

Call for Teachers

Join a Pilot Group Focusing on Classroom Action Research

Have you ever wondered how you can more effectively solve a challenge in your teaching practice? Instead of just randomly trying out ways to address the challenge, action research helps us to turn “classroom challenges” into “researchable questions” and thereby come up with more effective and sustainable solutions. It is therefore a powerful method of professional development with a direct impact on our classroom and school practices. Moreover, it is an ongoing commitment to learning and developing as a practitioner, allowing us to effectively share our findings with our peers and contributing to the understanding and development of the teaching profession.

The Teacher Academy of the School Education Gateway and eTwinning are looking for teachers to join a pilot aimed at integrating the use of action research across the professional development activities offered on both platforms. The 50 pilot teachers will join an experimental online course to develop a research plan, implement it and document the results, between February and October 2022. Participation in the course will help teachers examine their own educational practices with a systematic and rigorous action research methodology.

What is Teacher Academy & eTwinning?

The Teacher Academy on the School Education Gateway was **launched by the European Commission to help teachers access relevant professional development activities across Europe**. The Teacher Academy is a single point of access to on-site and online in-service courses as well as a selection of teaching materials.

The eTwinning action is an initiative of the European Commission that aims to encourage European schools to **collaborate using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)** by providing the necessary infrastructure (online tools, services, support). eTwinning also offers **opportunities for free and continuing online professional development for educators**.

What does it mean to be part of the pilot group?

Recruited members of the pilot group will be required to support the project by carrying out the following actions:

- Actively participate in a new online course about action research that runs over a period of 5 months (around 8-10 hours per month)
- Draft a research plan
- Implement a new classroom-based practice
- Collect data about the classroom-based practice
- Analyze and evaluate data from own classroom
- Write a short research report
- Share experiences with fellow pilot course participants

Why become one of the pilot group members?

Doing action research helps teachers to grow professionally, and to show how they are extending their own professional knowledge. As a member of the pilot group, not only will you learn how to be a reflective practitioner by engaging in a process of planning, action, observation, and reflection, but you will also work with other passionate educators eager to improve teaching and learning practices.

After the course, participants' reports will be published on the European Commission's new platform for school education (successor of the School Education Gateway and eTwinning platforms) and some participants will have the opportunity to present their research reports at the eTwinning annual conference in 2022.

Selection Criteria

- **Proficient knowledge of English (understanding, writing, reading and listening):** teachers should feel very comfortable to communicate in English in order to attend the online course, draft a research plan and write the research report in English.
- **Experience with online courses:** teachers should have completed at least one online course in the past, either on eTwinning or Teacher Academy of School Education Gateway.
- **Good level of digital competence:** teachers should feel confident with the use of digital technologies for information, communication and basic problem-solving.
- **Being innovative practitioner:** teachers should use creative ideas in their practice to successfully engage students.
- **Being open and self-motivated to share experiences with peers:** teachers should have the willingness to join this learning community actively by sharing ideas.
- **Be able to commit to spend around 8-10 hours per month** in the period February – July 2022

How to Apply

Teachers are invited to apply for the group by filling [in this application](#) by **14 January at 12:00 CEST**. The selected teachers will be officially informed by email about their participation to the pilot group activities by 21st January at the latest.

Contact

In case of questions or doubts, you can contact Efi Saltidou, Coordinator of the pilot group: efi.saltidou@eun.org

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