

What exactly is an eTwinning School?



In 2018, the eTwinning Central Support Service introduced the **eTwinning School** initiative to recognize schools that demonstrate significant engagement with the program.

To be considered for this recognition, schools must meet several criteria, including at least two years of participation in eTwinning, a minimum of three active teachers on the platform, and having received at least one National Quality Label for an eTwinning project. By 2022, a total of **5,073** schools across Europe held eTwinning School accreditation, with **218** of these located in Spain.

The application process for this accreditation is held annually, and the recognition is valid for two years.

How can schools be accredited as an eTwinning School?

Schools that meet the necessary requirements are invited to submit an application via the European School Education Platform.

This application involves completing a form in which schools must demonstrate their adherence to digital safety policies and outline how they integrate activities that reflect *eTwinning's core values*. Supporting documentation must also be provided. The National Support Service evaluates all applications, assessing the submitted evidence alongside the school's activities and potential. Schools that successfully pass this process are awarded eTwinning School status.

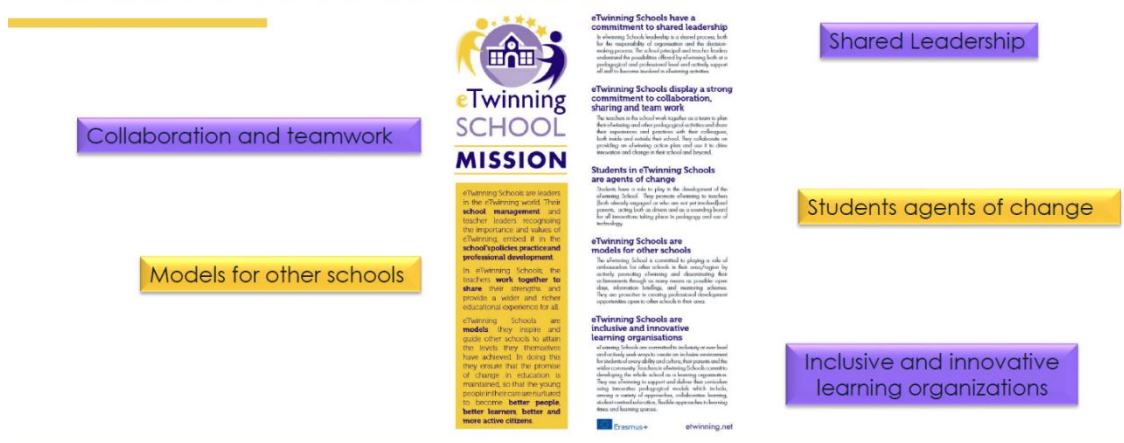
What are the values upheld by eTwinning Schools?

eTwinning Schools operate according to a series of guiding principles that shape their approach. These core values include:

- **Shared Leadership:** Leadership within eTwinning Schools is a collaborative effort, with responsibility for both organizational tasks and decision-making being distributed across the school community.
- **Collaboration, Exchange, and Teamwork:** Teachers work together to design projects and activities, sharing their experiences and best practices. Additionally, they collaborate on developing an eTwinning action plan aimed at driving innovation and positive change in their schools. Partnerships are encouraged between staff, students, families and local stakeholders to enhance learning outcomes and student well-being.
- **Students as Agents of Change:** In eTwinning Schools, students take an active role in both classroom and school-wide decision-making. They are also key players in shaping their own learning experiences and in promoting the eTwinning initiative among teachers and families.
- **Role Models for Other Schools:** eTwinning Schools mentor other institutions, offering guidance and inspiration for implementing eTwinning practices within their communities. They also proactively create professional development opportunities for other schools in their area.
- **Inclusive and Innovative Educational Institutions:** eTwinning Schools are known for fostering a culture of inquiry and experimentation, positioning themselves as hubs of innovation. They are also committed to embracing diversity at every level, working to ensure inclusive environments for all students. In these schools, diversity is seen as a strength that enriches the learning community.



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What are the benefits of becoming an accredited eTwinning School?

- official recognition across Europe as a leader in educational quality, with schools receiving eTwinning plaques and flags from the European Union
- greater awareness of the school's educational project and an enhanced reputation with education authorities, thanks to meeting stringent quality criteria assessed by eTwinning's National Support Service
- increased interest from families in the eTwinning program, leading to greater involvement in future projects
- greater visibility, which can facilitate the search for partners for eTwinning and Erasmus+ projects
- promotion of innovative teaching methods focused on developing student competencies
- access to dedicated professional development programs
- inclusion in a specialized eTwinning Group within the European School Education Platform (ESEP), providing teachers with opportunities to share best practices, receive expert advice, participate in discussion forums and access exclusive online training opportunities

