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Educational Netbook Pilot

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The parents are having their say on the Netbook Pilot – survey extended deadline until 22 May!

With about 7000 netbooks out in schools in six countries, our aim is to reach half of the parents with this survey. This means 3500 completed surveys. So far we have received around 1450 completed surveys. You can follow-up the number of replies from each country in the evaluation section on the project website.

The deadline is **extended until 22 May** to be sure that the schools have enough time to communicate about the questionnaire to the parents. Consequently, the **students' questionnaire will be launched in mid-May** and the one for teachers' by the end of May.

[Read more here](#)

Over 200 teachers' pedagogical 1:1 scenarios

There are already over 200 pedagogical 1:1 scenarios created by the netbook pilot teachers. These scenarios outline a plan and organisation of netbook activities. The scenarios are organised by languages so you can find easier all the scenarios in your own language. Every time you read a scenario, please remember to rate it! This way we can see which are teachers' favourite scenarios. Also the work area blog includes scenarios.

You can access the work area scenarios by languages here: [Deutsch](#), [English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#), [Italiano](#), [Türkçe](#)

The scenarios translated by EUN are [available here](#)

Pilot's online closing sessions in June

The Netbook Pilot team in European Schoolnet will organise online closing sessions for all countries to discuss and share some experiences obtained during the [2010-2011](#) school year. The times for each country will be published on the website and sent to the schools in due course.

Inspiring netbook videos and photos

Have your students decorated their netbooks or desktops in a special way? Did you do a work that is worth sharing with other teachers? Have the students edited their own videos? Send us your photos and/or videos related to the use of netbooks in your school this year! We will share the pictures and videos on the website. Remember to mention the school, teachers, class and the person who took the photo/filmed the video and a small description if you wish.

To send your selected pictures and videos: info-netbooks@eun.org. If your material takes a lot of space, you can use some free file sharing site, e.g. Dropbox or 4shared.

[See the published netbook videos here](#)

Netbook pilot visiting Spain

The netbook pilot was presented at an important conference, Escuela 2.0, that took place in Zaragoza, Spain on 13-15 April. Apart from EUN and Acer, two teachers Ladislao Castro (IES Tomás Bretón, Salamanca) and Mariano Lázaro (IES Tiempos Modernos, Zaragoza) shared their experiences on how netbooks have been integrated into teaching in their schools. The recorded workshop session is available on the website. The netbook team and colleagues from the Spanish Instituto de Tecnologías Educativas visited also a local school, IES Tiempos Modernos that has two netbook classes.

[Read more here](#)

Preliminary results of the Fourier pilot to be presented in May at a global Fourier conference

The preliminary results of the Fourier-Acer-EUN Science pilot will be presented at the Fourier global conference on 23 May. Full results will be available over the summer 2011. The pilot started in December 2010 and since then ten schools have been using new Fourier environmental tools: data loggers and sensor systems.

Through various experiments conducted via the netbooks inside and outside the classroom, students have been analysing different scientific phenomena, such as the effect of light on photosynthesis, greenhouse effect or acid rain.

[Read more about the project here](#)

News and resources from other projects

Using games and ICT for more engaging learning! Examples from the Linked project

The LINKED project (Leveraging Innovation for a Network of Knowledge on Education) provides nine videos on the use of ICT and game-based learning in the classroom. The videos are filmed in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, England, and Cyprus. The videos show how the schools have used interactive whiteboards, Nintendo, Xbox, dance map and many other tools to create more engaging and interactive learning. [See the videos here](#)

Take part in U4energy competitions and save energy!

The U4energy initiative aims at enhancing energy efficiency in schools through three competitions which invite teachers and pupils to think about their daily consumption habits, taking action to optimize energy resources. The competition has three categories: A) Energy efficiency measures at school; B) Best pedagogical actions to raise awareness on efficient energy use; C) Best awareness raising campaign on energy efficiency.

All the categories are now open and accept competition entries through the U4energy website until 16 May 2011. Information on the competition is available in EN, ES, IT, FR and DE. The U4energy website offers also smart tips about energy efficiency that can be applied by anyone! [Read more here](#)

teach.us webinars on integration of 2.0 in classes

teach.us, the web community for Web 2.0 teaching, is holding a series of webinars focusing on different aspects of the integration of 2.0 in classes. Recorded webinars on Sloodle and Twitter are available at the teach.us website. The next webinar on Wednesday 18 May will be about "Games in education". [Read more here](#)

Nano-eTwinning toolkit

NANOYOU encourages young people to get engaged in learning about nanotechnologies through exhibitions, computer games, online experiments and other entertaining and creative activities specifically designed for them; pupils are encouraged to use NANOYOU website to learn about Nanotechnology in their daily life. This toolkit is produced as part of Nanoyou (www.nanoyou.eu), to offer schools creative ideas to explore and learn about nanotechnologies in the context of an eTwinning project. [Read more here](#)

New learning game on drugs development

Xplore Health proposes a new interactive tool for teachers to engage students in cutting-edge health research, as part of the Module on drug development. The new interactive game 'Develop a drug in this race against time' has been designed to educate teachers and students on the obstacles and steps a drug has to pass through before becoming available on the market! [Read more here](#)

Chuala - Online language laboratory software

Chuala is a free, on-line, user-created pronunciation dictionary. Chuala helps a learner develop pronunciation and understanding skills. Language learners can practice their skills anytime and anywhere by listening the recordings and then making their own pronunciation practices. [Read more here](#)

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