

Programme

EdTech in schools:
from promises
to reality

School Innovation Forum 2024

This year, the School Innovation Forum is organised on 4-5 June 2024 in Luxembourg in collaboration with [IFEN](#), [SCRIPT](#), and [EmpowerED](#). The Forum will focus on the theme “**EdTech in schools: from promises to reality**” and will address questions about the use of technology in education, particularly in schools, looking at expectations, achievements, and shortfalls over the years. It will also pose questions about the advancements of emerging technologies, the considerable investments made by the public sector across Europe in this domain, as well as the growing concerns about the impact of digital technology on teaching and learning in schools.

This year's objectives of the Forum are:

- to take stock of the sector's state of the art,
- to exchange on the 'non-uncontroversial' debate about the impact of digital in schooling, allowing different actors to openly share their views.
- to propose ways in which different stakeholders can collaborate and properly design, develop, deploy, and assess the use of technology for improving student learning.

The Forum will thus offer space for an open and trustful discussion to exchange on difficult questions, think critically and constructively on how best to proceed, provide food for thought for our main actors, and showcase examples of successful integration of digital in the classroom.

Target audience in 2024

The Forum will bring together European Schoolnet community of actors, as well as other stakeholders playing an important role in this debate. It will also act as one of the events under the [EmpowerED project](#)'s EdTech Week 2024. Therefore, the event will bring together representatives from European Schoolnet's member ministries of education, Future Classroom Lab and STEM Alliance industry partners, FCL Lead Ambassadors, Innovative Learning Lab representatives, Interactive Classroom Working Group members, as well as European Union officials, regional education authorities, and other relevant project partners. Furthermore, in collaboration with member ministries of education, several school owners (municipalities, regions, associations) that play a role in selecting and assessing technology that can be used in their schools will be invited to participate.

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Day 1 | 04 June 2024

Venue: [Centre municipal](#), Place d'Armes L-2012 Luxembourg

Address: Cercle Cité, Place d'Armes L-2012 Luxembourg

09:00 – 09:30 **Arrival & Registration**

09:30 – 10:15 (45') **Welcome & Opening addresses**

- **Jan de Craemer**, Chair of European Schoolnet
 - **Rehana Schwinninger-Ladak**, Head of Unit 'Interactive technologies, Digital for Culture and Education', DG CONNECT, European Commission
 - **Claude Meisch**, Minister of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg
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10:15 – 10:40 (25') **Keynote Address**

The (new) role of education and schooling in the digital world

- **Marte Blikstad-Balas**, Professor at University of Oslo, Vice-chair of the Nordic Centre of Excellence - Quality in Nordic Teaching
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10:40 – 11:05 (25') **Keynote Address**

Digital transformation in education and responsible technology

- **Duuk Baten**, responsible tech lead at SURF, the Dutch National Research and Education Network (NREN)
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11:05 – 11:15 (10') **Setting the Scene for the parallel sessions**

Objectives for the parallel sessions' discussions

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11:15 – 11:45 (30') **Coffee Break**

11:45 – 13:15 (90') **Parallel Sessions**

The parallel sessions are designed to allow for maximum exchange and interaction among participants. They aim to present the nuances of the debate, challenge views, promote exchange and ideas on

key issues that occupy the innovation in education sphere. Each session will consist of a short introduction to the topic by an expert, followed by an exchange among participants on key questions.

Topic 1: Technology use in schools and wellbeing of students and teachers.

What is the relationship between technology use in schools and the wellbeing of students and teachers? This session will address questions connected to the debate around digital device use in educational settings, taking a nuanced approach, aiming to unravel the complexities and chart a course for a balanced approach to the issue.

Introduction speech:

- **Niamh Ní Bhroin**, Associate Professor of Media Studies at the University of Agder

Moderator:

Sabrina Vorbau, Project Manager, European Schoolnet

Topic 2: AI in education; promises and challenges.

The session will address questions about the increasing use of AI in schools and the impact of this transformation. It will explore the challenges faced by educators and institutions in navigating this technological landscape, but also the promises that AI holds for supporting education practices.

Introduction speech:

- **Katarina Sperling**, PhD candidate, Department of Behavioural Sciences at Linköping University - strategist at the Research and Development Department of the Education Office in Norrköping, Sweden

Moderator:

Konstantinos Andronikidis, Education Policy Manager, European Schoolnet

Topic 3: Education and public-private partnerships. (by EmpowerED)

This session will focus on the role of companies active in the field of education and how they affect education processes and methods across Europe and beyond. It will address the opportunities and challenges that such reality creates and explore their impact in schools' and teachers' practices.

Introduction speech:

- **Zelda Gerard-Besset**, Legal Officer, Compliance Tools Department, Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Liberté (CNIL), France

Moderator:

Donatella Solda, Director of Future Education Modena, President of EdTech Italia

13:15 – 14:15 (60') **Networking Lunch**

14:15 – 15:45 (90') **Parallel Sessions**

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15:45 – 16:15 (30')

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00 (45')

Roundtable Discussion

Technology in education: key challenges and how to overcome them.**Moderator:**

Daniela Hau, Head of Innovation, SCRIPT, Luxembourg

Panellists:

- **Urs Bucher**, President of the Digitisation Working Group of the Swiss-German Conference of Primary School Authorities (DVK) and Head of the Basel-Stadt Primary School Authority.
- **Ruben Cammaerts**, Vice president of SMART Technologies
- **Jannie Jeppesen**, Chair of the European Edtech Alliance (EEA) and CEO at Swedish Edtech Industry

19:00 – 23:00

Networking dinner at [La Table du Belvedere](#)

Day 2 | 05 June 2024

Venue: [Centre municipal](#), Place d'Armes L-2012 Luxembourg

Address: Auditorium Cité: 3, rue Genistre (side street, left of the main entry, Entrée Cité Bibliothèque)

09:00 – 09:30

Arrival & Coffee

09:30 – 09:55 (25')

Recap of parallel session discussions

09:55 – 10:15 (20')

Inspiration Talk

SkoleGPT: an example of generative AI tool for schools

- **Martin Sønderlev Christensen**, Head of Institute for Didactics and Digitalisation, University College Copenhagen

10:15 – 11:00 (45')

Roundtable Discussion

Good practices of education technology use in schools

Moderator:

Madeleine Murray, National Coordinator - Professional Learning Design, Oide, Ireland

Panellists:

- **Mike Dostert**, Member of the school leadership, Aline Mayrisch School, Luxembourg
- **Lorraine McCool**, Deputy Principal of the Dominican College, Ireland
- **Mariël van Loenen-Pots**, Principal of the IKC Magenta school, Netherlands
- **Michaela Klappková Matúšová**, ScioSchool, Czech Republic

11:15 – 11:45 (30')

Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30 (45') **Roundtable Discussion**

(How) can investments in education and EdTech be sustainable?

Moderator:

Sampo Forsström, Lecturer, Project manager, Future Classroom Lab Ambassador, and developer, Tulliportti Teacher Training School, basic education, University of Eastern Finland

Panellists:

- **Ijsbrand Hoetjes**, ICT and Education Advisor, Kennisnet, Netherlands
 - **Jeremy Rollison**, Senior Director, Head of EU Policy, Microsoft
 - **William Florance**, Head of Strategic and Government Initiatives, Google for Education
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12:30 – 13:00 (30') **Closing Words**

- **Christian Lamy**, Director of the National Education Training Institute (IFEN), Luxembourg.
 - **Luc Weis**, Director of the Department for the Coordination of Educational and Technological Research and Innovation (SCRIPT), Luxembourg
 - **Marc Durando**, Executive Director, European Schoolnet
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13:00 – 15:00 **Networking Lunch**

15:00 – 17:00 **Guided tour in old town of Luxembourg (pre-registration needed)**



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