

## iTEC International Teacher Workshop // 6-7 May 2013

Future Classroom Lab, Brussels

### CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The applications for the next iTEC international teacher workshop are open!

Are you a teacher who enjoys experimenting and trying new ways of teaching? Are you taking part in the iTEC project and wish to get further involved?

If so, apply for the workshop in Brussels and become an iTEC ambassador!

#### The iTEC workshop at a glance

- **A European workshop on the Future Classroom Scenarios development and implementation:**
  - Develop innovative ideas for the future classroom and explore new ideas and technologies to enhance classroom delivery
  - Start to design visions for the future classroom, foresee their impact on the future school environment and visualise them as part of the educational landscape in the future.
  - Collaborate with other forward thinking teachers and acquire an understanding of significant developments, or trends in education in Europe.
- **A unique opportunity to work and share with teachers from across Europe**
- **The occasion to discover and the European Schoolnet's Future Classroom Lab (FCL) tools.** The FCL (<http://fcl.eun.org>) is a fully equipped, reconfigurable, teaching and learning space.

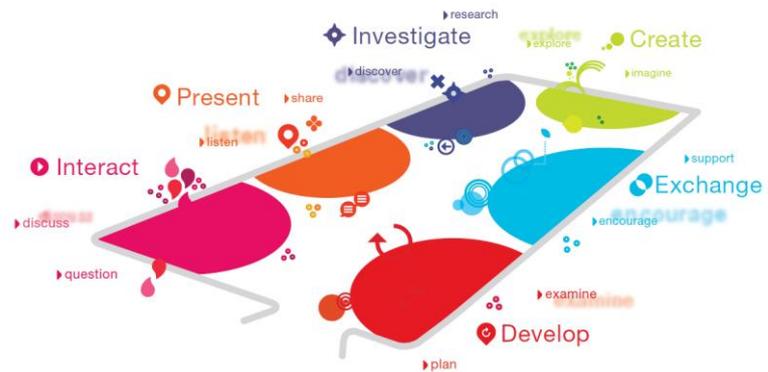
**Send your application by Sunday 31 March 2013 (see below).**

## Description

iTEC (Innovative Technologies for an Engaging Classroom) is a large-scale European project, coordinated by European Schoolnet, that takes an informed look at the potential classroom of the future ([itec.eun.org](http://itec.eun.org)). Teachers from nineteen European countries are testing innovative learning scenarios and technologies in classroom pilots.

To accompany the adoption of the future classroom practices, the iTEC project offers a range of face to face and online training opportunities for teachers, seeking to embed the use of innovative approaches and technologies in the classroom.

The next face to face workshop, taking place in the Future Classroom Lab in Brussels, will be on 6-7 May 2013, and teachers from all over Europe are invited to apply to participate.



The May workshop is a 9 hour course spread over two days. The course gives participants an opportunity to work with other teachers from across Europe to develop innovative ideas for the future classroom, and to explore new ideas and technologies for use to enhance classroom delivery. The course is designed to give a hands on approach to help participants develop their own ideas about 21st Century Learning and the effective use of technology.

The course will be organised around 3 modules:

1. **The Future Classroom and a foresight approach:** Overview of the ITEC project's approach to development of Future Classroom Scenarios with examples for inspiration. Group activity based on assertions on future working methods and environments.
2. **Educational landscape in the future:** Changing educational landscape, changing teaching pedagogy supported by technology, student-centred learning, projects. Using trends to inspire Future Classroom Scenarios
3. **Working with scenarios:** The Future Scenarios Toolkit for schools, exploring how to use it, working in groups with developing Future Classroom Scenarios.

In these modules the participants will:

- Start to develop visions for the future classroom, following which, they discuss and analyse them and their impact on the future school environment.
- Be encouraged to visualise the future classroom as part of the educational landscape in the future.
- Collaboratively develop an understanding of significant developments, or trends in education.
- Critically evaluate their own work to produce a Future Classroom Scenario, and decide how they can use the techniques they have used in support of their school development plans.
- Explore Future Classroom ideas made possible by the range of hardware and software available in the Future Classroom Lab and its different learning zones.
- Access community support and resources to provide ongoing opportunities for introducing innovative approaches to teaching practice.

The workshop will take place at European Schoolnet's Future Classroom Lab (<http://fcl.eun.org>) which is a fully equipped, reconfigurable, teaching and learning space developed by European Schoolnet, its 30 supporting Ministries of Education and leading educational technology providers.

## Participants

The call is open to teachers from any of the iTEC countries (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and United Kingdom), however the following countries will have the priority as they have not been involved in the previous workshop: Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia and Norway.

The workshop is open for 20 participants, 2 participants from 10 countries, if possible by pairs of teachers who already know each other. The workshop participants are expected to have a good level of ICT and English. The workshop language is English.

### The participants should have the following profile:

- Willing to think about their own teaching and their current working methods and environments: Participants must have an interest in experimenting with their own approaches to learning and teaching and must be open to innovative and unconventional classroom practices. Participants also need the confidence and creativity to adapt classroom activities to their own pedagogical approach and the opportunities and constraints of their learning and teaching context.
- Participants should be familiar with some technologies that can be used in learning and teaching. Ideally users should be experienced with using web based services for collaboration and communication e.g. services for sharing film and image files. Participants should be comfortable sharing ideas and experiences with their peers either through discussion or in online forums
- If possible, teachers who have a role in school development activities. This could include, as an example, teachers with an ICT coordination remit or involved in staff development or curriculum development. The course is particularly relevant to those interested in developing competencies for school leadership.
- Teachers that have not previously been involved in iTEC face to face meetings and training events.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop.

### Workshop follow-up

After the workshop, the participants will be considered as iTEC Ambassadors and be invited to carry on some activities as follow up of the workshop:

- Participants should identify key stakeholders and communities that they could involve in Future Classroom Scenario development. It would be particularly beneficial if the participants could form their own network and community of practice following the completion of the course. This follow up activity should be guided by the Future Classroom Scenario toolkit resources covered in the course.
- Participants should establish trends identified by other key stakeholders and communities. This follow-up activity should be guided by the Future Classroom Scenario toolkit resources covered in this module.
- Participants can be asked to report back on how they have, or plan to, make use of activities from the iTEC Future Classroom Scenario Development toolkit. The trainer can organise this

as a webinar where each participants provides a progress update, or as an activity within an online community of practice.

- Participants will be invited to create a video on their teaching practices and use of the iTEC Learning Activities
- The teachers must commit to making use of the iTEC technologies, and play an active role in the iTEC community forum.

They will also be encouraged to share what they have learnt, and introduce the Future Classroom Scenarios concept to their colleagues and network.

## Travel & Costs

The workshop will take place on 6-7 May. The participants should be available to travel in the afternoon/evening of Sunday 5 May or morning of the Monday 6 May. The return is by default on 7 May (evening). However, the participants can request the return flight later (the extra costs and nights should be paid by the participant him/herself).

The workshop is free of charge and the travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for the selected teachers.

The following costs will be covered:

- Travel: Flight or train
- Accommodation (1 or 2 nights depending on travel arrangements, incl. breakfasts)
- Local transport in Brussels (metro ticket)
- Meals: two lunches (6 and 7 May) and one dinner (6 May)

## Applications

If you wish to take part in the workshop, please apply in two steps:

1. **Fill the online form at:** <http://tinyurl.com/c3rkqlq>
2. **Send your CV and cover letter to Marie Le Boniec at** [marie.leboniec@eun.org](mailto:marie.leboniec@eun.org)

**The deadline to receive the applications is Sunday 31 March 2013.**

Applicants will be contacted during the first week of April 2013.