

# Future Classroom Ambassadors

## ACTIVITY DIGEST

Issue #2, June 2018

Welcome to the second edition of the Activity Digest of the Future Classroom Ambassadors. You find again an overview of some of the activities organised by the Lead and the National FCL Ambassadors.

Please also have a look at the new version of the Future Classroom Toolkit. Translations of the Toolkit will follow.

More info about the FCL Ambassadors: [fcl.eun.org/fcl-ambassadors](http://fcl.eun.org/fcl-ambassadors)

Future Classroom  
**Toolkit**

[fcl.eun.org/toolkit](http://fcl.eun.org/toolkit)

### AUSTRIA

17 May 2018

45 Albanian teachers visited the Future Learning Lab (FLL) to learn about the methods in the classroom of the future. As part of the study rooms of the ZLI at the PH Vienna, the FLL was the final visit of the group, during which especially the blended learning approach in the Austrian institutions was showcased. The participants got the opportunity to try out technical tools for learning, such as the 3D printer, the MBOT robot and virtual as well as augmented technology. The potential use of these tools in learning scenarios was also critically and constructively questioned.

More info: [goo.gl/pZy2RN](http://goo.gl/pZy2RN)



### BELGIUM

18 April 2018

The Future Classroom Lab in Brussels had an Open Day for Flemish schools. About 50 teachers from all areas of Flanders visited the FCL and got introduced into its concepts.

30 May 2018

The kick-off event of the Network of Innovative Schools on the subject of Innovative Learning spaces took place at the FCL in Brussels. This network aims to promote the usage of innovative learning spaces in schools and wants to help new schools with the design of learning environments.



### CZECH REPUBLIC

22 May 2018

A meeting for teachers who have visited the FCL in Brussels took place in Prague. The teachers discussed what they had learnt during their stay at the FCL of European Schoolnet. They also shared what they had implemented in their own schools. At the same event, the participants attended a workshop on micro bits. The meeting was held in a Czech FCL located at ZS Dr. E. Benese.

A short video from the meeting (only in Czech language) is here: [youtu.be/4gS64tmnUFO](http://youtu.be/4gS64tmnUFO)



## ESTONIA

International as well as local tech companies have become partners of the Future Classroom Lab at HITSA to kick off a piloting programme for new technologies in education. The programme will coordinate piloting of devices and software provided by companies at school level with teachers and educational technologists exploring their educational potential.

Estonian kindergartens, schools and universities already use technology in teaching, but what kind of devices or software should they focus on in the future? How can advanced technologies enhance learning? Ultimately, what tools and methods will teachers use to change the way they prepare students for future digital workplaces?

These are some of the questions that HITSA starts to explore under a new strategy. HITSA is accepting applications from companies that want their products to be piloted.



## FRANCE

The last few weeks have been very busy in Poitiers' area. This location has been chosen to implement POCs (Proofs Of Concept) of the *Nouvelle Forme Scolaire* project (New School Form) in schools. The #NFS project is inspired by the FCL scenarios, spaces and philosophy and aims at coaching school communities on their way to transforming into a learning organisation. In a learning organisation, the outcomes of some are the starting point for others. Five schools have started working in that direction and six more are waiting for #NFS trainers to visit them.

Next year we will hopefully see this project grow in Poitiers' area, bringing conclusions and improvements toward a dissemination at a national level, through the network of French FCL ambassadors.



## HUNGARY

14-15 May 2018

The new Future Classroom Toolkit was introduced to innovative teachers in Budapest. The members of this innovation group are the creators of the national level thematic weeks, they write lessons plans for teachers all over in Hungary connected to various topics e.g. STEM, sustainable development, self-directed learning and career guidance. The event was a great opportunity for the teachers to meet their colleagues and to discuss the new educational trends.

The educators really appreciated the innovative teaching method which inspired them to be more creative and up-to-date in their classroom.



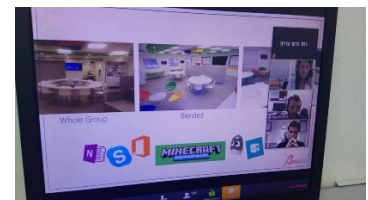
## ISRAEL

May 2018

An online education conference was held for the first time in the Tel Aviv District, Ministry of Education. The conference theme was Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

The Online Conference was honoured by the presence of the Minister of Education, Mr. Naftali Bennett and the General Director of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Shmuel Abuav who gave a keynote at the Opening session, and The Tel Aviv District Director, Mrs. Haya Shitay who closed the event.

The purpose was to inform educators about global trends affecting education today, as well as to provide examples of school initiatives that respond to these influences. The conference dealt with topics such as edu-preneurship, neuro-pedagogy, ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, technological innovation and Innovative Learning Spaces. Karina Batat, FCL Lead Ambassador, introduced Beta School, the



Israeli FCL and gave practical tips to the attendees on how to create an innovative learning space in their organisations or schools.

The conference had thirty-one speakers, a number of school initiatives, and over 3,000 participants: educators, principals and stakeholders..

## MALTA

20-22 April 2018

The Future Classroom Lab was present at the Malta Robotics Olympiad 2018 over a weekend in April. Almost 14,000 people visited this initiative organised by MEDE, the Ministry of Education and Employment in Malta. Participants were invited to visit the FCL and participate in various activities and hands-on workshops held there throughout the weekend.

During the event, an interview on the Future Classroom concept took place with the FCL Lead Ambassador. This was streamed live on one of the national radio stations.



## NORWAY

May 2018

The annual NKUL conference in May is Norway's biggest event on education and technology. Our mobile FCL, Udir Betalab, moved in at the conference, and arranged several workshops on programming, digital games and maker-pedagogy. All in all, almost a thousand people participated in Betalab activities, most of them teachers.

1 June 2018

European Schoolnet organised a study visit on the theme of Computational Thinking. This study visit brought 25 participants from different European countries to Oslo and Stockholm. In Oslo, the study visit took place at Hundsund secondary school, and at our FCL, Udir Betalab. At Udir Betalab, there was a special focus on programming and maker-pedagogy, and their connection with computational thinking.

More info: [eun.org](http://eun.org)



## PORTUGAL

18 May 2018

The last session of the training course *Laboratórios de Aprendizagem: Cenários e Histórias de Aprendizagem*, an initiative of ERTE-DGE, was carried out by the Portuguese FCL ambassadors.

87 primary and secondary school teachers, from a variety of curricular areas and from different parts of Portugal, were distributed over 6 training classes. Teachers had the opportunity to create and implement innovative teaching and learning scenarios in the context of their classroom.

During the last session, they had the opportunity to present, share and reflect on the potential of these activities in their teaching and learning context. All the participants had fantastic performances and overall it was an excellent moment for sharing and learning good practices.

29 June 2018 (upcoming)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Meeting of the *Laboratórios de Aprendizagem* Initiative - LA/FCL will take place, at Loulé's Secondary School. This event is supported by ERTE (the Educational Resources and Technologies Team of the Directorate-General for Education), and is implemented by the team of ambassadors of the *Laboratórios de Aprendizagem* - LA/FCL Initiative.

The focus point of this event, "*(Re)thinking the student's role in a changing context*", is the innovation of the teaching and learning processes. Participants will have the opportunity to attend a lecture by Marco Bento, researcher at the Centre for

A Oficina LA numa palavra



1<sup>st</sup> National Meeting (Braga, 2016)



2<sup>nd</sup> National Meeting (Lisbon, 2017)

Research in Education (CIEd) at the University of Minho, to participate in workshops on several topics, and to be present at a panel on *Implementing the Learning Labs: innovative dynamics in our schools - sharing good practices*.

## SPAIN

25-26 May 2018

INTEF held the National Conference “Transformación Digital Educativa” (Educational Digital Transformation). Among the experiences, FCL ambassador Fran Gómez (Ceuta) talked about the adaptation of learning spaces in his school, CEIP Ciudad de Ceuta.

### Other activities

Ambassadors Alberto Alameda and Javier Monteagudo (Community of Madrid) are coordinating several activities related to FCL: seminars, conferences, visits to schools, etc. FC ambassador Marisa March (Andalucía) is finishing the seminar *Aula del Futuro* with good results.

Centro de Formación del Profesorado en Idiomas (CFPI), a regional teachers’ training center for languages in Castilla y León, has organized a special event for training consultants with a presentation about FCL. CFPI is adapting its facilities to the learning spaces of FCL thanks to FCL ambassador Laura Riesco.

### Coming soon

The II Conference of Collaborative Innovation (JIC2018) will take place at the end of June, including a presentation by the FCL ambassador Amelia Granda (Comunidad Valenciana).

Next school year the new Aula del Futuro/Etorkizuneko Gela in Navarra will be ready.



## TURKEY

May-June 2018

Turkey participated in the workshop held at European Schoolnet on 16 May 2018: *Transforming learning spaces in schools: From vision to impact*. This workshop, co-organised with Microsoft, provided some practical advice and supported the concept of learning labs in an evidence-based approach.

A national website for FC Lab study was updated for guidelines and providing best practices on learning zones; there was enormous interest for this FC Lab initiative from teachers. Just in a period of two weeks, 12.100 teachers participated to our Facebook group “FCL Turkey”, and showed their best practices for adapting flexible learning zones.

17 National FC Ambassadors were selected and they will have an online meeting on 12 June 2018 organised by General Directorate of Innovation and Educational Technologies. Accordingly, an online meeting focusing on learning spaces and learning labs will be organised for 500 teachers in two sessions on 13 June 2018. Best practices presenting learning spaces were collected from teachers and will be available in our website.



For further information on the Future Classroom Ambassadors, please contact Bart Verswijvel - [bart.verswijvel@eun.org](mailto:bart.verswijvel@eun.org)