



# eTwinning

## eTWINNING SCHOOL

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# BACKGROUND

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Rewarding teachers for their work in eTwinning has been a core concept since the beginning with both Quality Label and Prizes. The time is right now to recognise those schools where eTwinning is embedded in the core work of the school, and its staff.

- ★ 2015/16 Concept Paper developed by the Pedagogical Advisory Board
- ★ 2016 Concept Paper presented to Management meeting June /September and further discussion requested
- ★ 2016 – November WG meeting - extensive discussion and refinement of the criteria and process.
- ★ 2017 – Final revisions, approvals and implementation.

# CRITERIA & PROCESS FOR APPLYING

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Criteria and process are linked

- ★ 2 stages of assessment
  - ★ Stage 1. automatic check by System
  - ★ Stage 2. Self assessment application form filled by school

## STAGE 1 AUTOMATIC SYSTEM ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - 4 POINTS

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- ★ The school is registered in eTwinning for **more than 2 years**
- ★ There are at least **2 active eTwinning teachers** linked to the school
- ★ There is **a European eTwinning** project with a National Quality Label (within the last 2 years from application date).

# PROCESS FOLLOWING STAGE 1

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- ★ In early **Nov 2017** the system will run a check to see which schools fulfil those criteria
- ★ The system will send **an email to all teachers** and the **principal** of those schools who have passed stage 1 inviting them to apply for the title of eTwinning School.
- ★ The email contains a link to an information page and If the school is interested they fill in the application form covering the points of the Stage 2 criteria

## STAGE 2: SELF - ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (6 CRITERIA)

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### The six criteria are grouped into 4 areas

- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to developing eSafety awareness in the school
- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to the teaching and learning practices, interdisciplinary teaching and project work
- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to an active and strategic professional development tool for teachers and other school actors
- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to the strategic development of the school

# EACH AREA CONTAINS 1 OR MORE CRITERIA

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- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to developing eSafety awareness in the school
  - ★ **Criteria A.** The school must demonstrate activities that prove teachers' /pupils' awareness of responsible use of the internet
- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to the teaching and learning practices, interdisciplinary teaching and project work
  - ★ **Criteria B.** The school must demonstrate that there is an active collaboration between a group (3 or more) of teachers in eTwinning activities.
  - ★ **Criteria C.** The school must demonstrate that at least 2 groups of pupils in the school are involved in eTwinning project/projects

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- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to an active and strategic professional development tool for teachers and other school actors
  - ★ **Criterion D.** The school must demonstrate that two active eTwinning teachers from the school must have participated in one or more eTwinning educational event
- ★ eTwinning and its contribution to the strategic development of the school
  - ★ **Criteria E.** The school must publically show its involvement in eTwinning. eg. By 1. displaying the eTwinning logo and/or a description of their eTwinning activities on the school website or 2. evidence from a school publicity /policy document or brochure
  - ★ **Criteria F.** The school must demonstrate that an eTwinning promotional activity has taken place within the school or in the local community in the year of the award



# SELF ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FORM

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- ★ Each criteria has a set of questions to be answered. Depending on the answer chosen, the applicant schools must provide supporting evidence in the form of a document upload, or a link to relevant material
- ★ In some questions, the system will prefill in information that already exists in the system and the applicant can supplement that information

# APPLICATION PROCESS

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- ★ The form may be filled in by any eTwinner on the staff of the school.
- ★ The application may be saved in draft form
- ★ It maybe edited by any other eTwinners on the staff ( the system will show the editors and dates
- ★ The final submission has to be certified by the school principal or senior manager.

# IMPLEMENTATION STAGE - 2017

## ★ September / October

- ★ Development of the online self assessment application form
- ★ Development of the online information page
- ★ Advance communication begins

## ★ November

- ★ System check for criteria 1
- ★ Applications open for criteria 2
- ★ Communication continues

# ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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- ★ In each Section the criteria have a series of self assessment questions
- ★ Depending on the answer & the submission of proof by the applicant school a set of points is automatically awarded by the system in each section
- ★ In Section A ( eSafety) the school must achieve the points required to be successful, otherwise they cannot be granted the title
- ★ A school may apply and submit and will get immediate feedback on the status of their application
- ★ Schools unsuccessful in their first submission are free to resubmit up to the final deadline

# WHAT DO eTWINNING SCHOOLS RECEIVE?

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- All teachers in the school will have access to a downloadable certificate via eTwinning Live
- They will have access to a digital badge in their profile page
- The digital badge will be made available to the school to use on their website and printed material
- The school name will be publically listed on the portal after the final application date is closed
- Each school will receive a letter of congratulation signed by the European Commissioner
- The school will receive a plaque from NSS (this plaque will be designed and produced centrally and distributed by the NSS) (for further discussion in November WG meeting)

# TIMELINE FOR THE eTWINNING SCHOOL 2017-18

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- ★ Application period
  - ★ Nov 2017 – February 2018
- ★ Schools may apply and **reapply** in this period
- ★ Any school rejected after its further submissions up to the deadline date, must wait until the next application period opens in 2018 if they wish to reapply
- ★ Within **1 week of the deadline** the names of the successful schools will be published and a concerted communication campaign will take place