



**Evaluating and Upscaling Telecollaborative Teacher Education (EVALUATE)
Teacher Training Workshop
Universidad de León, Spain
11 & 12 January 2018**

This workshop is intended for teacher trainers working in higher education who are interested in taking part in the EVALUATE telecollaborative exchange programme. These exchanges are part of the EVALUATE KA3 policy-experimentation project (www.evaluateproject.eu) which is financed by the European Commission.

The EVALUATE project team will help teacher trainers to engage their students of teacher education in Virtual Exchange projects with partner classes in other countries. Virtual Exchange refers to the method of engaging classes in structured online intercultural collaboration and exchange projects with partner-classes in other cultural contexts under the guidance of their teachers.

This is what EVALUATE offers teacher trainers who participate in the workshop and in the project:

- We will help you to find a partner class for your students.
- We will provide you with a well-developed model of telecollaboration which is specifically designed for teacher-education. The themes of the exchange are aimed at developing student-teachers' transversal and intercultural competences and digital literacies. You will be given the tasks the students have to complete with their partners as well as texts and any other related materials.
- You will receive training in the León workshop how to run the exchange and how to integrate it successfully into your classes.
- You will be mentored by a member of the EVALUATE team during the exchange who will help you to overcome any problems or challenges which emerge.
- You will receive the results of our study which will provide you with insight and evidence of the impact of telecollaboration on your students' competence development.
- Most importantly, you have the opportunity to engage your students in a motivating and educational virtual learning experience.

Participants are expected to cover their own travel and subsistence expenses. However, participants may wish to enquire at their own institutions for Erasmus Training funding to cover costs.

Accommodation options will be provided by the organisers closer to the date. For more information about the workshop and how to take part in the exchange programme, please contact Robert O'Dowd (robert.odowd@unileon.es).



Provisional Timetable:

Thursday 11 January: Teacher Training Day 1

- **Morning**
 - Participant introductions
 - The EVALUATE project: overview
 - Introduction to Telecollaborative Exchange
 - Task Sequences for future teachers (part 1)
- **Afternoon**
 - Task Sequences for future teachers (part 2)
 - Online communication tools for the telecollaborative exchanges
 - Course development: partner teachers work together to adapt the task sequences to their contexts

Friday 12 January: Teacher Training Day 2

- **Morning**
 - Researching EVALUATE: overview of the research protocols, tools, requirements for data collection, etc.
 - Partner teachers continue to work on course development together
 - Share with the group: each pair of partner teachers shares with the group what they have developed for their context
 - Overcoming problems in telecollaborative exchanges
 - Where we go from here (e.g. online support and mentoring programme for the exchanges)