

The best eTwinning projects at European level were awarded during the Prizes Ceremony that took place on 8 April, in Brussels. The main aim of the event is to reward the best eTwinning projects from the previous school year, and especially to congratulate the people behind them: the eTwinning teachers and pupils.

Anne Gilleran, Pedagogical Manager of eTwinning, presented the ceremony, which was held in the capital of Europe for the first time. The event counted with the presence of **Jan Trzuszczński**, the DG of Education and Culture European Commission, **Malika Benarab** from the Education committee at the European Parliament and **Isabelle Durant**, MEP from Belgium. They all congratulated the winners personally and celebrated their success.

Jan Trzuszczanski explained that the European Commission is very proud of eTwinning, which “has become an essential part of the new Erasmus + programme”. The Director-General of Education and Culture congratulated the winners on the stage and **unveiled the best eTwinning project 2014, the best-kept secret of the ceremony**. This prize is voted among the 3 winning projects in the Ages Categories by the National Support Services from all the countries involved in eTwinning. This year, the overall winning prize went to ***LYPS: Let Your Passion Shine***.

Isabelle Durant, MEP from Belgium, congratulated the winners as well and welcomed them to her home city. Finally, Malika Benarab from the Education committee at the EP, highlighted role of teachers “in the promotion of critical thinking and a safe use of internet”.

More than two hundred participants joined the ceremony in Brussels and thousands of people followed it thanks to Social Media.



AGE CATEGORIES

The main Prizes are sponsored by the European Commission. There are three age categories (4-11, 12-15 and 16-19 years old) and in each category, a European jury chooses the winner and finalist projects. You can learn more about the evaluation process in the [eTwinning Portal](#).

Winners and runners-up in each category were presented and rewarded during the ceremony. On the [Videos section](#), you can watch the summary videos to all the projects, with the main outcomes and testimonies by the teachers and students about their experiences in eTwinning.



LYPS: Let Your Passion Shine, winner of the 4-11 age category, was highlighted by the jury as an “excellent example of best practice and a true collaboration under many aspects”. In this category, **Talking Pictures** was selected as runner-up.



Stories in History and **Health4Life** were awarded as runner-up and winner of the 12-15 age category, respectively. The jury said about the winner project that it is “an example of very well implemented eTwinning activities for exam preparations and hence their integration into the curriculum, making it fun without being noticed”.



In the 16-19 age category, ***Euroguide*** project was chosen by the jury as runner-up and ***Photography as a pedagogical tool***, winner. The jury highlighted the close team work between teachers in this project, in order to produce activities “relevant pedagogically but also engaging for their pupils”.

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eTwinning Reporters – With Claire Morvan

The students from “Photography as a pedagogical tool” became “eTwinning reporters” with Claire Morvan. They followed different activities from the event’s programme, took notes and pictures with their tablets and wrote some articles for the event’s blog.

You can watch below a compilation of pictures taken during the workshops:

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