

# The European Dimension

Some ways forward for **your** school

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- What does the European Dimension mean to you and your school?
- Can you give some examples of European Dimension work from your own school?

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- Working with partner schools abroad - Erasmus+
- Exposes educators to new practices and perspectives - Erasmus+ CPD
- Working towards national curricular objectives
- Encourages an appreciation of diversity
- Prepares young people for life in a global society

# What are the **aims** of the European Dimension?

- To enhance a sense of identity and belonging
- To encourage responsible global citizenship
- To promote peace and harmony
- To enhance sustainable living
- To motivate pupils
- To raise standards
- To promote effective use of ICT

# The Core **Skills** for the European Dimension

- Digital Literacy
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Creativity and imagination
- Student Leadership
- Collaboration and communication
- Citizenship

# Steps to Develop the European Dimension

- European? International? Global?
- Appoint a European Co-ordinator with a job description (See examples and discuss)
- Assemble a team of like-minded teachers
- Identify the subjects that are likely to be key
- Conduct an audit of teaching and learning activities
- Draw up a policy (See examples and discuss)
- Now you are ready to make a whole-school approach to the European Dimension

# More steps

- Build a good relationship with your National Agency
- Research funding opportunities
- Access classroom resources to increase the pupils' understanding of international learning
- Find a partner school(s) to collaborate with
- Employ a Language Assistant
- Accreditation for the school e.g. in the UK-International school Award (ISA)

# Useful Websites

- [www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/global](http://www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/global)
- [www.globaldimension.org.uk](http://www.globaldimension.org.uk)
- [www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-programmes/international-school-award](http://www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-programmes/international-school-award)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages)



# Language learning in English primary schools

- Statutory from KS2 Year 3 (age 7) since 2014
- Any language – Spanish and French most popular
- 20 minutes up to an hour per week (KS2)
- Focus on practical communication
- Programme of study - see  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-languages-programmes-of-study](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-languages-programmes-of-study)