

**Programme**

# **Integrating EU values into the classroom**

Onsite course | 7-9 November 2024 | Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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# PROGRAMME

## DAY 1

### 7 November | Plenary

Venue: Mövenpick Hotel Sarajevo - Fra Filipa Lastrica, 2, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:00 – 15:00

Registration

15:00 – 15:30

Opening of the day

15:30 – 16:00

**Keynote 1** - Education for a shared future: The role of eTwinning in promoting European values, *Nikolaos Mouratoglou*

16:00 – 16:30

**Keynote 2** - Building bridges: Inclusive leadership and European values in transforming school cultures, *Jasna Kovačević*

16:30 – 17:00

Break

17:00 – 18:15

Networking activity

19:00

Dinner at the hotel

## DAY 2

### 8 November | Workshops *Participants have to attend all three workshop sessions*

Venue: Mövenpick Hotel Sarajevo - Fra Filipa Lastrica, 2, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:30 – 11:00

**Workshop session 1** - 4 in parallel

WS1 Empowering students through active participation

WS2 Importance of European values and democratic citizenship through history

WS3 Fostering inclusive leadership

WS4 Instilling European values through career learning in vocational education and training

11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 13:00

**Workshop session 2** - 4 in parallel

WS5 Integrating European values and active citizenship into the curricula

WS6 Philosophy in action

WS7 Embracing lifelong learning and critical thinking in education

WS8 Importance of European values and democratic citizenship through history

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

**Workshop session 3** - 4 in parallel

WS9 Empowering students through active participation

WS10 Integrating European values and active citizenship into the curricula

WS11 Fostering inclusive leadership

WS12 Embracing lifelong learning and critical thinking in education

16:00 – 16:30

Break

17:00 – 19:00

*City walk/cultural walk organised by the National Support Organisation Bosnia and Herzegovina*

19:00

Dinner at Restoran Amerikanac

## DAY 3

### 9 November | Plenary

Venue: Mövenpick Hotel Sarajevo - Fra Filipa Lastrica, 2, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:30 – 10:45

Project planning session

10:45 – 11:30

Presentation of project ideas

11:30 – 12:00

Break

12:00 – 13:00

Panel discussion on importance of values in education with case studies

13:00 – 13:15

Closing/Lunch boxes

## KEYNOTES

### KN 1

#### Education for a shared future: The role of eTwinning in promoting European values

Nikolaos Mouratoglou | Thursday, 7 November, 15:30–16:00 CET

By participating in eTwinning projects, students and teachers engage in collaborative learning that fosters a sense of European identity based on democratic values and respect. Drawing on insights from European surveys (e.g., ICCS 2022, Citedev 2024), the keynote will present the opportunities eTwinning offers for enhancing pupils' understanding of European values such as democracy, human rights and solidarity. The potential of eTwinning to further deepen and practice these values will be explored, based on good practices that can amplify the impact of eTwinning projects on pupils' learning.



**Dr. Nikolaos Mouratoglou** is the Pedagogical and Monitoring Coordinator of eTwinning and the European School Education Platform (European Schoolnet). He is adjunct Lecturer at the Department of Educational Sciences (University of Athens) and the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences (European University of Cyprus), specialising in digital education, teacher training and counselling. He has (co-)authored more than 50 publications in (international) scientific journals and conferences and has collaborated with national, European and international organisations, universities and Ministries on projects related to teachers' professional development, vocational education and training, AI and digital transformation, skills development and employability.

### KN 2

#### Building bridges: Inclusive leadership and European values in transforming school cultures

Jasna Kovačević | Thursday, 7 November, 16:00–16:30 CET

This keynote focuses on the importance of inclusive leadership in European schools as a means of embedding core values like democracy, human rights and social inclusion into the fabric of school culture. It highlights how inclusive leaders shape environments where all students, regardless of their backgrounds, can thrive and feel a sense of belonging. These leaders are pivotal in promoting diversity, reducing prejudice and fostering a community built on equality, empathy and respect for differing perspectives. By actively engaging students in decision-making processes, they help prepare young people for active, responsible citizenship in democratic societies. Despite challenges such as resistance to change and resource limitations, this keynote argues that through ongoing dialogue and a strong commitment to diversity, inclusive leadership remains the key to ensuring that European values are not just taught but lived every day in schools.

**Jasna Kovačević** is an associate professor at the School of Economics and Business, University of Sarajevo, specializing in leadership, strategy and ethics with a focus on gender, social justice and inclusive organizational cultures. Her research is widely published in top educational journals, and she consults with prominent organizations like the Regional Cooperation Council, European Commission and UN agencies on projects related to education, inclusive leadership, human rights and gender-based issues. She is a feminist and an advocate for individuals with disabilities.



# WORKSHOPS

## WS 1

### Empowering students through active participation

Edisa Zilić | Friday, 8 November, 09:30–11:00 CET

This workshop aims to equip eTwinners with the tools to integrate active participation and core European values into their teaching practices. Participants will engage in interactive activities, including an icebreaker to foster peer interaction, followed by a presentation on the connection between EU values and civic engagement. Through group work, attendees will design new eTwinning projects that promote active participation, culminating in project presentations and peer feedback to enhance collaborative learning.

**Edisa Zilić** is a math teacher at Richmond Park International Secondary School Sarajevo, with a master's degree in information technology from International Burch University and over eight

years of experience. She became an eTwinning ambassador for Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2024, promoting collaborative and international educational projects. Edisa is passionate about her profession, focusing not only on academic excellence but also on students' behavioural development in a positive and inclusive environment. Committed to lifelong learning, she actively engages in professional development through seminars and workshops to continually enhance her teaching methods.



## WS 2

### Importance of European values and democratic citizenship through history

Merjema Spahić | Friday, 8 November, 11:30–13:00 CET

This workshop focuses on exploring key European values such as human dignity, freedom and democracy through historical examples. Participants will engage in interactive activities, including source analysis, timeline creation and building their own mini societies, to understand how these values have shaped European history and democratic citizenship. Through this hands-on approach, participants will learn to apply historical lessons to modern societal challenges.



**Merjema Spahić** is a passionate history professor who graduated from the University of Sarajevo and expanded her expertise through the Erasmus+ exchange program in Istanbul, where she focused on cultural and social history. Actively involved in EUROCLIO HIP BiH, she participates in initiatives to promote history education, and continuously seeks innovative methods to enhance her teaching. Her background in youth activism and commitment to addressing societal issues enrich her teaching approach at Richmond Park International School, where she ensures that history lessons are both informative and relevant to students' lives.

## WS 3

### Fostering inclusive leadership

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This workshop explores the role of inclusive leadership in promoting European values such as democracy, equality, respect for diversity and human rights in school environments. Participants will learn how inclusive leadership practices help build a positive, respectful and supportive school culture where all students and staff feel valued and heard. Through interactive discussions and case

studies, educators and school leaders will gain practical strategies to cultivate an inclusive environment, reduce discrimination and embrace diversity, fostering a stronger sense of community aligned with European values and humanistic educational principles.

Bio - Please refer to KN 2

## WS 4

### Instilling European values through career learning in vocational education and training

Nikolaos Mouratoglou | Friday, 8 November, 09:30–11:00 CET

Initial vocational education and training (IVET) plays a crucial role in not only preparing learners with technical skills but also with the values needed to thrive as responsible and active citizens. This workshop focuses on supporting VET teachers in effectively integrating core European values into their teaching practices through career learning. Participants will explore how career learning can contribute to developing informed, value-driven citizens advocating for a just and inclusive society. The session will feature

interactive discussions, real-world examples and a hands-on activity where participants will work together to create a career learning module, blending vocational skills with European values.

Bio - Please refer to KN 1

## WS 5

### Integrating European values and active citizenship into the curricula

Senida Celjo | Friday, 8 November 11:30–13:00 CET

This workshop is designed to help educators integrate European values such as democracy, equality, human rights and the rule of law into their curricula. Through interactive sessions, participants will explore the historical context of these values, learn practical methods for embedding them across various subjects and discover ways to promote active citizenship among students. The course emphasizes interdisciplinary teaching approaches, encouraging

collaboration between subjects and fostering student engagement in civic activities. Additionally, educators will gain insight into collaborative eTwinning projects that connect classrooms across Europe.

Bios - Please refer to WS 2

## WS 6

### Philosophy in action

Kira Drost | Friday, 8 November, 11:30–13:00 CET

This workshop will empower teachers to use philosophy as a tool for fostering critical thinking and democratic engagement in the classroom. Through hands-on activities like the Ring of Gyges ethical dilemma, participants will explore how philosophical discussions can inspire students to think deeply, reflect ethically and engage in meaningful dialogue.

**Kira Drost** works as a pedagogical officer for the European School Education Platform (European Schoolnet) and eTwinning on several

projects. She holds a bachelor's degree in International Teacher Education for Primary Schools and a master's in Educational Sciences. She has previously worked as a primary school teacher in both Dutch school and international schools all over Europe. Kira is experienced in developing professional development activities for teachers as well as designing online courses.



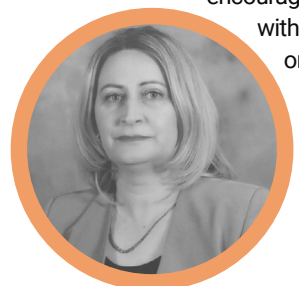
## WS 7

### Embracing lifelong learning and critical thinking in education

Azra Šoše | Friday, 8 November, 11:30–13:00 CET

This workshop is designed to help educators enhance essential skills in critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration while promoting lifelong learning. Participants will engage in interactive activities, starting with the "WHY-BECAUSE" exercise to encourage dialogue, followed by hands-on experiences with tools like LearningApps and discussions on staying current in education. Collaborative exercises, including a «continent» design, will foster teamwork and shared values, and the session will end with a creativity-stimulating imagination exercise and an evaluation.

Azra Šoše is an experienced educator with a background in history, geography, and English language teaching, having graduated from Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar. She has worked as a teacher since 1998, and became headmaster of PS «Bijelo Polje» Potoci in 2019. An eTwinning ambassador for Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2017, Azra has led numerous workshops for teachers and students across Europe, moderated international conferences and participated in British Council's "21st Century Skills" project. She has also worked on civic education, democracy, critical thinking and interculturalism projects, including IOM initiatives like MOVIEQ and Toxic Masculinity. Her expertise spans education innovation, teacher training, gender equality and web tools.



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Bio - Please refer to WS 1

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Bio - Please refer to WS 7