

## Opened school in France

### Results of the measure

105,135 participations were recorded during the different sessions of the initiative. In total, 60,885 students participated in the initiative. Among the participating students, 14% are primary school pupils, 69% are college students, 16% *lycéens* and 1% comes from vocational schools. The initiative enables the promotion of the linking between primary school and college, and between college and lycée, and to welcome students from neighbouring schools; 81.2% of students participating in the operation are enrolled in the organising school, 18.6% are educated outside the school.

A survey was conducted on the activities of the Open School projects in 2013. The survey found that it is very clear that 'Open School' helps to improve the school climate, gender equality, the prevention of absenteeism and early school leaving, the cultural development and the opening up of the school to its local environment, including by increasing partnerships with local stakeholders and associations. It also changes the relationship of students with learning, the context appearing more beneficial.

Among the observations of the study were that students regained a taste for school learning, there was a reduction in antisocial behaviour, a reduction in the number of temporary exclusions as well as better family involvement. Pupils in difficulty regained self-confidence and some reinvested the knowledge acquired in the classroom, improving their results.

One of the strong points of the educational projects of the scheme is about the link primary school/college. The adaptation of pupils leaving primary school to go to college is facilitated.

### Funding/resourcing the measure

The amount of the initiative is approximately EUR 9 million.

The Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research and the CGET finance the initiative. The national funding spent amounted to approximately EUR 7.8 million in 2013.

Additional funding is provided by the ESF and local authorities.

Distribution of resources between the selected projects is carried out by the RSG<sup>1</sup>s, according to the budget allocated by the national partners and to additional funding. The allocation of funds to 'Open School' projects is made according to criteria defined at the level of each RSG. The distribution of funds is made on the basis of a weekly budget of EUR 800 per week and per activity up to a maximum amount of EUR 6,100.

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<sup>1</sup> Regional Steering Groups