



# Acer-European Schoolnet Educational Netbook Pilot

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<http://netbooks.eun.org/>

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## **8.000 netbooks and 1.200 notebooks across Europe!**

In September 2010, 30 new classes in the six pilot countries will join the Acer-European Schoolnet's Educational Netbook Pilot. These 30 classes are added to the 10 pre-pilot classes that started the project already in the spring 2010. This means a total of fully equipped 240 netbook classes across Europe: Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Turkey and UK. In all, Acer will provide approximately 8.000 netbooks and 1.200 notebooks to study the impact that 1:1 pedagogy can have on learning and teaching in and outside classroom.

The delivery of the equipment to the new classes has been already started to ensure that as many class as possible can use netbooks right from the beginning of the school year. The new classes will receive a new netbook model, Aspire One D255.

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## **Netbook brochures for teachers and parents...**

...have been posted to all pilot schools! Therefore, check your mail and make sure that the brochures are distributed to the teachers taking part in the pilot and pupils' parents. The brochures are available also online:

EN: [www.netbooks.eun.org/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?p\\_l\\_id=12808&folderId=10889&name=DLFE-15.pdf](http://www.netbooks.eun.org/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=12808&folderId=10889&name=DLFE-15.pdf)

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## **Official launch events**

To celebrate the start of the full employment phase, Acer and European Schoolnet will organise official launch events in all of the pilot countries. The launch events taking place along autumn with support of national and/or local authorities are principally aimed at policy-makers, school authorities and the representatives of media. The launch events will be announced on the netbooks website on due course.

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## **Netbook pilot at EMINENT 2010**

European Schoolnet's annual educational conference, EMINENT, will take place this year on 8-10 November in Copenhagen, Denmark. The EMINENT provides a unique opportunity to meet, make new contacts and discuss common ICT initiatives that foster the development of education in Europe. This year a special emphasis is placed on bringing teachers and policy makers together.

The netbook pilot will be well visible in the EMINENT 2010. Acer is one the main partners of the eLearning Awards that will announce this year's winners on the evening of 8 November. Moreover, the Netbook Team will present the experiences from the netbook pilot in a workshop called "1:1 pedagogy - do netbooks change anything in teaching and learning?" on 9 November.

→ <http://www.europeanschoolnet.org/web/guest/eminent/eminent2010>

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## New pedagogical scenarios

The Netbook Team has prepared a new 1:1 pedagogical scenario to be used in your classes. The new scenario is:

### Debating ethical aspects of nanotechnology in a foreign language classroom

During a foreign language class the students will explore information and ethical issues related to nanotechnology. The lesson uses a WebQuest model which is an inquiry-based, on-line learning activity. In this WebQuest the students will do Internet researches, play different roles to debate the ethics of nanotechnology, work in small groups and use mindmapping tool. The lesson benefits from Nanoyou website that contains tools and activities designed to engage young people in dialogue about the social implications of nanotechnology.

→ <http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/nanoyou-scenario>

Other scenarios and resources are available at:

→ <http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/resources>

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## Pedagogical coordinators' kick-off meeting was held in Brussels

The pedagogical coordinators met in Brussels on the weekend of 18-19 September 2010 to plan and discuss the implementation of the pedagogical support to schools and teachers. Each country has a coordinator who will support local teachers to implement their netbook activities. The kick-off meeting concentrated on exchanging experiences and ideas from different countries as well as to plan future activities, e.g. monthly online training sessions that the coordinators will organise in their countries.

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## eSafety: the first priority

European Schoolnet promotes different initiatives that highlight the importance of responsible and safe use of ICT. The EUN Netbook team wants to remind the teachers and parents in the Netbook Pilot to follow some basic eSafety rules. The EUN's eSafety team is shortly sending to most of the pilot schools information in their language. Meanwhile, you can download here "EU Kids Online" information about eSafety in your country (available for DE, FR, UK, IT, ES).

→ [http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/documents?p\\_p\\_id=20&p\\_p\\_lifecycle=0&p\\_p\\_state=maximized&p\\_p\\_mode=view&p\\_p\\_col\\_id=column-2&p\\_p\\_col\\_count=2&\\_20\\_struts\\_action=%2Fdocument\\_library%2Fview%20folderId=21459](http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/documents?p_p_id=20&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&p_p_col_id=column-2&p_p_col_count=2&_20_struts_action=%2Fdocument_library%2Fview%20folderId=21459)

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## eLearning Awards 2010 – submission is open!

Since 2001, European Schoolnet has been running the eLearning Awards competition to acknowledge and highlight teachers' and schools' best practices in the pedagogical use of ICT. Projects are submitted to the eLearning Awards in general, not to a specific category. All entries are considered for the outstanding teachers Award and, for other Awards, evaluators identify for which categories the projects are suitable. Participate one and you can one of the winners! The submission is open until 28 September.

→ [http://elearningawards.eun.org/ww/en/pub/elearningawards/about\\_the\\_awards.htm](http://elearningawards.eun.org/ww/en/pub/elearningawards/about_the_awards.htm)

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## Take part in the Teachtoday competition and win 400 euros!

Enter the Teachtoday 'Teacher of the Month' competition and win a cash prize to help you implement your eSafety project in class. All you have to do is share your ideas and experiences on promoting the responsible use of digital technologies (e.g. Internet, mobiles, social networking and game consoles) in the classroom.

→ <http://eskills.eun.org/web/teachtoday/>

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### **The Microsoft® Learning Suite!**

The Microsoft Learning Suite is a set of innovative teacher tools and applications that—when combined with the power of Microsoft Office and Windows®—create a robust, creative and collaborative learning environment for students and educators.

→ [http://www.netbooks.eun.org/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?p\\_l\\_id=12808&folderId=31389&name=DLFE-1002.pdf](http://www.netbooks.eun.org/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=12808&folderId=31389&name=DLFE-1002.pdf)

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### **TACCLE course on e-learning**

The next TACCLE course "Creating your own e-learning content in school education and adult education" will be organised from 3 April 2011 until 10 April 2011 in Ancona (IT). With this in-service training our aim is to help teachers to develop state of the art content for e-learning in general and for learning environments in particular.

→ <http://www.tacCLE.eu/content/view/29/1/lang,en/>

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