Day one – 10 October 2013

8.30  ●  Registration opens – Foyer, ground floor

9.30  ●  Welcome session – Ballroom I, ground floor

Welcome and event aims by Marc Durando, Executive Director, European Schoolnet and Dr. Eduardo Marçal Grilo, Chair of the iTEC High Level Group

Opening speech by Patricia Manson, Head of Unit: Inclusion, Skills and Youth, DG Connect, European Commission

10.00  ●  Keynote: Challenging visions of the future classroom

Presentations highlighting the challenge of modernising learning and teaching: society, technology and the workplace, outpacing change in the classroom.

Speakers: Showkat Badat, Principal, ESSA Academy, UK; and Kristen Weatherby, Lead for OECD’s Teaching and Learning International Survey

10.45  ●  Opening of the Future Classroom Exhibition and Coffee/networking break – Ballroom II, ground floor

11.15  ●  Future Classroom Scenarios: A systemic approach to mainstreaming innovation

Chair: Niel McLean, Head of Centre, Futurelab Research at National Foundation for Educational Research, UK

Speakers: Leonardo Tosi, INDIRE; and Cathy Lewin, Professorial Research Fellow, Manchester Metropolitan University

An introduction to the 4-year, European Commission funded, iTEC project, and its work to define a model for delivering innovation in learning and teaching that can be mainstreamed across Europe.

- An introduction to Future Classroom Scenarios: Educational scenarios developed to be inspirational and focused on innovation balanced with educational priorities and realities.

- Evidence of impact and sustainable innovation: Evidence of impact and the response of teachers and learners.
12.15  ●  Taking successful educational initiatives to scale

Chair: Gavin Dykes, General Secretary of the iTEC High Level Group

A panel discussion involving key members of the iTEC project partnership of European Education Ministries, exploring the opportunities in taking innovative approaches to scale, providing practical examples and key actions essential for success.

Panellists: Reinhold Hawle, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Art, Austria; and Péter Szőke, Deputy Development Director, Educatio, Hungary; and Michel Pérez, General Inspector, French Ministry of Education.

13.00  ●  Lunch – Foyer, ground floor

14.00  ●  iTEC High Level Group recommendations – Ballroom I, ground floor

Chair: Øystein Johannessen, iTEC High Level Group

Contributions by the iTEC High Level Group members: Dr. Eduardo Marçal Grilo, Dr. Bálint Magyar, Toine Maes, and Morten Søby

Members of the iTEC High Level Group discuss the ongoing work of the group to support mainstreaming of innovation in the iTEC project. The High Level Group’s recommendations to decision makers, concerning self-review, teacher training and teacher ambassador programmes are discussed, with reference to European examples.

15.00  ●  Workshop sessions: Moving from theory to practice

Five facilitated workshops, to explore practical steps for the adoption and mainstreaming of the most valuable iTEC outputs. Generation of concrete ideas for taking advantage of the iTEC investment, and exploiting the opportunities presented. See details at the end of the agenda.

16.00  ●  Coffee break and Future Classroom Exhibition – Ballroom II, ground floor

16.30  ●  Feedback from the workshop sessions – Ballroom I, ground floor

Presentation of the ideas and approaches proposed by the group, identifying what is most achievable and likely to have impact.

17.00-18.00

Future Classroom Exhibition and networking
Ballroom II, ground floor

Workshop: A peek into the future
Room Infinity, 2nd floor
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18.00  ●  Cocktail reception at the Exhibition area – Ballroom II, ground floor

19.00  ●  Conference dinner – Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza hotel
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09.00  ●  Summary of highlights of previous day – Ballroom I, ground floor

09.15  ●  Keynote presentation: System level

  Speaker: Lord Knight of Weymouth, Director of Step-A International Ltd

  A discussion on identifying the effective levers available to policymakers in driving systemic change in education.

10.00  ●  Innovation and mainstreaming – How to sustain the results of EC education projects?

  Speaker: Marc Durando, Executive Director, European Schoolnet

  An analysis of the collaborative work required to build on the ongoing investment in pan-European education research, in order to bring tangible benefits to education and wider society. How can all stakeholders cooperate more effectively to tackle the mainstreaming challenge in a more holistic way?

10.30  ●  The role of ICT suppliers in supporting innovation

  Chair: Will Ellis, iTEC project manager, European Schoolnet

  A panel discussion, revealing the critical contribution major technology supplier can have in bringing innovation to education, through the supply of tools and resources that stimulate and support positive change, when deployed correctly.

11.00  ●  Closing presentation

  Speaker: Xavier Prats Monné, Deputy Director General, Education and Culture, European Commission

11.30  ●  Coffee break and Future Classroom Exhibition – Ballroom II, ground floor

12.00  ●  What happens next?

  Reflection on the ideas, opportunities and actions discussed and generated in the previous day, and plans proposed for collaborative action to reap the benefits to conference participants and Education in Europe. By Jim Ayre, European Schoolnet

12.30  ●  Closing the conference

12.45 – 15.00  ●  Session for ICT suppliers – Room Infinity, 2nd floor (including lunch)

The Future Classroom Lab industry partners are invited to attend a special session at the Every Classroom a Future Classroom conference on the 11th October. The session will offer the opportunity to conclude the conference with an informal lunch at which ICT suppliers can discuss the potential for commercial exploitation of outcomes of the iTEC project. The session will be led by Will Ellis, iTEC project manager, and will include contributions from key partners of the iTEC project.
Day one workshop sessions: 15.00–16.00

1. Initial teacher training, professional development and accreditation – Ballroom I, ground floor
Identifying ways in which ITT organisations and training providers can make use of iTEC outputs, and deciding on what needs to be done to involve these organisations from across Europe. Also considering how the elements of teacher training developed in iTEC can be accredited, to encourage greater interest by schools and teachers.

2. School development plans: creating a vision for the effective use of ICT – Room Harmony, 1st floor
Exploring the practical use of the iTEC Toolkit, Eduvista, designed to help schools, regions and national policy makers create reliable visions for the future of education in practice, to guide decision making at school and policy level.

3. Expanding the development and impact of Innovative Learning Activities – Room Creativity/Exploration, 1st floor
The iTEC Learning Activities have proven to be effective resources for bringing innovation to the classroom, and inspiring teachers. This workshop discusses ways in which the activities can be promoted across all European Schools, including the use of Edukata, the toolkit for creating Learning Activities. Approaches such as collaboration between networks of schools and Ambassador Teachers will be explored.

4. Self-review and Maturity Modelling – Room Evasion/Innovation, 1st floor
Self-review initiatives can take many forms, from national systems that accredit advanced schools to systems that simply allow schools to benchmark their own maturity in support of school development planning. This workshop will investigate how the tools provided by iTEC, such as the “Innovation Maturity Model” can be adopted or adapted to support existing systems or to facilitate the development of new ones in different countries or regions.

5. The role of ICT suppliers in supporting innovation in schools – Room Infinity, 2nd floor
ICT suppliers play an arguably critical role in supporting innovation in schools, supplying not just technology but training and other guidance and support. The iTEC toolkits and training programmes provide industry with potentially valuable assets and opportunities for their own staff development, improved engagement with customers, and support for better implementation and use of their products and services. This workshop focuses on the exploitation of these opportunities.

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