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Policy Priorities revisited

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Lesson organization and classroom management
Subject specific use
Interdisciplinary use
Cloud Computing strategies
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Implementation of Devices and Connectivity



- ✓ Governments have a key role in further investing in the ICT infrastructure at school to allow for the deployment of mobile devices such as tablets across the whole school.
 - ❑ Reliable wireless connectivity is key

- ✓ Schools need information, advice and guidance at a regional and national level to provide ongoing support with the implementation of tablets and mobile devices in the classroom.
 - ❑ Technical requirements (upgrade connectivity, cloud based solutions), technical support (new applications, health issues)

Implementation of Devices and Connectivity



- ✓ Support the capacity of the school by giving advice on the conditions/enablers of successful tablet integration:
 - ❑ Students should be allowed to take devices home. The level of student access is critical to the types of outcomes that the student is able to produce.
 - ❑ Students should feel the ownership of the device and be encouraged to use their own device and/or personalise the device
 - ❑ Schools should first equip and train teachers to use tablets.

- ✓ Create flexible school curricula and give autonomy to schools
 - ❑ Schools need to create opportunities to pilot the use of new devices with students which may involve adapting the curriculum, exploring different timetables and making changes to the learning spaces.
 - ❑ Longer lessons or a more flexible timing possibilities

- ✓ Encourage new assessment approaches
 - ❑ Using tablets to assess work of individual students (How?)
 - ❑ Evidence of progress, student reflection, formative, real-time

- ✓ Start from the pedagogy- NOT the technology
 - ❑ Tablets can support personalised, collaborative and active learning approaches. Tablets should be used to differentiate learning for students rather than deliver the same lesson with the tablet.
 - ❑ Make most of the added value of tablets: multimedia, mobile learning, special needs)

- ✓ Advocate the pedagogical changes needed
 - ❑ Build up capacity of teachers in pedagogical approaches and their digital competence

- ✓ There needs to be a national/regional strategy to train teachers on the implementation of tablets and mobile devices in education.
 - ❑ Schools should provide for formal and informal CPD, encourage teachers to innovate, give recognition and support peer learning
 - ❑ Build up capacity of teachers in pedagogical approaches and their digital competence
 - ❑ Engage in scenario development

- ✓ Create a network of “what works network” to be established at national or European level



- Schools need a vision for the implementation of individual devices for students. This should include a clear roadmap with how the ideas will be piloted and the professional development available for teachers.

- Schools need a strategy for the implementation of devices. Schools should consult with their teachers, and share the thinking behind their strategy, prior to implementation.
 - ❑ Beyond lesson time vs. timetabled use

 - ❑ Beyond the school day

 - ❑ Learning spaces- how to change the space to suit the learning activity

- ✓ At a national/regional level, schools need access to repositories of content that is appropriate for use with tablets and mobile devices. This should prioritise native language resources.
 - ❑ Approved, reviewed and quality controlled content
 - ❑ Open educational resources and localised content.

- ✓ Encourage teachers in the creation of content and the critical selection of apps for educational purposes.
 - ❑ Schools should provide access to apps/tools that can be used by different subjects to enable both teachers and students to become familiar with how they work.
 - ❑ Apps mapped against the curriculum (library)

If you want to run a national/regional tablet policy experimentation do the following:

- ✓ Adopt the CCL scenario development approach but include three cycles in order to help teachers to fully engage with and benefit from the process.
- ✓ Appoint a Lead Teacher
- ✓ Provide opportunities for peer exchange from the beginning
- ✓ Engage teachers fully in the scenario process to understand and change their practice

Conclusions



- ✓ Policy makers should develop a coherent approach to the integration of mobile devices including tablets in schools, which needs a vision and the design of good implementation strategies containing:
 - ❑ Piloting (evidence for feedback)
 - ❑ Investment and Resources- sustainable financing
 - ❑ Communicating the need for change
 - ❑ Capacity building
 - ❑ Support



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