

Acer-European Schoolnet's Educational Netbook Pilot

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

A short follow-up questionnaire

Please reply to this short questionnaire that allows us to follow-up the development of the netbook pilot in the schools. All teachers can reply, but we hope to get at least one reply from each school. Please reply latest by 17 December 2010.

EN: <http://tinyurl.com/netbookminisurveyEN>

ES: <http://tinyurl.com/netbookminisurveyES>

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DE: <http://tinyurl.com/netbookminisurveyDE>

FR: <http://tinyurl.com/netbookminisurveyFR>

OpenID login at netbooks.eun.org

The netbook pilot website at www.netbooks.eun.org is using a new login system, called OpenID. Users will create their 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.

Instructions on how to create your OpenID account:

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ES: <http://tinyurl.com/openid-ES>

If you have problems to login with your OpenID please send us a message: info-netbooks [AT] eun.org

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. The software is available

For more information go here:

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

EN: <http://www.acer.com/education/eng/acm.html>

FR: <http://www.acer.com/education/fra/acm.html>

ES: <http://www.acer.com/education/esp/acm.html>

IT: <http://www.acer.com/education/ita/acm.html>

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:

→ www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/cabrilog

Netbook pilot at EMINENT 2010



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

The netbook pilot was well presented and visible at EMINENT: Acer was one of the main partners of the eLearning Awards and twelve netbook teachers were invited to the event to explain about their best practices to other teachers. The workshop on 1:1 pedagogy was a success with a room full of people wanting to know about the pilot and adopting 1:1 thinking into schools.

→ www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/blog/-/blogs/1:1-pedagogy:-workshop-about-using-netbooks-for-teaching-and-learning

Acer and netbook pilot at BETT 2011



Acer will participate as an exhibitor at BETT which is one of the biggest European fairs on ICT for education. The event takes place in London on 12-15 January 2011.

→ To know more about BETT and to get registered: www.bettshow.com

Netbooks on the rise: European overview of national laptop and netbook initiatives in schools



The report *Netbooks on the rise: European overview of national laptop and netbook initiatives in schools* is now published on Insight. The report is drafted on the basis of the information provided by Ministries in the Country Reports and aims at giving a general overview of national initiatives providing laptops/notebooks or netbooks to schools as identified in a number of European countries.



→ http://insight.eun.org/ww/en/pub/insight/policy/policies/netbook_on_the_rise_european_.htm

Pan-EU Youth website launched



EUN is delighted to announce, in partnership with Insafe and Vivendi, the launch of Pan-EU Youth, a brand new online platform for expression targeted at young people between the age of 14 and 18 where they can blog, vote, debate and share videos on citizenship issues of concern to them, such as Young people in the media, Digital lives and E-skills.

Needless to say, Pan-EU Youth is a literacy platform highly relevant to the needs of teachers and fit for use in a wide range of class settings, from citizenship and computer lessons to social studies, ethics and language classes. An interactive role play built along the innovative PlayDecide format is also available to teachers for download. The platform is currently available in English, French and German.

→ Pan-EU Youth website www.paneuyouth.eu/

Games for learning recommendations published



Clearer definitions and a taxonomy of games for learning, a central repository, integration into textbooks, evaluation, localisation, a team approach to development, professional support and bridging home and school - these are some of the fifteen recommendations of the two-year IMAGINE project.

→ IMAGINE project: <http://imaginegames.eu/eng>

→ Report: Digital Games for Learning - Conclusions and recommendations from the IMAGINE project
<http://tinyurl.com/34kyyl>

Guidelines for Effective Use of Interactive Whiteboards (IWB)



The IWB Working Group, with the support of four IWB vendors (eInstruction, Mimio, Promethean Ltd., SMART Technologies) has developed Guidelines for Effective School/Classroom use of IWBs. This work was led by Diana Bannister at the University of Wolverhampton in the UK under the project name EuScribe - European Schools and Classroom Research on Interactive whiteBoards in Education.

The aim of these guidelines is to develop an international understanding of how, in practice, the use of IWB technology should be employed to deliver educational benefits. A further aim is to ensure that these technologies are fully exploited in support of learner outcomes.

- Full report: <http://tinyurl.com/34hzm3g>
 - Shorter version: <http://tinyurl.com/348rhm2>
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1:1 resources by the Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation (AALF)

The AALF offers a series of Professional Development courses that focus on best practices of highly effective 1:1 classes and their organization, pedagogy, and learning culture. Some courses concentrate on general guidelines for teaching and learning in 1:1 classrooms, while others center on 1:1 learning and teaching models for specific curriculum areas.

- These training events, articles, blogs and many more are available at www.aalf.org/
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SCIENTIX Conference 6-8 May 2011

Don't miss your chance to learn more about the main actors of Scientix, meeting other members, sharing experiences, and contribute in improving the science education in Europe during the first Scientix Conference on 6-8 May 2011 in Brussels, Belgium. The number of participants will be limited, so book your place well in advance!

- More information and registration <http://tinyurl.com/34nm788>
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