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VALIDATED TRAINING COURSE MATERIALS FOR TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Brussels, 23 October 2013 - European Schoolnet, a network of 30 European Ministries of Education, has developed and published teacher training courses available free of charge for teacher training organisations and other training providers.

The courses, designed for secondary level teachers' professional development in the digital age, have been created within the EC-funded CPDLab project (<http://cpdlab.eun.org>), and developed by four Ministries of Education, expert teachers and experienced teacher trainers. The three course topics are making the most of the Interactive Whiteboard, bringing eSafety into everyday teaching, and creating innovative Future Classroom Scenarios.

Each of the courses consists of 7-10 modules that can be used independently and combined in different ways. This enables different learning pathways according to the need of different target groups. Moreover, the courses have been developed under the Creative Commons Attribution, 3.0 License, allowing commercial use. This flexible licence has been adopted to encourage take-up and use within existing course structures and materials used in training schools across Europe.

The courses were organised in summer 2013 at the Future Classroom Lab (<http://fcl.eun.org>), a fully equipped training venue where teachers received not just handed-out information but real opportunities to rethink their own teaching practice through peer-learning, and practical example and activities. The participants could also familiarise themselves with different technologies which might not be able to test elsewhere.

"The feedback received from the participants has been very positive and encouraging, indicating that there is a need for this kind of trainings," says Dorothy Cassells, CPDLab project manager at European Schoolnet. "And many participants are able to convey the 'message' back home to more teachers. However, the decision to make the course contents available for re-use and localisation (translation and adapting) by training providers will have a much bigger impact. Through localised contents and modules realised on national or local level, a higher number of European teachers can benefit from the courses and foster real change in their original context".

The course materials are designed to be delivered by expert trainers, e.g. teachers trainers (individuals and organisations), teacher associations and local authorities concerned about their teachers' professional development. Each course includes a comprehensive Trainer Guide and support content with lots of practice activities and ideas for the teacher in the classroom.

Useful links:

- All course materials and teacher guides are available at: <http://cpdlab.eun.org/course-materials>
- [Briefing Paper no. 1](#) with focus on CPDLab (PDF)

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About CPDLab

The two-year CPDLab project, co-funded by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme, developed three validated training courses for teachers' professional development. The project, finalised in September 2013, was co-ordinated by European Schoolnet having as project partners INDIRE (Italy), Directorate-General of Education (Portugal), Finnish National Board of Education, Norwegian Centre for ICT in Education, and University of Oulu (Finland). To find out more and watch videos displaying CPDLab activities please go to <http://cpdlab.eun.org>

About European Schoolnet

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