

RE- EDUCO EU PROJECT SCHOOL CONTEST

The Cyprus Computer Society announces the Cyprus Re-Educo school contest aiming to create new innovative ideas and the development of entrepreneurial and digital skills among secondary school students.

RE-EDUCO is a European project composed by a consortium of six partners from different countries: Finland, Cyprus, Spain, Greece and Italy co-financed by ERASMUS + Programme.

Within the framework of this project, this international school contest aims at selecting the best business ideas developed by students from each country and supporting students in the creation of the business project through mentorship and the support of experts in business development and start-ups. The best ideas per country will be presented at an international plenary session.

The competition will address the following thematic areas: Climate Change, Education, Health & Well-being, and Smart Cities.

Objective

This school contest will address the following specific objectives:

- Design co-sharing paths for digital development in an innovative, sustainable, inclusive way in various key sectors for the European economy, using innovative learning methodologies and new technologies.
- Produce innovative project ideas to accompany the development of an entrepreneurial idea and start-up, through collaborations with digital companies and organisations.
- Strengthen relationships between teachers, students, business companies, in an entrepreneurial vision through active and creative educational approaches.
- Development and/or use of tools and Apps to promote digital innovation in specific fields.
- Enhance students' participation and improve their digital, entrepreneurial, and soft skills.
- Project management and teamwork.

Target audience

- Team of students from the Secondary Education (gymnasium and lyceum), Technical and Vocational Education and Training System
- Teachers-tutor / expert-mentor who support and direct students

Contest Timeline

PHASE 1: Contest open for registration (14 February 2022)

PHASE 2: Close registration (13 March 2022). Registered students will be invited to self-assess their digital skills through an online tool.

PHASE 3: Sessions of mentorship and webinars run by business development ideas experts and start-ups with teachers and students will be offered in online format.

Additionally, the students will have access to online material on computer and online essentials, word processing, spreadsheets and will be invited to an online presentation skills workshop. **Participation in this training is compulsory to present the Project idea in phase 4.**

PHASE 4: Once the ideas of student's teams are ready, they must be sent through the RE-EDUCO Website to be evaluated by the jury. (by 31 May 2022)

PHASE 5: The team will present their idea to the jury and will then select the two best national ideas with potential for acceleration between all categories (Climate Change, Education, Health & Well-being, and Smart Cities).

PHASE 6: The winner will be invited to present its business idea in an **international start-up session for digital innovation** with the winners of the national contest from **Italy, Spain, Greece, Cyprus and Finland**. This mentorship session will consist in a plenary session with start-ups related to the topics of the competition and will provide feedback and knowledge about the opportunities of scalability of the idea and the development of the business ideas and digital applications in digital fields.

Participation requests

- Each team must register through this application form:
<https://forms.gle/VbFBGaJ1Sdvg4JPB7>
- Language: Greek or English. It is noted that the winning team that will participate at the international competition must present their idea in English.
- Ideas will be submitted individually or in groups of students, maximum 5 students per idea.
- Each request will consist of:
 - Data of the group responsible for the request. It will be necessary to indicate, full name and email of each team member.
 - Data of the educational center to which the group presenting the idea belongs.
 - Data of the educator who supervises the request. It is important for each team to have an educator.
 - Thematic area: Business Models Canvas Templates (Climate Change, Education, Health & Well-being, Smart cities)
 - Following each registration:
 - Each team will receive a document which must be completed and submitted within the competition deadline (31 May 2022). The relevant template will be sent to the team after they register.
 - Each participant will be invited to complete online self-assessment digital skills tool (within 15 days from the registration date)
- More information on the project can be found on: <http://re-educo.eu/>

Evaluation criteria

- The idea must be solid, viable and scalable (potential for acceleration).
- The idea must fill in all the sections that appear in the template provided.
- The innovative and novel character of the idea will be valued.

Original is always better!

- The level of development of the idea will be assessed.
The more details the better!
- Presentation and clarity in the exposition of the idea.
Clear and well-defined ideas always win!
- The social, digital and educational commitment of the idea will be positively valued.

Delimitation of Sectors

- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** How to ensure sustainable consumption and production and combat climate change and its impacts.
- **EDUCATION:** How to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote learning opportunities.
- **HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** How to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- **SMART CITIES:** How to make sustainable cities and communities.

Awards and Honours

- The award for the two best ideas per country will be their participation at the international **start-ups sessions for digital innovation.**
- The winners of the contest will have the opportunity to receive tutoring related to the development of business ideas and digital applications in digital fields.
- This mentorship session will consist in a plenary session with start-ups related to the field of the winner idea to offer feedback and knowledge about the opportunities of scalability and acceleration of the idea.
- All participants will be able to improve their digital skills through the training material provided.

Evaluation and candidatures

The evaluation of candidatures will be an objective, impartial and transparent process carried out by a jury composed of specialists in business and entrepreneurship, external experts, teachers and project partners who will **select the best idea with potential for acceleration.**

Deadlines

Competition announcement	14 February 2022
Registrations deadline	13 March 2022
Online support seminars	April - May 2022
Idea submission	31 May 2022
National competition	June 2022
Online International competition	September 2022

About the project

The Re-Educo project encourages the production, experimentation and sharing of new approaches and training methods in the field of digital culture.

To achieve these goals the project will:

- provide Institutions, students and innovative sectors with a framework to better understand the potentiality and risks of digital technologies;
- encourage cooperation and strengthening of partnerships between training institutions, research centres and businesses;
- offer students and teachers the opportunity to increase their digital skills, through collaboration with digital companies and participation in creative active learning;
- promote the development of new learning paths and pedagogical approaches amongst teachers;
- encourage the sharing of material and ideas through the promotion of an international community;
- share best practices for the dissemination of digital culture, and integrated new educational approaches;
- provide policymakers with a framework of information and data, useful for leading their strategies and policies towards a more informed and people-oriented digital culture.

Project partners

- Link Campus University, Rome, Italy (Coordinator)
- Italian Digital Revolution, Rome, Italy
- Hellenic Open University, Patras, Greece
- Insomnia Consulting Sociedad Limitada, Valencia, Spain
- Cyprus Computer Society, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Espoo Seudun Koulutus Kunta Ystyma Omnia, Espoo Kaupunki, Finland

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