”

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

13-15 February 2009
Clarion Congress Hotel
Prague, Czech Republic



FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

12.00 - 14.00 **REGISTRATION**

14.00 - 15.15 Plenary Session I - ROOM MERIDIAN

Welcome to the Conference

Anne Gilleran, Central Support Service

Opening Address

Ján Figel', Member of the European Commission in charge of education,
Training, culture and youth

Videos from eTwinning Schools

Ondřej Liška, Czech Minister of Education (*invited*)

Videos from eTwinning Schools

15.15 - 15.45 **NETWORKING BREAK - FOYER**

15.45 - 17.00 Plenary Session II - ROOM MERIDIAN

eTwinning in the Lifelong Learning Context

Hélène Clark, Director; Directorate-General for Education and Culture

Videos from eTwinning Schools

Keynote Address:

Thinking is the most important skill & it can be taught!

Dr. Edward de Bono

Dr. Edward de Bono is regarded by many as the leading authority in the field of creative thinking, innovation and the direct teaching of thinking as a skill. He is the originator of the concept - and formal tools - of Lateral Thinking, which is now a part of language enjoying an entry in the Oxford Dictionary.

<http://www.edwarddebono.com/about.htm>

Videos from eTwinning Schools

17.00 - 18.00 eTwinning Prizes Award Ceremony - ROOM MERIDIAN

eTwinning – a teacher's dream?



Tiina Sarisalmi, Member of the eTwinning Pedagogical Team

PRIZE CEREMONY

- 18.00 - 19.00 **EXHIBITION - FOYER**
- 19.15 - 20.45 **COCKTAIL BUFFET - ROOM ZENIT+NADIR**
- 21.00 - 23.00 **SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF PRAGUE** (buses leaving at 21.00)

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

** for detailed information on workshop sessions, please refer to pages 5 and 6*

9:30 - 10:30 Plenary Session III - ROOM MERIDIAN

'Your opinion counts' The results of the eTwinning Survey
Patricia Wastiau, Central Support Service

Introducing the workshops
Workshop team, Central Support Service

10.30 - 11.00 **NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITION - FOYER**

11.00 - 12.30 Workshop Session I

Strand 1 Using eTwinning tools in a pedagogic way – **ROOM VIRGO**
Strand 2: Models for School Collaboration – **ROOM LEO**
Strand 3: Creativity & Innovation – **ROOM KEPLER**
Strand 4: eSafety & eTwinning – **ROOM AQUARIUS+TAURUS**
Strand 5: eTwinning in practice – **ROOM TYCHO**

12.30 - 14.00 **LUNCH – RESTAURANT (ground floor)**

14.00 - 15.30 Workshop Session II

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15:30 - 16:00 **NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITION - FOYER**

16.00 - 17.30 Workshop Session III

Strand 1 Using eTwinning tools in a pedagogic way – **ROOM VIRGO**
Strand 2: Models for School Collaboration – **ROOM LEO**



Strand 3: Creativity & Innovation – **ROOM KEPLER**
Strand 4: eSafety & eTwinning – **ROOM AQUARIUS+TAURUS**
Strand 5: Workshop for eTwinning ambassadors – **ROOM TYCHO**

17.30 - 19.00 **EXHIBITION - FOYER**

20.00 **DINNER – ROOM MERIDIAN+ZENIT+NADIR**

SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

9:30 - 11.40 Plenary Session IV - ROOM MERIDIAN

The eTwinning Conference - A Video Diary
Emile Vassalo, former Maltese National Support Service

Running the eTwinning Marathon
Ivana Brabcová, Czech eTwinning Ambassador

eTwinning: State of the art and future challenges
Brian Holmes, Head of Unit; Education, Audiovisual and Culture
Executive Agency

10:35 - 11:05 **NETWORKING BREAK**

11:05 - 11:25 *Creativity & Innovation*
Maruja Gutierrez-Diaz, Counselor; Directorate-General for Education and Culture

11:25 *Conference Closing*
Santi Scimeca, Central Support Service

11:45 - 13:00 National Support Services meet with their guests



INFORMATION: Workshop Sessions & Exhibition

Strand 1: Strand 1 Using eTwinning tools in a pedagogic way

Location: **ROOM VIRGO, 50 participants.**

This workshop will provide examples of how various ICT tools are used in a practical way in running eTwinning projects. There will also be hands-on opportunities for participants to experience some of the new features of the TwinSpace.

Chairs: Thomas Maier / Christina Crawley

Strand 2: Models for School Collaboration: Prize winners

Location: ROOM LEO, 70 participants

In order to see how this year's top European projects got to the top of the list, this session provides an opportunity for participants to hear an expert present an analysis of the winning projects as well as hearing directly from the teachers involved. The session allows for an exchange of good practice and interaction.

Chairs: Sylvia Binger / Tiina Sarisalmi

Session I: **Age categories 1, 2 and 3**, runners-up - Ioanna Kominou
Session II: **Age categories 1, 2 and 3**, winners – Cees Brederveld
Session III: **Science & Maths projects & French Language prize**, winners and runners-up – Palmira Ronchi

Strand 3: Creativity & Innovation

Location: ROOM KEPLER, 100 participants

To be creative does not always imply being a genius. You are creative whenever you find an answer to a question in your own way. If the solution is new and helpful for you, it is creative. You can be creative in any field or topic. Thus, being creative is an essential part of any problem solving process. These sessions explore how creativity can be brought into your everyday thinking and work.

Chair: Alexa Joyce

Session I: Exploring Creativity – Bettina Zeidler
Session II: Exploring Creativity – Bettina Zeidler
Session III: Creativity in your classroom – Sylvia Binger



Strand 4: e-Safety and eTwinning

Location: ROOM AQUARIUS+TAURUS, 70 participants

Schools are an environment for learning and interaction where young people should be able to develop safely and responsibly. New technologies offer teachers and pupils exciting opportunities to learn and interact in virtual spaces that go far beyond the classroom. How can teachers empower their students to stay safe and responsible in their online pursuits?

Chair: Sofia Aslanidou

Session I: Safety in virtual places
Session II: Safety in virtual places
Session III: Safety in virtual places

Strand 5: eTwinning in practice

Location: ROOM TYCHO, 130 participants

Members of the teacher team will conduct two of workshop giving practical examples of their work in eTwinning. They will explore the application of the modules and other pedagogical approaches for teachers involved in eTwinning. The third workshop will be devoted to the work of eTwinning Ambassadors at European level.

Session I: **Cees Bredeveld & Palmira Ronchi** – eTwinning for Secondary School teachers & teachers of Maths & Science.
Session II: **Tiina Salisalmi & Ioanna Kominou** – eTwinning for Secondary & Primary Teachers
Session III: European network of eTwinning ambassadors

Chair: Anne Gilleran & Cees Bredeveld

Exhibition

Location: FOYER

Another interesting feature of the conference is the exhibition of European eTwinning activities organised by all twenty-nine national eTwinning Support Services (NSS) as well as by the top eight eTwinning finalist projects. In this way, the exhibition gives a unique view of the variety and scope of eTwinning.