

## E-School for Sustainability in the Danube Region

# eSchool4S

is a network project within the framework of the EU Programme

### **Comenius**

Installation of a multilateral network in the field of education to develop, to use and to disseminate innovative e-teaching and e-learning concepts in the Danube Region

Tobias Seiberlich  
GIZ State Office Baden-Wuerttemberg  
Mai 20th 2014



Lifelong  
Learning  
Programme



Baden-Württemberg

MINISTERIUM FÜR KULTUS, JUGEND UND SPORT





## eSchool4S

**connects Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) with following EU strategies:**

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy Europe 2020
- European Energy 2020 strategy

**eSchool4S is based on pedagogical/didactical approaches from**

- ESD manual for Sec II of the Programme Transfer-21
- Comenius 2.1 project „Competencies for ESD-teachers“



The objectives of the network eSchool4S promote the objectives of the “Life Long Learning“ Programme and Comenius, respectively:

**Obj. 1:** *Reinforce the contribution of lifelong learning to social cohesion, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, gender equality and personal fulfilment (LLP-Obj-d):*

The **eSchool4S** increases teachers' and pupils' awareness of the EU and promotes adequate values, principles and practices, thus encouraging individual action and civic participation. It integrates economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development (SD) and fosters social coherence and intercultural dialogue. Pupils', in particular girls' interest in science, will be especially stimulated.



**Obj. 2:** *Support the development of innovative information and communication technology (ICT) based content, pedagogics and practice for lifelong learning (LLP-Obj-h and COM-OpObj-4)*

Pupils and teachers will acquire digital competences, learn to use ICT in a confident and critical way, and enhance their cognitive and affective competences (e.g. social skills, attitudes, values).

**Obj. 3:** *Develop knowledge and understanding among young people and educational staff of the diversity of European cultures and languages and its value COM-SpObj-a*

Pupils will learn to understand the interrelatedness of economics, social, cultural and environmental issues at national, regional and European level. Inter-cultural exchange will make them aware of culture and language diversity and will help create a sense of European identity by addressing common goals, thoughts and aspirations.



**Obj. 4:** *Help young people acquire the basic life-skills and competences necessary for their personal development, for future employment and for active European citizenship (COM-SpObj-b)*

Pupils will acquire computer skills, cognitive competences, communication and soft skills (commitment, tolerance, foreign language use, ability to give/receive criticism, teamwork).

**Obj. 5:** *Improve the quality and to increase the volume of partnerships between schools in different Member States (COM-OpObj-2).*

The eSchool4S network will strengthen existing and encourage new partnerships and cooperation projects between schools.

## **Bringing Europe to schools in the Danube Region**



eSchool4S focuses geographically on the Danube Region:





The **goal** of the project is to establish a transnational network within the education sectors of initially 8 countries from the Danube Region and ESD at different levels, as well as to provide this network with web-based teaching and learning concepts and materials.

### **Target groups:**

- Educational planners
- (In-service) teacher training institutions
- Expert advisers and school inspectors
- Schools as well as classes and teachers
- ICT-experts
- NGOs working in the field of ESD
- other stakeholders as decision-makers in the field of education



## Planned key activities:

- Establishing of eSchool4s network to promote international cooperation in the field of education as well as exchange with the above mentioned actors and to foster ESD and ICT in the Danube Region
- Establishing of web-based learning platform eSchool4S
- Development, testing and implementation of web-based e-teaching concepts
- Development and implementation of training courses for teachers, willing to use web-based platform eSchool4S in their class rooms
- Adaptation of eSchool4S concepts and materials under the terms of ongoing network evaluations
- Dissemination of results





## eSchool4S – a multilateral network in Comenius Programme 2013

- EU-grant: € 450,000 (75% Comenius funding)
- Project duration: 36 months, 01.01.2014 till 31.12.2016
- Consortium partners: 10 active partners in 8 countries in the Danube Region
- Baden-Wuerttemberg: GIZ State Office and Landesakademie für Fortbildung und Personalentwicklung an Schulen Esslingen with the support of the Ministry for Culture, Youth and Sports Baden-Wuerttemberg



## Methodology

5 phases of implementation:

1. Inception and establishment of eSchool4S network (WP 2, WP3)
2. Initial network operation (WP4, WP5)
3. Extention of the network (WP6 – WP11)
4. Consolidation of the network (WP12 – WP14)
5. Follow-up of the network (WP15 – WP 18)



## Consortium

No.	Country	Partner
1	Germany	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
2	Germany	Landesakademie für Fortbildung und Personalentwicklung an Schulen
3	Austria	Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol
4	Hungary	College of Nyíregyháza
5	Slovakia	Academia Istropolitana Nova
6	Slovakia	e-code
7	Croatia	Aquilonis d.o.o.
8	Serbia	University of Belgrade
9	Bulgaria	SOU 73 High School
10	Romania	TERRA Mileniul III Foundation



# Thank you for your attention!

**Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH**  
**State Office Baden-Wuerttemberg**  
**Königstr. 1b**  
**70173 Stuttgart**  
**Fon: +49(0)711-22754-0**  
**Email: [tobias.seiberlich@giz.de](mailto:tobias.seiberlich@giz.de)**  
**Skype: seiberlich.giz**