



Future Classroom Lab Validation Service

Pan-European network of 'living schools'
to support ICT companies, start-ups
and research projects in
education pilots



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School validation pilots

Testing and evaluating products, services or prototypes in a real-life school context with teachers and/or students.

Working with schools to test new ideas, products and services targeting the education market can be a rewarding experience for all involved. One of the key challenges, however, is often how to find and motivate schools to participate in school pilots and to work with them in a way that fits with the day to day pressures faced by busy teachers.



To support ICT companies, start-ups, and research projects interested in carrying out school pilots, European Schoolnet has developed a **Future Classroom Validation Service**. It is based on European Schoolnet's extensive experience in running small and large-scale school pilots, and on research carried out in the Living Schools Lab project. The service consists of:

Free, comprehensive Validation Manual

- Including the validation methodology, operational process, validation scenarios to help you consider different types of validations.
- Free tools and templates to use and adapt to fit different validation requirements.

Access to the network of validation schools

- Possibility to run a customised validation, including consultancy and operations, using a pan-European network of schools.

Consultancy services from the European Schoolnet validation experts

- To design and scope school validations on-demand.
- To understand the results that can be expected from using different types of evaluation methodologies and instruments.
- To decide how best to motivate teachers to participate in the planned pilot.

Validation Pathway

STEP 1
Why validate a product or service?



- In terms of:
- ◊ The initiator: EC projects, Ministries/policy-makers, industry
 - ◊ The beneficiary: the schools, teachers, students

Ref. Section 3.3

STEP 2
Planning an evaluation



- Gathering information about:
- ◊ Product/service/tool to be validated (checklist 1)
 - ◊ Intended evaluation process (checklist 2)
 - ◊ Intended outputs from the evaluation (checklist 3)

Ref. Section 4.2

STEP 3
Designing an evaluation



- ◊ Formulating the research questions
- ◊ Desk research
- ◊ Sample selection
- ◊ Method/instruments to gather information
- ◊ What counts as evidence

Ref. Sections 4.3

STEP 4
Determining the approach



- Evaluation approach – action research in schools:
- ◊ Incentives to participate
 - ◊ Evaluation methods: quantitative, qualitative
 - ◊ Evaluation instruments

Ref. Sections 5&6

STEP 5
Running validations in schools



- ◊ Validation spectrum
- ◊ Validation roles
- ◊ Running a school pilot: small-scale or large-scale
- ◊ Templates and proformas

Ref. Section 7

STEP 6
Validation scenarios

Three scenarios and flow-chart to support running your own validation pilots: small scale, medium scale and large scale

Ref. Section 8



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