

## WHY TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

So far, we have been participating in some international projects via e-twinning and Comenius. The main benefits of them were increased number of students using English easily and more fluently. Besides that, the whole school was almost always involved which contributed to warmer relationships and constant cooperation between teachers and students to bring more effective outcomes.

Not only that the school as such gained a lot, the local community also had a very important role in realization of our aims.

We see international cooperation as developing awareness towards positive aspects in each culture through organizing an exciting variety of intercultural exchanges and to encourage the learning of modern foreign languages through creating opportunities in which children and staff use their linguistic abilities in meaningful contexts. Students and staff from each school are able to keep in touch via e-mails, ordinary post and the use of skype conferences. Throughout the partnership, the participating institutions regularly exchange information on the process of their citizenship project and on various aspects of their own culture, using modern foreign languages.

The whole process of strengthening students' abilities and teachers' competences, and intercultural exchanges is evaluated and documented in various forms, and consequently shared within the partnership and disseminated to other schools and education associations.

Being involved in an international project makes, in the first place, a school recognizable in the community where it is located, and in the second, produces creative, independent and bold young people who can in the future cross Slovenian borders and search they jobs in and outside Europe without fear.

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