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# HOW TO RUN SCHOOL VALIDATIONS ACROSS EUROPE

A Living Schools Lab Workshop by European Schoolnet  
5 June 2014, Brussels

Running pan-European school pilots where teachers and pupils evaluate new technologies can be both extremely challenging and expensive. This free workshop from the Living Schools Lab project will enable research projects, ICT suppliers and other interested organisations to understand how European Schoolnet runs both large-scale and small scale school validations with its 30 supporting Ministries of Education.

The workshop will explain:

- The results you can expect from using different types of evaluation methodologies and instruments.
- How to motivate teachers to participate in your own school pilots.
- The successful operational guidelines that European Schoolnet uses in pan-European school pilots, some of which involve over 2,000 classes.
- How to design your own validation with schools and teachers in different countries.
- How your project or company can use a new turnkey action research service involving schools in the Living Schools Lab network.

During the workshop there will also be an opportunity to visit the Future Classroom Lab, a fully equipped, reconfigurable, teaching and learning space developed by European Schoolnet, its 30 supporting Ministries of Education and leading educational technology suppliers.

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## REGISTRATION:

To sign-up for this free workshop,  
please use this link:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/y4qsxb/4W>

## VENUE:

European Schoolnet Office  
Rue de Trèves 61  
Brussels



# Agenda 5 June 2014



9:30 – 10:00	Arrival and coffee
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Introduction and welcome to European Schoolnet and the Living Schools Lab Project</b> <i>Jim Ayre, Senior Adviser and Dorothy Cassells, LSL Project Manager, European Schoolnet</i>
10:20 – 11:00	<b>Methodologies and instruments for validating ICT use in schools</b> <i>Anja Balanskat and Patricia Wastiau, Knowledge Building Team, European Schoolnet</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>The LSL Schools: motivating and rewarding teachers in action research pilots</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Insights from the LSL Observation Visits</i> <i>Diana Bannister, University of Wolverhampton</i></li> <li><i>What motivates teachers in action research projects?</i> <i>Jim Ayre and Benjamin Hertz, European Schoolnet</i></li> </ul>
	<i>At the Future Classroom Lab</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:15	<b>Operational guidelines for running school pilots across Europe: insights from European Schoolnet projects</b> <i>Alexa Joyce and Ioanna Leontaraki, European Schoolnet</i>
12:15 – 12:45	<b>Tour of the Future Classroom Lab</b> ( <a href="http://fcl.eun.org/">http://fcl.eun.org/</a> )
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Workshop session in groups: developing your own action research validation pilot</b>
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Feedback from workshop sessions and discussion</b>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 15:30	<b>Introduction to the LSL Validation Service</b>
15:30 – 16:15	<b>Discussion on what participants need from the LSL network of schools and a pan-European validation service. Closing the workshop</b>

## Teachers at the Future Classroom Lab, Brussels



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## Living Schools Lab - A whole school approach to ICT in teaching and learning

Started in October 2012, Living Schools Lab is a two-year project funded by the European Commission and coordinated by European Schoolnet. It includes 12 Ministries of Education and aims to create:

- A sustainable, growing network of primary and secondary schools, based around regional clusters, that showcase and share best practice and ways to successfully embed the use of technology in teaching and learning across the whole school.
- A strong community of practice, with supporting continuous professional development opportunities for teachers.
- Opportunities for schools to get involved in action-based research, creating links with outside partners including industry and other pan-European projects.

To follow the project's progress and register your interest, please go to the project website: <http://lsl.eun.org>



## The Future Classroom Lab

Based in Brussels, the Future Classroom Lab provides a platform where policy makers can rethink their ICT in Education strategies and where teachers, head teachers and ICT advisers can experiment with innovative pedagogical approaches within flexible learning environments. The Lab is a reconfigurable teaching and learning space developed by European Schoolnet, its 30 supporting Ministries of Education and 25 leading educational technology providers. The Lab is visited daily for tours by policy makers, researchers, teachers, head teachers, ICT coordinators and other educational professionals. Since launch an estimated 3000 visitors have been to the Lab, primarily policy makers from national or regional Ministries of Education and the European Commission. <http://fcl.eun.org>



## iTEC – Designing the future classroom

Within the iTEC project, about 2.000 teachers from across Europe have embedded digital tools to support new pedagogical approaches in their classrooms. The inspirational teaching and learning resources provided by iTEC help teachers to innovate in their teaching and motivate their students to collaborate, to be creative and to develop their skills with technologies. One of the teachers inspired by iTEC told that a learning story he used "has created lessons plans which are full of discovering, thinking, creating and achieving success as well as centred in the real world around us". iTEC is funded with support by the EC-FP7 and is a partnership of 26 partners including 14 Ministries of Education, technology providers and research organisations. iTEC welcomes different organisations (regions, training or research institutes) to join the project as Associate Partners and be part of embedding innovation into today's classrooms. <http://itec.eun.org>



## Creative Classroom Lab – Pan-European policy experimentations with tablets

Started in April 2013, the Creative Classrooms Lab (CCL) project is developing innovative teaching and learning scenarios involving the use of tablets in and out of school. This EC-LLP funded project will validate these scenarios in policy experimentations involving nine Ministries of Education in Europe and 45 classes that are already making use of tablets from different suppliers. Ministries of Education will also seek to co-design action research pilots with industry partners that will be project Associate Partners. <http://creative.eun.org>



## European Schoolnet

European Schoolnet is a network of 30 ministries of education in Europe that has been in existence for over 14 years. Its main activity is to provide concrete evidence and data for the effective use of ICT in schools on which ministries of education can base policy recommendations. As we help policy makers develop new education strategies, we feel it is increasingly important to also engage in a structured and regular dialogue with education decision makers at regional level, as they have a key impact on school development in our respective countries. Web [www.eun.org](http://www.eun.org) | Email [info@eun.org](mailto:info@eun.org)

