How can tablets support new ways of teaching and learning in schools?

The Creative Classrooms Lab (CCL) project is developing innovative teaching and learning scenarios involving the use of tablets in and out of school.

It will validate these 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.

Creative Classrooms Lab Partners

- European Schoolnet, BE
- University of Wolverhampton, UK
- Direção-Geral da Educação (DGE), PT
- Centre of Information Technologies in Education (CITE), LT
- National Education Institute, SL
- Bundesministerium für Unterricht, Kunst und Kultur (BMUKK), AT
- Dům zahraničních služeb, CZ
- Flemish Ministry of Education, BE
- Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, BE
- e-Learning Foundation, UK
- INDIRE, IT

Project facts

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Coordinator: European Schoolnet
Partners: 10 partners from 8 countries
About Creative Classrooms Lab

The 1:1 computing paradigm is rapidly changing, particularly given the speed with which tablets from different vendors are entering the consumer market and beginning to impact on the classroom. Over the next 2-3 years policy makers will face some difficult choices: How to invest most efficiently in national 1:1 computing programmes? What advice to give to schools that are integrating tablets?

To address these challenges, the Creative Classrooms Lab project will carry out a series of policy experimentations to collect evidence on the implementation, impact and up-scaling of 1:1 pedagogical approaches using tablets. This evidence will enable policy makers to take more informed decisions. Lessons drawn from the policy experimentations will also:

- Provide guidelines, examples of good practice and a training course for schools wishing to include tablets as part of their ICT strategy.
- Support capacity building within Ministries of Education and regional educational authorities and encourage them to introduce changes in their education systems.
- Enable policy makers to foster large-scale uptake of the innovative practice that is observed during the project.

Creative Classrooms Lab activities

The Creative Classrooms Lab project will:

- Act as an ideas lab bringing together policy makers, innovative teachers and technology suppliers to jointly develop innovative pedagogical scenarios on how tablets can support new learning and teaching methods.
- Carry out action research pilots based on these scenarios in 45 classrooms that are already equipped with tablets from different vendors.
- Focus on how practice is changed as a result of tablets being used for collaboration, personalisation and active learning,
- Explore how tablets can be successfully integrated with classroom technologies already in mainstream use.
- Provide capacity building workshops to support ministries to introduce changes in their education systems in order to foster large-scale implementation of innovative practice involving 1:1 computing approaches.

Read more at: http://creative.eun.org

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