

eTwinning

National Quality Label



The Quality Label

If you think that your eTwinning project deserves an extra mark of success, then you can apply for the National Quality Label through your eTwinning Desktop. This appears under the section 'Labels'. If you have more than one project that you think deserves the Label, then simply fill out an application for each.

What are the benefits?

The Quality Label is concrete recognition for teachers and schools of the high level of their eTwinning activities.

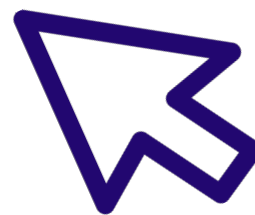
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It offers pupils a boost to their work and effort, and is a public affirmation of the school's commitment to quality and openness in European collaborative work.

Who grants the National Quality Label?

The National Support Service in each country evaluates applications from schools for the national Quality Label – in Ireland, this is Léargas.

The deadline for Irish 2015 applications is Friday 2 October 2015.



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We apply five specific minimum requirements in granting the Quality Label to a project:



- 1. The project must have common goals and a shared plan.**
- 2. It must be finished, or in its last stages.**
- 3. The applying teacher must have made a significant contribution to the project.**
- 4. A certain degree of collaboration must appear.**
- 5. Project results must be visible.**

Once these requirements are met, the project is evaluated on six quality criteria. It must broadly achieve excellence in the following areas:



Pedagogical innovation

For an innovative project, the first step is to choose an original theme. It is also necessary to use different pedagogical methods and make sure that the pupils take the lead and work collaboratively using different techniques.

Curricular integration

Participation in projects shouldn't be considered an extra task, but a tool to improve your teaching skills and develop students' key competences. Find a way to integrate project tasks within your lessons, for instance by choosing a theme based on the school curriculum.

Communication and exchange between partner schools

It is important to make sure that all the work is shared with the other teachers and pupils. Take advantage of the various online tools available, like polls, quizzes, surveys or video conferences to meet each other and work together in real time.

Collaboration between partner schools

It is not easy to achieve a true collaboration and not many eTwinning projects score highly in this area. Rather than working in parallel, you should collaborate with partner schools on a shared outcome and help each other to accomplish all the project's activities.

Use of technology

There are many ICT tools that can help you achieve the project's pedagogical objectives, and most of them are free. You just need to choose the ones that work best for your project activities and make sure that you and your pupils are always safe online.

Results, impact and documentation

The project's outcomes should always be showcased on TwinSpace. They need to be visible and well organised (by topic, not by country). It is important to share all steps of the work: planning, activity description, evaluation and feedback. The project evaluation will help demonstrate the impact of the project on students and teachers.

European Quality Label

The European Quality Label is a second mark of success. It is awarded by the Central Support Service to schools in a project:

1. That has been proposed for the European Quality Label by at least one National Support Service, after a screening process.
2. Where at least two partners have already received the National Quality Label.

The European Quality Label is awarded only once a year and is featured on the eTwinning Portal.

You must have a European Quality Label to participate in the European eTwinning Prizes competition.