



**USING ICT SKILLS TO TRANSFER
HUMAN VALUES IN SCHOOLS
WITH ETWINNING**

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ETWINNING IS...



INTRODUCING ETWINNING

- ★ What is eTwinning?
 - ★ **Community for schools** in Europe and neighboring partner countries
 - ★ **Fully digital platform** for school staff (teachers, head teachers, librarians, etc.) working in a school in one of the countries involved in eTwinning
 - ★ eTwinning is action for schools **funded by the European Commission** under **Erasmus+**, the European programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport
 - ★ Implemented by **European Schoolnet**, a consortium of **34 MoE**

DELIVERING ETWINNING

- ★ **On national level**, the following bodies promote the action, provide advice and guidance for end users and organize a range of activities and professional development opportunities at national level
 - ★ 36 European countries with National Support Services (NSS)
 - ★ 8 neighboring countries and their Partner Support Agencies (PSA)
- ★ **On European level**, eTwinning **is coordinated by** the Central Support Service (CSS), managed by the European Schoolnet **on behalf of** the European Commission
- ★ CSS **liaises with** NSS and PSA in delivery of activities and **is responsible for** development of the www.etwinning.net platform and various other activities, including Prize Award for the involvement in outstanding projects

ETWINNING IS ...



★ More than a platform, a tool that enhances learning experiences, student collaboration & peer-to-peer learning



ETWINNING IN NUMBERS

★ **798.586*** teachers

★ **205.075*** schools

★ **106.267*** projects

★ **44** countries

★ **31** languages

*numbers as of 13/05

The screenshot shows the eTwinning website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the Erasmus+ logo on the left, a language dropdown menu set to 'ENGLISH', and a 'LOGIN OR REGISTER' button on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with the eTwinning logo and several menu items: 'Benefits', 'Get started', 'Community', 'Newsroom', 'Get inspired', and 'eTwinning Plus'. A search icon is also present. A dark blue banner below the navigation bar contains a COVID-19 response message. The main content area features a large heading: 'eTwinning is the community for schools in Europe.' followed by a paragraph describing the platform's purpose and its funding by Erasmus+. To the right of the text is a map of Europe with several inset maps showing specific regions: Azores, Madeira, Martinique, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Réunion, and Canary Islands.

BENEFITS OF JOINING

- ★ **Registered users** can communicate easily, collaborate rapidly, develop projects and share thoughts in a protected and safe online environment for them and their students
- ★ Access to restricted areas:
 - ★ **eTwinning Live**, individual teachers' interface with the community where they can reap benefits of the peer-to-peer and participate in professional development activities of interest
 - ★ **Twin Space**, private collaborative space unique to each project
 - ★ **eTwinning Groups**, gathering users with shared interests
 - ★ **Learning Lab**, online home of Learning Events where develop skills and simulate ideas

KEEPING ETWINNING SAFE



eTwinning Code of Conduct

- ★ eTwinning is a community of eTwinners based on mutual understanding and respect
- ★ Ground rules that keep eTwinning safe and fun for everyone
 - ★ **Be inclusive**
 - ★ **Do not offend**
 - ★ **Do not attack**
- ★ Users are encouraged to report when necessary

MYRIEM AND FRIENDS, CITIZENS OF A BETTER WORLD

More than a doll, more than a child's game



MEET MYRIEM: MORE THAN A DOLL

- ★ Myriem is a **messenger of Love, Friendship, Brotherhood, Equality, Peace, Tolerance**, a mediator who travels between schools spreading values among children and youth



- ★ Educational, cultural and especially human project

GENERAL INFO



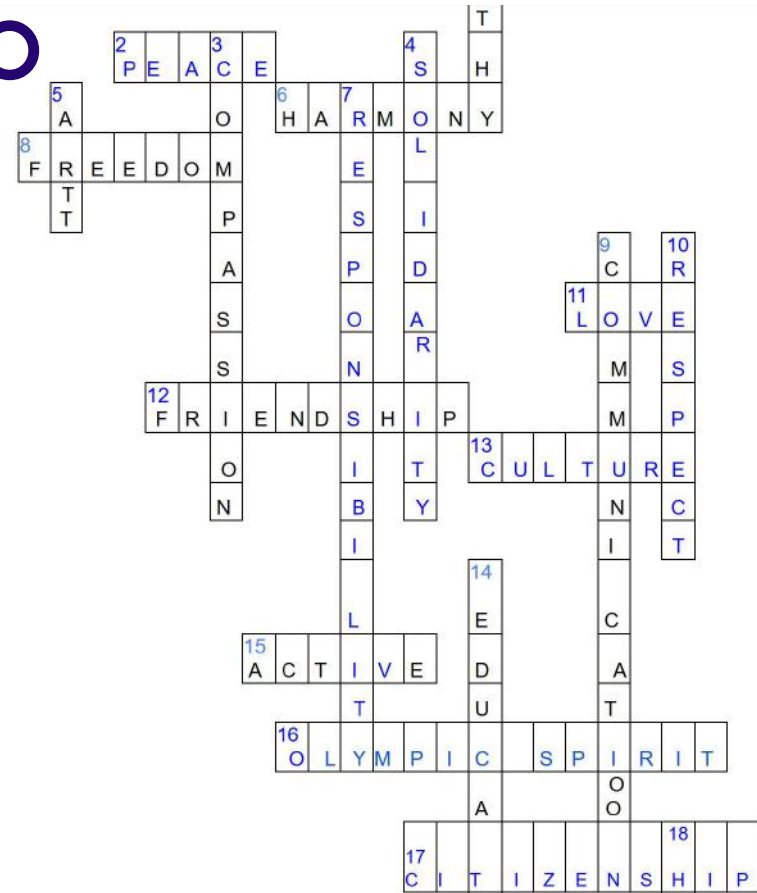
- ★ Objective: **Using ICT to develop commitment, to transfer all human values and to foster ethos**
- ★ Participating countries: **Croatia Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Ukraine**
- ★ **Foster relationships** among young people from different ethnic, religion and cultural groups **enhancing their tolerance in diversities**

FOLLOWING MYRIEM'S STEPS

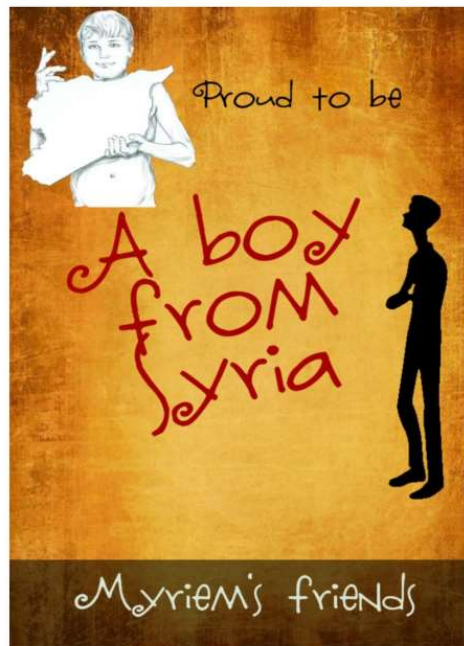
- ★ **Originally from Tunisia**, for couple of years Myriem travelled around 10 countries, spending three months in each
- ★ **Age** of participating students: **5 -17**
- ★ Myriem's **role** was to act as the **starting point to spark conversations** on universal human values
- ★ Students created **international calendar of activities** for Myriem to take part in, where to present their own and learn about other cultures
- ★ Students were also encouraged to **bring Myriem to** their own **local communities**
- ★ Before returning home, **all the students met** for a final gathering in the “**Concordville**”, imaginary ideal country designed by students

CONCORDVILLE MANIFESTO

- ★ Jointly, students created a **Concordville manifesto** – “the community of our dreams, beyond our borders”
- ★ Created through a treasure hunt game of values, where students used QR codes to fill a crossword and create the manifesto
- ★ Simple way to present what discussed in the project



CREATING COLLABORATIVE STORY

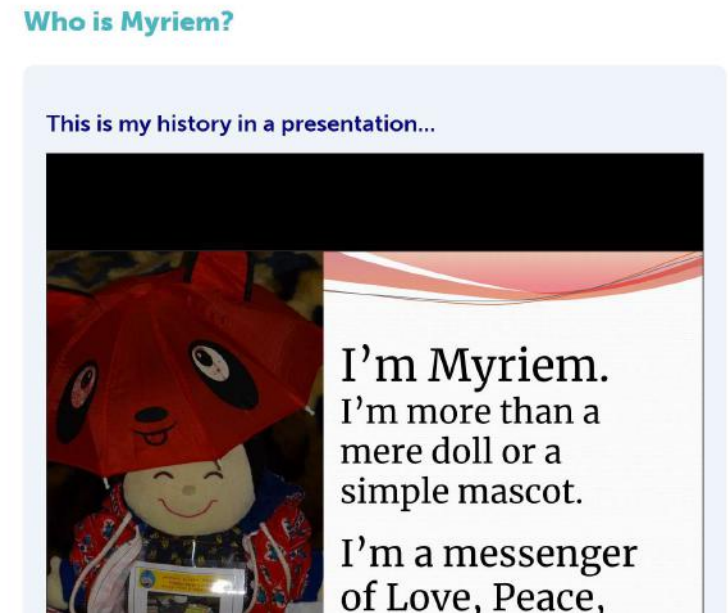
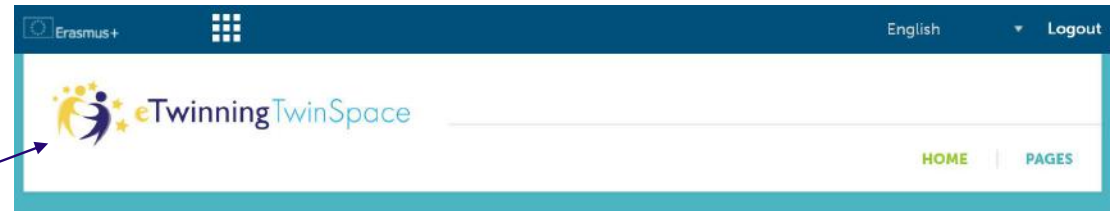


- ★ Using Thinglink interactive image and Google doc, students created **a collaborative story**
- ★ The book is a **refugee's diary** of Jacob, 13l old refugee from Syria in the camp in Greece with his sister Ivy and his mother, narrating from the time he learned about war
- ★ Opportunity to **discuss difficult topics** with even the youngest students

["A boy from Syria" \(issuu\)](#)

SNEAK PEAK

- ★ Twin Space: projects' online home where partners meet, define activities, deliver actions, store the materials developed and report on
- ★ Framework of activities
- ★ Space to upload students' and teachers work, create interactive tools, share common actions etc.



RESOURCES

eTwinning Book

- ★ [If not in Schools, where? Learn and Practice Democracy in eTwinning](#) (2019)
- ★ [“Building a culture of inclusion through eTwinning”](#) (2017)
- ★ [“Growing Digital Citizens: Developing active citizenship through eTwinning”](#) (2016)

eTwinning Projects

- ★ Develop your own project with [eTwinning Project Kits](#)
- ★ [Browse the gallery](#) of the most successful eTwinning projects

Find all the above, and much more on our portal, www.etwinning.net !

BEFORE WE GO...

★ Homework time!

1. Visit the padlet

padlet.com/eunacademy/etwcofacebreakfastbytes

2. Write your replies to questions in padlet

3. Tip: think outside the box!

Meet you there!

THANK YOU 😊!

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