Template for Transnational Cooperation Activities

Type of event:

Transnational training, support and contact seminars of potential programme participants	▼

For which sector(s):

☑ School Education ☐ Vocational Education and Training ☐ Higher Education ☐ Adult Education ☐ Youth

Key action(s) targeted:

☐ KA1 ☑ KA2 ☐ KA3

Budgetary year: 2019

Hosting country: MT

Coordinating National Agency (use full name and abbreviation)**:** European Union Programmes Agency MT01

Partner National Agency(s) (if applicable, use full name and abbreviation)**:** N/A

Title of event: Contact Seminar on e-Twinning for Smart Digital Learning

Event organizer			
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Starting date of the event: Tuesday 12/11/2019, arrival Monday 11/11/2019

Ending date of the event: Wednesday 13/11/2019, departure Thursday 14/11/2019

Event venue (city, country): Valletta, Malta

Working language: English

Number of places in total: 35 participants out of which 10 places are reserved for Maltese participants

Participants:
- The seminar is targeted at Head of Departments, Heads of Schools, teachers and educators of primary and early secondary education schools, i.e. of students between the ages of 7-13 years;
- Participants should be interested in acquiring more information on KA2 eTwinning projects, with a particular, though not exclusive, interest in smart digital learning and in creating smart classrooms;

- Participants should have at least some experience of eTwinning projects – example having experience in at least one eTwinning project;
- Participants should be willing to create new partnerships and developing new project ideas to be submitted in the next Erasmus+ KA229 call;
- Participants should be willing to exchange good practices.

Themes and Goals:

In our digital age, students have dramatically new learning needs. Educators and Administrators of schools and learning institutions are trying to adjust to these needs by moving towards smart classrooms using smart digital learning, which lays its foundations on smart devices and intelligent technologies. Indeed, by tapping into the use of modern technologies such as Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, 3D printing and Chatbox, educators can revolutionise the way they educate, making learning more effective, flexible and efficient.

This TCA aims, therefore, to look into these new possibilities and to examine how to combine online and onsite learning and how this technology can encourage real-time collaboration via eTwinning and the Erasmus+ programme. Indeed, eTwinning will be explored as the main means through which students are provided with the opportunity to quality modern education which will help them understand concepts better, improve their reading and comprehensive skills and ultimately achieve academic excellence.

The main objectives:
- Provide opportunities for the sharing of knowledge, good practices and experiences related to different aspects of School Education Erasmus+ projects, with a special focus on projects related to KA2 eTwinning Projects related to, but not exclusively, to smart digital learning and smart classrooms;
- Analyse the needs of project coordinators at application stage including the full understanding of the main priorities in the School Education sector, the development of an internationalisation strategy and quality framework;
- Elaborate proposals to improve the quality of project implementation;
- Analyse the different aspects of the coordinators' daily activity in relation to eTwinning projects that target smart digital learning;
- Provide opportunities for networking and for the development of project ideas and the eventual writing of the application form.

Main Topics of Seminar:
- Erasmus+ projects in the field of KA2 eTwinning projects in the field of School Education priorities and objectives;
- Exploring smart digital learning and smart classrooms;
- How to focus smart digital learning as the main theme of an eTwinning project?
- The needs of project coordinators at application stage;
- The needs and challenges faced by project coordinators during project implementation;

- Enhance capacity building through the sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices;
- Explore modes of enhancing impact of eTwinning projects within the school environment and beyond;
- Explore possibility of developing collaborations for future eTwinning projects;
- Explore promotional tools, which can be utilised to enhance dissemination of eTwinning projects targeting the specific topic of smart digital learning.

Expected results: networking, new partnerships, new project ideas for Erasmus+ KA2 eTwinning projects in the field of school education, draft applications and the eventual increased participation of schools in eTwinning projects targeting the priority of smart digital learning.

Draft Programme of event (subject to changes): The programme will be sent to participants closer to the dates of the TCA.

Some logistical information:
Monday 11 November 2019 – Arrival;
Tuesday 12 November 2019 – Full day programme starting around 8.30 am, followed by a cultural social event in the eventing;
Wednesday 13 November 2019 – Full day programme starting around 8.30 am. The seminar will be wrapped up at around 17.30-18.00; possibility of dinner afterwards;
Thursday 14 November 2019 – Departure.

Event's webpage (if applicable): N/A (Online tools will be used for the sharing of information).

Event fee (amount in EUR, if applicable): N/A

The organizer covers: the cost of 3-night accommodation in single room occupancy on a bed and breakfast basis, lunches and coffee breaks during the seminar, including a social event on Tuesday evening. A possibility of dinner on Wednesday is still being explored.

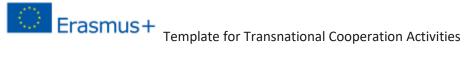**Travel costs** (who covers the travel costs): The sending NA's or participants themselves pay the travel costs.

Number of participants per country: max**.** 2

Deadline to which NAs inform organizer about number of participants, they will send: 05/08/2019

Deadline to which organiser confirms number of places reserved: 06/08/2019

Deadline for sending details of participants to hosting NA: 02/09/2019

Types of participant's data sending to the organizer: name, position, email address, phone number, organisation, country

Registration (if applicable)**:** The registration of participants is handled by the individual National Agencies throughout the Erasmus+ programme countries.

Are National Agencies staff welcome? no

If yes, what is role and rules of participation of NA staff in event: N/A.