The first transnational meeting for the project Together we learn to use coding at school (TOCO)

in Belgium (Spain, Finland and Belgium and Turkey via Skype.

We were really warmly welcomed during our stay in Het Molenship. Philippe and the teachers had organized a very functional program for us. Thank you Philippe and the crew! We learned to use unblugged coding, how it develops logical thinking. We tried Philippe`s step by step lessons for Scratch and discussed how they develop pupils skills and how they can be used. We learned to use Micro-bit and tried them with pupils. The children as well as the adults were really motivated, which tells us that we are on the right track. Spain also told us about the new learning material that is to published in Spain and maybe we will learn more about it in spring. Philippe also gave us tips of coding pages and we Finnish couraged the others to try Bomberbot, which is not free, but there is a free trial and it can be played in English.

In the meeting we agreed on:

Twinspace will be the place, where we put all our material. There are files for each country, to share images and videos. Some videos and pictures are there already introducing our countries and schools.

LOGOS: Every school will send one logo-proposal by the end of November. The logos are sent to katri.juusola@edu.sodankyla.fi Katri will make a Google questionnaire and publish it on the first week of December. All the pupils can vote and Katri will announce the winner before Christmas.

In December or (in January) all countries will publish a short multimedia Christmas greeting in the Twinspace.

Every country will write the journal in the Twinspace. We will also publish photos&videos of the process. These documents will help us with the final report. We can also write about the topics of our lesson plans and discuss them (in case there are similarities) and do them together.

The first learning and teaching event will be 22.4.-28.4.2018 in Aranhuez. JJ will confirm the date as soon as he can.

The lesson plans can be shared also through OneDrive or Google drive, if you are not able to share them through the eTwinning Twinspace or if it is best to do together.

During winter, we will be working with Scratch. Every school will make ca. 3 lessonplans for each grade. The plan should start with the goals (key competensies, subject, etc.) of the lesson and end with pupils’ self-assessment and reflection.

The pupils for the first learning event in Spain should be chosen in the beginning of January. Pupils will then have their own access to twinspace. They can there communicate with each other already before the event.

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