



# Open Schools for Open Societies

## What is an Open School?

**An Open School is a top engaging environment for learning where students develop projects that meets real life needs and realize a vital contribution to their community**



## The first OSOS schools

The Open Schools for Open Societies project aims to support 1.000 schools in 11 participating countries to become true Open Schools. How did the project partners succeed during the first 4 months of the project?



In Greece, 99 schools applied to participate in the project during the first year. An assessment committee had to be established in order to select 10 schools and 5 runners-up. The national coordinator in the Netherlands, NEMO Science Museum, has selected 15 schools. Portugal, Ciencia Viva, starts with 18 schools and the national coordinator of Spain, the University of Deusto, starts with 13 schools. ORT from Israel will support 10 Schools, just like the university of Finland in their country. In Bulgaria, 4 schools have already expressed their interest to become part of the national OSOS Open schooling Hubs. Only after 4 months, 85 schools have committed to become Open Schools.

*'In Israel, some of the schools have already started their projects, while the others will begin in the following weeks. The subjects of the projects are very diverse and deal with matters concerning the community in different ways – mapping polluted areas and improving yields in agriculture using technology; finding solutions to help disabled people; offering new aspects to city tours tourists can take; and even confronting the problem of stray asteroids threatening (hypothetically?) to crash on Earth...'*

**Are you interested in joining the project? Please take a look at [our website](#) and contact your national coordinator**

## OSOS goes international

The OSOS project has received positive feedback after the events that were given in the first few months of its existence. Our Portuguese partner Nuclio has given a worldwide tour that included presentations and workshops in Kentucky (US), in São Paulo (Brazil), in Cascais (Portugal) in Dublin (Ireland), in Brussels (Belgium) and even at the premises of the European Space Agency in Noordwijk (The Netherlands)

*'Opening up school to societies is a strategic aim of the country's national policy and another was to motivate students and teachers to engage in meaningful learning and creative activities. Through this program, we expect to disseminate this culture all over the school community'*  
Institute of Educational Policy in Greece

## Need inspiration?

The [inspiration part of the OSOS website](#) includes some interesting good practices that will act as accelerators to innovate your school and develop innovative ideas to new localised.

*The Heerbeek College realized that it is important for students to know what is going on in their environment. They engaged local companies and institutions with the aim to show their students what happens with the knowledge they acquire in their school. The teachers of the Heerbeek College also visited the companies and institutions, They learned what skills are required for their students in order to be successful. [Click to watch the video](#)*

## OSOS Summer School 2018

Are you a School Head or a Teacher seeking to bring innovation to your school and open it to the local community? The OSOS Summer School aims to offer a high-impact and transformative experience in personal and organizational level through a series of workshops, good practices and... challenges. Contributing to your own professional development, we will provide open school strategies and tools to implement the necessary changes in order to introduce openness in your own school. During the OSOS Summer School, personal and individualized support will empower you to engage in innovative practices. Instead of suggesting a one solution fits all approach, you will learn how to choose existing or design new open school activities addressing real needs of the local community.

School Heads and Teachers participation in the OSOS Summer Academy courses can be funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme. Eligible countries for ERASMUS+ funding are the 28 EU member States, plus Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and FYROM.

More info about the training and the Funding opportunities of Erasmus can be found at <http://osos.ea.gr/> or please contact [osos\\_summer@ea.gr](mailto:osos_summer@ea.gr) for further information.

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