

TINK@School

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SCOPE

Tinkering for sustainability at school is an ERASMUS+ KA2 two-years long project launched in the end of 2022, seeking to propose “tinkering” as an approach to be merged with Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). To this end, methodology & educational activities (toolkit) around sustainability and climate topics will be developed for late primary and early secondary level students (9-12 years).

PARTNERSHIP

- University of Iceland (Iceland)
- MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES (Greece)
- Centre for Research and European Studies-Future Business (Italy)
- Bartolomeo associazione culturale (Italy)
- NEMO Science Museum (The Netherlands)

DEVELOPING THE TINK@SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The second half of 2023 was very creative for the Partners since they developed their tinkering activities. The Partners were mentored by NEMO that peer-reviewed the advanced drafts. The produced 10 activities will be included in the Tink@School Toolkit accompanied by a Facilitation Guide to further support educators during implementation. The activities actually fall in the following three categories: (a) **Tinkering solutions**: activities can lead to solving problems related to sustainability challenges, through inventing creative ways and even, as a result of an accidental discovery! (b) **Re-use & Re-duce**: activities that make use of recycled materials or activities inviting students to come up with their new ways to reuse/repair waste (c) **Tinkering for change**: activities that motivate in a fun and creative way to changes in others, conveying a message about sustainability or climate change.

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PILOT TESTING THE ACTIVITIES!






Following the drafting of the tinkering activities the partners pilot tested them with school students and teachers of their areas during Sept 2023-Jan 2024. The schools engaged in the pilots were: Helgafellsskóli (Island), Ilaria Alpi School (Milan), Anna Micheli & Pablo Neruda (Rome), 1st Highschool & 70th Primary (Athens), 6th Primary (Chalandri) and teachers from Amsterdam. It was so insightful to observe students feedback through their tinkering. Find some pilot cases at: <https://tinkeringschool.eu/news>

3RD STOP: ATHENS! 6-8 FEBRUARY 2024

The Partners held their 3rd transnational meeting combined with training sessions in Athens, on 6-8 February 2024. The meeting was full of discussions, reflections and workshops on the Toolkit's activities -to be finalised within February! The participation of students from the 1st High School of Athens on the 1st day was an absolute highlight! They shared with enthusiasm and pride how they experienced the piloting of the activity on "Old toys turning to new toys" facilitated by MEDIES. Read more at <https://tinkeringschool.eu/4th-partners-meeting-and-peer-training>.



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