ETWINNING AND OUR HERITAGE: WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE.

“Our cultural heritage is more than the memory of our past; it is the key to our future.” (Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, 2017).

According to Eurobarometer, “Nine out of ten Europeans think that cultural heritage should be taught in schools”. In 2018, we celebrate the European Year of Cultural Heritage. Citizens and educators are encouraged to discover Europe’s diverse cultural heritage - at EU, national, regional and local level, and to reinforce a sense of belonging to a common European space.

eTwinning, the Community for Schools in Europe, has a strong role to play in supporting this discovery. As a cornerstone for collaborative projects between classrooms across Europe, eTwinning has enabled, in its 13 years of existence, more than two million pupils to work together, harness their cultural differences and develop their European citizenship.

During the annual eTwinning Conference, which will take place in Warsaw, Poland from 25th to 27th October 2018, more than 500 teachers from across Europe will explore Cultural Heritage, and the intrinsic role it can play in both teaching and learning. With both a keynote address and over 40 different workshops led by experts in the field, participants will share new and effective educational approaches, methods and materials to introduce and reinforce Cultural Heritage education in schools.

In particular, the eTwinning Annual Conference 2018 will support schools to raise their capabilities to:

- raise awareness of the common history and values;
- reinforce a sense of belonging to Europe;
- demonstrate ways of better safeguarding, enhancing, but also reusing and promoting Europe’s cultural heritage as a shared resource.

Where: Hilton Warsaw Hotel and Convention Centre, Grzybowska 63
Warsaw, Poland
When: 25-27 October 2018
Thursday 25th October 2018

12:00 - 13:45  REGISTRATION

14:00 – 14:45  Plenary Session I  Welcome to the Conference

- Welcome Address by the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics (TBC)
- Opening speech by the Polish Minister of National Education, Anna Zalewska (TBC)
- Greetings from National Representatives

14:45 - 15:30  Plenary session II  Keynote address by the Secretary-General of Europa Nostra, Sneška Quaedvlieg – Mihailović

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 16:30  Highlight on “eTwinning in the future Erasmus programme (2021-2027)” by the Head of Unit “Schools and Educators; Multilingualism”, DG Education and Culture, European Commission, Michael Teutsch

16:30 – 17:30  Networking activity

19:00 – 21:00  PRIZE AWARD DINNER

Friday 26th October 2018

9:00  Orientation for workshops at registration desk

9:30 - 11:00  Workshop Session I

NETWORKING BREAK - COFFEE

11:30 - 13:00  Workshop Session II

LUNCH

15:00 - 16:30  Workshop Session III

NETWORKING BREAK - COFFEE

17:00 - 19:00  Free time

20:00  NETWORKING DINNER
Saturday 27th October 2018

9:30 – 11:00  Workshop Session IV

NETWORKING BREAK - COFFEE

11:30 – 12:00  “Driving innovation in education: how far we have come and where we are going” by Central Support Service, Marc Durando

12:00 – 13:00  Panel discussion “WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE”

13:00 – 13:15  Closing by the European Commission