

Programme

eTwinning Onsite course

# Advancing learning and innovation with future-proof skills

28-30 September 2023 - Bratislava, Slovakia

**Erasmus+**

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# PROGRAMME

## DAY 1

28 September | Plenary

Open to the public

15:00 – 15:30

### Opening

- *Vladimir Sucha, Head of the EC representation in Bratislava,*
- *Rute Baptista, Professional Development Manager for the European School Education Platform and eTwinning,*
- *Professor Ing. Jozef Ristvej, Vice-rector for International Relations and Marketing, PhD., EMBA,*
- *Representative of Slovak Ministry of Education, TBC*

15:30 – 16:00

### Keynote 1

Intellectual Humility + Positive Skepticism = Pro-Social World: Solving the Equation for a Brighter Future, *Olívia Hurbanová*

16:00 – 16:45

### Prize Ceremony

16:45 – 17:15

### Short break

17:15 – 18:15

### Networking Activity

20:00

*Dinner at the hotel restaurant*

## DAY 2

29 September | Workshops

Closed to registered participants

9:30 - 11:00

### Workshop Slot 1 - 4 in parallel

- WS1** Mastering the Art of Communication: Unlocking Career Success - *Rute Baptista*  
**WS2** Career education and career guidance practices for future-proof skills - *Nikolaos Mouratoglou*  
**WS3** Creative MonSOON: Exploring the Depths of Creativity & Elastic Thinking for Educators - *Olivia Hurbanova*  
**WS4** AI, VR, AR for absolute beginners - *Natalia Tzitzzi*

11:00 - 11:30

### Short break

11:30 - 13:00

### Workshop slot 2 - 3 in parallel (prize winners)

- WS5** Myth'arts: myths in art and littérature - *Prize Winners: Age category 12-15*  
**WS6** Robo Code - *Prize Winners: Age category 16-19*  
**WS7** SAGE: Solutions Against Greenhouse Effect - *Prize Winners: IVET*

13:00 - 14:30

### Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

### Workshop Slot 3 - 4 in parallel

- WS8** Mastering the Art of Communication: Unlocking Career Success - *Rute Baptista*  
**WS9** Career education and career guidance practices for future-proof skills - *Nikolaos Mouratoglou*  
**WS10** Transversal Skills - , *Maria Lorenza Campanella, María Mercedes Casuso Quesada, Matilde Morales Pascual, Anne-Yvonne Ollivier*  
**WS11** Empowering Minds: Cultivating Resilience and Entrepreneurial Thinking in Students - *Kornelia Lohynova*

16:00-16:30 Short break

16:30-17:30 Networking activity

19:00 Dinner at Bratislava Flagship Restaurant

## DAY 3

30 September | Partner Finding and Panel Discussion

9:30 - 10:30 Partner Finding Session

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:00 Panel Discussion on Pedagogical Innovation

12:00 - 12:15 Closing

12:15 Lunch boxes



# KEYNOTE

## Intellectual Humility + Positive Skepticism = Pro-Social World: Solving the Equation for a Brighter Future

Olívia Hurbanová – CHIEF THOUGHT PROVOKER, HighBröws | 28 September, 15:30 – 16:00

In a world defined by rapid technological advancements, we face significant challenges that test our adaptability and relevance. So, how can we thrive in the future, and what role should educators play in shaping the minds of future generations? To excel in the future, especially in an increasingly interconnected and complex world, we must cultivate a range of future skills, emphasizing continuous learning, cognitive flexibility, and the cultivation of prosociality. Contrary to the popular belief that confidence is the key to success in life, Olivia will challenge this notion by drawing inspiration from scientific research on intuition and decision-making. She will reveal the profound benefits of intellectual humility and positive skepticism. But wait, there's more! Positive skepticism isn't just some fancy term to drop at cocktail parties. Oh no, it's a potent tool that empowers educators to celebrate self-reflection, collaboration, and the fine art of thinking things through. Get ready for an engaging journey as we uncover the often overlooked synergy between intellectual humility and positive skepticism, showcasing how they promote pro-social behavior and compassion. Olivia is about to reveal how these qualities shape us into empathetic

individuals, fostering deep understanding and a genuine desire to make a positive impact.

**Olívia** is a positive skeptic, highly regarded as a lecturer and the author of the «Future Skills» concept. Her groundbreaking concept has been fully accredited at the University of Economics in Bratislava, where it diligently shapes and prepares the next generation of young leaders. With an international presence, she imparts her profound knowledge both in Slovakia and abroad, including esteemed campuses. Furthermore, she runs her own evening school called Brainery. Her expertise inspires numerous clients, including Henkel, IBM, Dell, Swiss Re, Allianz, 3M, O2, Leica, and even the esteemed Slovak government office, among many others. All her efforts aim to bridge the gap between hard science and soft skills, as she adopts a comprehensive approach to understanding the complexities of human behavior. In February 2019, she was awarded the title of Lecturer of the Year with a record-breaking 21 nominations, recognizing her extensive efforts in the field of education towards an inclusive and tolerant society.

# WORKSHOPS

## WS 1

### Mastering the Art of Communication: Unlocking Career Success

Rute Baptista | 29 September, 9:30 - 11:00

Dealing with other is one of the key elements for career success. Are we fully equipped to create strong connection, to effectively communicate, to inspire the audiences we face? In this workshop we will analyze these questions, see how we can support our pupils and will explore some tools that are already within us to maximize our communication power.

**Rute Baptista** is a Pedagogue and currently acts as Professional Development Manager, in Brussels, in European School Education Platform, from European Commission. She works closely with hundreds of thousands of teachers from over 40 countries, supporting, coordinating and managing online and face to face Professional development opportunities. Rute

also works as pedagogical consultant and project manager to a consortium of Ministries of Education, European Schoolnet, based in Brussels. For 8 years and until 2012 Rute Baptista has worked in the Portuguese Ministry of Education dealing with European Projects and ICT in Education having collaborated in several projects and initiatives on this topic, at national level. Rute is a teacher trainer and trains trainers in private companies in Portugal. She holds a degree in Pedagogy and is specialized in curricula development and project coordination.



## WS 2

### Career education and career guidance practices for future-proof skills

Nikolaos Mouratoglou | 29 September, 9:30 - 11:00

The workshop is designed with the aim of equipping teachers with the knowledge, skills, and practical tools to initiate effective career education and guidance practices for future-proof skills. Participants will explore the concept of future-proof skills and learn strategies for integrating these skills into their teaching through practical activities that will be presented. The workshop will also focus on the use of ICT tools for career exploration and the importance of the whole-school approach to guidance which fosters the establishment of partnerships not only within the school, but also beyond that, by collaborating with community organisations and representatives from the world of work.

**Dr Nikolaos Mouratoglou** works as a pedagogical monitoring coordinator at the European School Education Platform and the central support service of eTwinning at European Schoolnet in Brussels. He works closely with teachers from 43 countries, coordinates the embedding of SELFIEforTEACHERS in the European School Education Platform and monitors the impact

of eTwinning through policy reports and publications. Among other things, he coordinates and supports the development of eTwinning in initial vocational education and training, as well as in initial teacher education under the initiative of "eTwinning for future teachers." He holds a degree in Philosophy and Pedagogy, three master's degrees (ICT in Education, Counseling and Vocational Guidance, Adult Education) and a PhD in Educational Psychology, Educational Technology and Pedagogy. He has previously worked in Cedefop, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in the projects of "Lifelong Guidance" and "Validation of non-formal and informal learning", while currently, he is an adjunct lecturer in the Master Program of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens «Counseling, Career Guidance and Lifelong Learning».



## WS 3

### Creative MonSOON: Exploring the Depths of Creativity & Elastic Thinking for Educators

Olivia Hurbanova | 29 September, 9:30 - 11:00

Today, innovation is everyone's business, the ability to think creatively and generate solutions beyond rule-based thinking is essential. This ability, known as 'situational adaptability,' enables individuals to respond effectively to unique and unexpected circumstances. To cultivate this skill, we delve into the realm of elastic thinking or cognitive flexibility, drawing on powerful insights from evolutionary biology and the latest neuroscience research. During this workshop, we explore the inner workings of our brains during moments of creativity. What sets apart genius creators from the rest of us? What traits distinguish them, and how can we develop those traits within ourselves? Can creativity be measured?

The field of neuroscience offers fascinating insights into these questions, prompting us to consider the ecosystems we need to foster for creativity to flourish. Join us and learn how to create the ideal creative ecosystem within and around you.



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## WS 4

### AI, VR, AR for absolute beginners

Natalia Tzitzis | 29 September, 9:30 - 11:00

In this workshop, we are going to discover the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), and Augmented Reality (AR). Designed for educators of all subjects, this workshop offers theory and hands-on tasks based on eTwinning project activities. Participants will gain practical experience with a selection of basic AI, VR, and AR tools that can be easily integrated into their teaching. No prior knowledge is required. By the end of the workshop, we will hopefully manage to unleash the potential of these technologies and create immersive learning experiences for our students.

**Natalia Tzitzis** is from Aegina, a small island in the Saronic Gulf, close to Peiraias, the central harbour of Greece. She is the

headteacher at the 13th Helioupolis Primary School in a town close to the city centre of Athens. After completing her master's degree (MEd in TEFL), she was looking for something fun and motivating for her students and challenging for her to do in class. That's when she came across eTwinning and it was ... love at first sight! Ever since she joined the eTwinning action back in 2005, she has had the opportunity to work with fellow eTwinners from all over Europe (and beyond) on a variety of project topics experimenting and/or fully integrating different teaching methods.



## WS 5

### Myth'arts: myths in art and littérature

Prize Winners: Age category 12-15 | 29 September, 11:30 - 13:00

The Myth'arts project allows students to delve into the world of classical Greco-Latin mythology from an artistic point of view, combining literature, painting, history and music. The goal of

the project is to raise awareness of classical culture and arouse interest in the classical world, while developing the awareness of belonging to Europe.



## WS 6

### Robo Code

Prize Winners: Age category 16-19 | 29 September, 11:30 - 13:00

«Robo-Code» is a STEM project which focuses on engineering and computational science exploiting the flipped classroom methodology to improve the learners' knowledge and operation of technological products (Edison robot). "Robo-code" aims at making the most out of the Vocational School curriculum and familiarizing young pupils with robots and programming applications through hands-on activities. VET students

(Greece) teach Primary School children (Poland & Greece) through blended learning preparing guided visual material (online lectures) on Edison robot (its structure & programming with EdScratch) and posting it on the TwinSpace along with project tasks the 10-year-olds do in class facilitated by a mentor (project teacher).

## WS 7

### SAGE: Solutions Against Greenhouse Effect

Prize Winners: IVET | 29 September, 11:30 - 13:00

The greenhouse effect is responsible for maintaining heat on Earth. This allowed the appearance and development of life. But the increase in greenhouse gas emissions since the Industrial Revolution has led to an increase in the planet's global temperature. This is the main cause of climate change and all the problems associated with it. During the SAGE project: Solutions Against Greenhouse Effect, students gained knowledge about the greenhouse effect, its causes and natural

ways of regulation. They also looked for some solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, especially those caused by transport. 84 students aged between 11 and 19 from three schools in France (vocational school of Saint-Cricq in Pau), Italy (IIS Volta in Lodi) and Slovenia (Preska middle school in Medvode) participated in this project.

## WS 8

### Mastering the Art of Communication: Unlocking Career Success

Rute Baptista | 29 September, 14:30 - 16:00

See above - WS1

## WS 9

### Career education and career guidance practices for future-proof skills

Nikolaos Mouratoglou | 29 September, 14:30 - 16:00

See above - WS2

## WS 10

### Transversal Skills

Maria Lorenza Campanella, María Mercedes Casuso Quesada, Matilde Morales Pascual, Anne-Yvonne Ollivier | 29 September, 14:30 - 16:00

The workshop on Transversal Skills is designed to explore the significance of these skills in the context of the 21st century. It begins by examining what exactly constitutes 21st century skills, drawing insights from reputable sources and highlighting their relevance in today's rapidly evolving world. The session then shifts focus to the importance of Transversal Skills for students in the 21st century. The workshop facilitators will share their own experiences in integrating Transversal Skills within secondary education, delve into the reasons behind incorporating these skills and provide practical examples of activities that effectively promote their development. Through real-life case studies, participants will gain valuable insights into the implementation process and discover strategies for integrating Transversal Skills into diverse subject areas.



**Maria Lorenza Campanella** is an Italian teacher and lives in Vibo Valentia, in Calabria. She used to teach English Language and Literature in several schools but now she is working at Liceo Scientifico Statale "G. Berto" in her own town. She likes technology and she is in the digital innovation team. She started her adventure in eTwinning in 2016 and since then she has never stopped. She always receives National and European QL awards, even her school has been awarded as an eTwinning school three times. She is proud to be an eTwinner because she believes in this new and innovative way of teaching.

**María Mercedes Casuso Quesada** is a teacher of Latin, Greek, and theater at IES Jándula, an etwinning school since 2020, located in Andújar, in the south of Spain. She holds the position of deputy director and is responsible for Erasmus + Projects. María has participated in several theater contests with her students and has traveled all around Europe thanks to Erasmus projects. She began working in etwinning in 2014, in a project associated with her first



Erasmus experience titled «Searching for the Labours of Hercules.» Since then, her experience in etwinning has steadily increased through different projects (15), mostly related to Erasmus. The projects that connect the classical and modern world, in which María has participated with an extraordinary team of teachers, have received national and European quality labels.

**Matilde Morales Pascual** is a teacher of Ancient Greek and Latin at IES Al Ándalus in Almería, Spain. She has been an etwinning winner since 2012 and has also served as a coordinator for Erasmus projects. Matilde has taken on the role of coordinator for gender equality at her school. Her areas of interest include the internationalization of education, gender equality, and affective and sexual education, alongside a strong advocacy for classical languages. In the majority of the eTwinning projects she has participated in, the classical world serves as a foundation for addressing contemporary issues such as gender inequality, fake news, and the defense of democratic values.



**Anne-Yvonne Ollivier** teaches Latin, Ancient Greek, French literature, and theater at collège St Gabriel, a middle school located in Pacé, near Rennes, Britain, France. She discovered Etwinning in 2018 and has gained valuable knowledge from her partners. Anne-Yvonne believes that Etwinning offers an excellent opportunity for students to broaden their horizons in Europe, to find purpose in their learning, and to acquire new skills. Additionally, it allows her to engage in discussions and explore innovative teaching methods with colleagues from across Europe.



## WS 11

### Empowering Minds: Cultivating Resilience and Entrepreneurial Thinking in Students

Kornelia Lohynova | 29 September, 14:30 - 16:00

In this workshop, educators will gain practical strategies to foster resilience and an entrepreneurial mindset in their students, preparing them for future success in their life. The focus will be on equipping educators with techniques and tools to inspire entrepreneurial thinking, develop a growth mindset in students, and thrive in the face of adversity

**Kornelia Lohynova** is a Teacher of Management at Hotel Academy in Bratislava, Slovakia. Kornelia is an ambassador of eTwinning and a moderator of an eTwinning featured group «Entrepreneurship

in Education». Her curriculum utilizes extracurricular activities and international projects as a means of engaging students in the classroom. Kornelia is author of award-winning projects and online and onsite professional development courses focused on Entrepreneurship Education, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), and Project-Based Learning (PBL). She speaks at conferences and leads workshops and webinars for educators. She is a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert.

