

## What is a Comenius Project?

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The Comenius programme is a programme established by the European Union aimed at bringing students and teachers in different European countries together. The target group is students as well as teachers with extensive experience in their teaching subject. It is named after the educationist Comenius.

Funding is given one-year projects aimed at bringing European students, from different countries, together and to help European students have a better understanding of their own country as well as the other countries involved in the project.

### Goals

Comenius aims to:

- Improve and increase the mobility of pupils and educational staff across the EU;
- Enhance and increase partnerships between schools in different EU Member States, with at least 3 million pupils taking part in joint educational activities by 2010;
- Encourage language learning, innovative ICT-based content, services and better teaching techniques and practices;
- Enhance the quality and European dimension of teacher training;
- Improve pedagogical approaches and school management.

### Priorities

The programme is currently focusing in particular on:

- Motivation for learning and learning-to-learn skills;
- Key competences: improving language learning; greater literacy; making science more attractive; supporting entrepreneurship; and reinforcing creativity and innovation;
- Digital educational content and services;
- School management;
- Addressing socio-economic disadvantages and reducing early school leaving;
- Participation in sports;
- Teaching diverse groups of pupils;
- Early and pre-primary learning.