

ETWINNING ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

CELEBRATING WHAT UNITES US 23-25 October 2025 **Draft concept note**

THEME

The 2025 eTwinning hybrid annual conference will celebrate and explore citizenship education (the 2024–2025 theme) and introduce the new 2025–2026 theme, 'Skills for life'. This event will engage teachers, schools and education stakeholders from across Europe in discussions, workshops and networking opportunities centred on how education fosters democratic participation, European values and essential life skills.

OVERALL GOALS

- Empower participants to become eTwinning 'power users' (eTwinners who have the ability, skills and enthusiasm to engage their colleagues and involve them in eTwinning).
- Strengthen participants' sense of belonging to the eTwinning community.
- Make participants familiar with the topics of the conference and how they can be used in educational contexts.

ACTIVITIES

1. **Celebrate active citizenship:** Wrap up the 2024–2025 theme by showcasing best practices, research and policies that promote active democratic participation and European values in education.
2. **Launch 'Skills for life':** Introduce the 2025–2026 theme through practical insights into mathematics, digital, literacy, science and citizenship education.
3. **Facilitate teacher collaboration and professional development:** Provide spaces for educators to exchange ideas and strengthen eTwinning projects.
4. **Disseminate best practices:** Highlight outstanding eTwinning practices that successfully integrate active citizenship and life skills.

TARGET AUDIENCES

Depending on the type of attendance:

- Onsite participants: 150 eTwinning educators (80% new users, 20% experienced power users);
- Online participants: Open to all eTwinners through a registration process, with livestreamed sessions available to the broader public.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Thursday 23 October

Common programme, streamed

14:00–15:15

- Welcoming remarks from the European Commission Executive-Vice-President
- Opening speech from Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (TBC) – 10 min
- Keynote address: Education for active citizenship – 30 min + 10 min Q&A
- Greetings from National Support Organizations and Partners – 5 min

15:15–15:45 Break

15:45–16:15 Award ceremony

16:15–16:45 Learn with the winners TBC

16:45–18:00 Networking activity kick-off

19:30 dinner

Day 2 Friday 24 October

Onsite audience

09:30–11:00 Workshop slot 1: Active Citizenship (with 1 workshop session streamed from venue)
11:00–11:30 Break
11:30–13:00 Workshop slot 2: Skills for Life (with 1 workshop session streamed from venue)
13:00–14:30 Lunch
14:30–16:00 Networking (interactive and collaborative challenges)
16:00–16:30 Break

Online audience

09:30–11:00 Workshop slot 1: Active Citizenship (with 1 workshop session streamed from venue + 3 fully online)
11:00–11:30 Break
11:30–13:00 Workshop slot 2: Skills for Life (with 1 workshop session streamed from venue + 3 fully online)
13:00–13:30 Lunch
13:30–14:30 Networking and virtual exhibition hall
14:30–14:45 Break
15:00–16:15 Workshop slot 3: Skills for Life (75min -online only)
16:15–16:30 Break

16:30–17:30 Plenary

Keynote and interactive Q&A about 'Skills for life'- 30 min + 10 min Q&A

19:30 dinner

Day 3 Saturday 25 October

Onsite audience

09:30–11:00 Teach meet on 'Skills for life' (with 1 session streamed from venue)

Online audience

09:30–10:30 Teach meet on 'Skills for life' (with 1 session streamed from venue + 3 fully online)

11:00–11:30 Break

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11:30–13:00 Closing plenary

- Outcomes of networking activity – 30 min
- Panel on Citizenship and life skills – 40 min
- European Commission closing remarks – 10 min

Lunch boxes