

# SOCRATES – ACCOMPANYING MEASURES

IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL SCHOOLNETS IN EUROPE <a href="http://www.eu-ripides.net">www.eu-ripides.net</a>				
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## ***Project partnership***

- Institutions of 15 European countries
  - School authorities
  - Universities
  - Research institutions
  - Schools
  - Other educational institutions



## *Main objectives*

- Creation of a detailed overview of web-based regional and national SchoolNets
- Implementation of a project conference in Austria and Slovenia (hopefully successful 😊)
- Editing of a brochure



# *Target groups*

- Educational decision makers at all levels
- Educational administrative staff at all levels
- Teachers and headmasters
- Pupils and Students
- School inspectors and advisors
- Other interested institutions and individual persons



# ***Work Plan of project***

## **Stages in life of project**

- **Data collection**
- **Presentation**
- **Publication and dissemination**
- **On-going activities**



# *Data collection*

What did we have already carried out?

- Kick-off Meeting of Steering Group



# A web portal

<http://www.eu-ripides.net>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU-RIPIDES web portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact, Web Credits, CMS-Login, and a search box. The main header features the EU-RIPIDES logo, which includes a blue graduation cap and the text "EU-RIPIDES" in blue and yellow, followed by the tagline "EU-Research Initiative to Promote, Improve and Develop European Schoolnets".

On the left side, there is a "MAIN MENU" with the following items: Home, News, Project Information, Partners, Events, Download, Links, Search, and Forum. Below the menu is a "NEWSLETTER" section for the "EU-RIPIDES Newsletter" with fields for Name and E-mail, and radio buttons for "Subscribe" and "Unsubscribe". A "Go!" button is at the bottom of this section. Small icons for the UK and Germany are visible below the newsletter form.

The main content area is titled "HOME" and contains three sections:

- Project Conference**: A section with a blue square icon. The text states: "The possibility to register online to the autumn's conference is available (click [here](#))! The project conference will be held in Wolfsberg (A) and Slovenj Gradec (SLO) from 21st until 23rd October 2005. The complete draft agenda and the invitation can be found under category **download**. We have prolonged the deadline for conference registration until **15 October 2005**."
- Project startup**: A section with a blue square icon. The text states: "Simultaneous with the first Steering Group Meeting in Dabrowa Gornica the project startup took place. You will find detailed information concerning the first Steering Group Meeting under this [link](#). The Documentation can be found under **Events** or **Download**." To the right of this text is a photograph of a "Steering Group Meeting" with several people around a table.
- Completion of the site**: A section with a blue square icon. The text states: "This site is under construction. The site will be finalised soon. Because of this we recommend to refresh the site day-to-day." Below this text is a "Thank you for your appreciation" message and a small EU-RIPIDES logo with the text "Completion of the site" below it.



# ***Desk research in involved countries***

**The key findings of this desk research were:**

- Description of different SchoolNets
- SchoolNets and policy
- For whom SchoolNets are designed?
- What do SchoolNets contain?
- Who is involved?
- Previous research about SchoolNets
- Schoolnets in Schools



# *Key findings*

- Financial aspects of SchoolNets
- Organisational aspects of SchoolNets
- Examples of SchoolNets
- Use of ICT (Information and Communication technologies) in schools
- Why should we have SchoolNets?
- Examples of European SchoolNets for Schools



## ***Furthermore our plans and tasks are:***

- Questioning of target groups
- Analysis, description and interpretation of information
- Editing of a publication
- European dissemination of publicaiton
- On-going reporting, evaluation and monitoring



# ***Main output – Publication***

## **Contents**

- a) Introduction, context and desk research
- b) Questionnaire survey and other data presentation
- c) Country situations
- d) Analysis of results
- e) Recommendations



# *Expected impacts*

- Sustainable improvement of Schoolnetworks
- Networking via ICT in educational systems on regional, national and European level
- Promotion of eTwinning of educational institutions in the European Union
- Improvement of technological standards
- Demonstration of innovations and trends
- Demonstration of eLearning opportunities



## ***Expected impacts***

- Improvement of eGovernment in education
- Development and implementing of long run strategies for SchoolNets
- Press ahead with the agenda of Lisboa 2000
- Development of a Socrates network
- Fostering intercultural dialogue and diversity of languages



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**Thank you very much for your attention!**

