



Acer-European Schoolnet Educational Netbook Pilot

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

Renewed netbooks.eun.org website

The netbook pilot website at www.netbooks.eun.org has now a new design! Also, the website has a new login system, called OpenID. We have adopted the OpenID user authentication system which means that a user creates an OpenID account which can then be used on several EUN project websites.

All the people who have already an account at netbooks.eun.org are advised to create their own OpenID account and then connect the old account with the OpenID to avoid losing any member data.

For information on how to create your OpenID account go here

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

Evaluation finds that teachers are very positive about the suitability of netbooks for the school environment

The netbook pilot teachers participated in an evaluation (n=240) of the netbook pilot which runs in parallel in six countries: France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey and the UK. 79% of the teachers think that netbooks will positively impact on learning. About 3/4 think that they will also allow for students' personalised learning. The digital version of the report is available now for downloading and it will be published in the EMINENT conference in Copenhagen on 9-10 November.

The report is downloadable at:

→ http://www.netbooks.eun.org/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=12808&folderId=189010&name=DLFE-1133.pdf

New pedagogical scenario on environmental issues

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

Campaigning for environmental issues in the foreign language classroom

Students will work in the framework of U4energy competition which encourages schools to demonstrate their achievements in saving energy in an effort to move towards a more sustainable future. Students look and find information on climate change and express their own opinion about it in a foreign language. The final output of the lesson is to prepare class' own awareness raising campaign for the community. The work can be submitted to the U4Energy competition.

→ <http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/u4energy>

Other scenarios and resources are available at:

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

Acer Classroom Manager software for the pilot schools

Acer will provide all the pilot schools with an opportunity to use freely the **Acer Classroom Manager (ACM)** software. ACM is an application of centralised instructing helping teachers and trainers improve the efficiency of teaching. With the help of ACM, the teachers can monitor application and web usage, track language lab audio activity, improve support through online help and chat requests and save time by automatically sending and collecting work files or quickly polling the class and showing instant results. The pilot classes can use ACM freely during the 2010-11 school year.

For more information go here:

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

Cabri II Plus and Cabri3D

Thanks to collaboration with Cabrilog, a provider of innovative tools for teaching and learning maths, two special softwares – Cabri II Plus and Cabri3D – will be available for the pilot schools:

- The philosophy behind Cabri II Plus is to allow the maximum interaction (mouse, keyboard, etc.) between the user and the software, and, in each case, to ensure the user is not surprised by the response of the software, firstly by respecting the standard responses of applications and operating systems, secondly by plausible mathematical behaviour.
- Cabri 3D is a program that enables to teach and explain three-dimensional geometry in an interactive way. In 2007, Cabri 3D won a prestigious BETT Award.

For more information go here:

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

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>

The official launch events of the netbook pilot around Europe

The netbook pilot will organise official launch events in all of the pilot countries. The aim of the events is to raise awareness of the pilot among national and local school authorities, decision-makers and press. The Italian launch event was organised on Thursday 14 October in Napoli in cooperation of the national conference "3 giorni per la scuola". The German launch event took place on Tuesday 26 October in Hannover, hosted by IGS Hannover-Linden school. The official French launch event will be organised in the framework of the Educatec-Educatic conference-exhibition, on 24 November in Paris. See the pilot blog for further information on different events!

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

Turkish and Spanish kick-off meetings for teachers held online

See here the presentations and the recorded sessions of these online events!

Spanish kick-off, 3 November

Recorded Elluminate session:

→ <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2010-11-03.0657.M.DE5EADBD554720FE8BEF7E6B6D46C6.vcr&sid=2010141>

Presentations:

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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&_struts_action=%2Fdocument+library%2Fview&_20_folderId=200447

Turkish kick-off, 15 October

Recorded Elluminate session:

→ <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2010-10-15.0021.M.DE5EADBD554720FE8BEF7E6B6D46C6.vcr&sid=2010141>

The Turkish pedagogical coordinator has also prepared a schedule for frequent online sessions with the netbook teachers. The schedule is visible in the blog:

→ <http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/blog/-/blogs/2010-2011-flashmeeting-uygulaması-kullanılarak-internet-uzerinden-yapılacak-yıllık-toplantı-programımız>

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