



eTwinning Code of eSafety

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A. Core principles





Any student of the "Emanuil Ungureanu" Technical College can participate in Etwinning projects.

Since 2005 eTwinning is the community of schools in Europe. eTwinning promotes school collaboration in Europe through information and communication technologies (ICT), providing support, work tools and services to schools.

- Every eTwinner and their events, messages, posts, projects' materials and everything published on the eTwinning area must adhere to, and comply with, the following core principles, in line with the [European Union's Fundamental Values and general principles](#).



- Everyone's opinions and views are always welcomed and allowed within the boundaries set in this Code of Conduct. eTwinners are encouraged to look beyond their own perspective, relate to different cultures and show sensitivity when including other eTwinners in their events, projects, groups, and networking activities – both online and on-site. eTwinning fosters understanding, empathy and openness towards one another with the aim of making the community a safe, harassment-free space

Be inclusive!

- Members of the eTwinning community must be respectful when dealing with their peers and interacting with one another. Respecting other people, and their activities on this platform, and assuming that their actions are motivated by good intentions will make eTwinners not only feel comfortable and safe, but also motivated and productive. eTwinners cannot insult or put down others, or incite violence against people based on their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or gender, and/or as a member of a country, group, or minority.

Be respectful!

- Disagreement is inevitable, from time to time. Tolerance for the views of others drives the pragmatic approach encouraged in this community. What is important is to seek constructive solutions to disagreements and differing views, always within the limits as described and defined in this Code of Conduct, and accept that some cases may result in “agreeing to disagree”.

Be tolerant!

- Be polite and friendly in all forms of communication – especially remote communication, where opportunities for misunderstanding are greater. Being polite means being aware and respecting the feelings of other people and showing it. As home of all eTwinners, the eTwinning area of the European School Education Platform is the online space where they can express freely, exchange easily and elaborate considerately their ideas and thoughts and treat equally the ones of other eTwinners. This means doing our best to carefully choose words and content in events, projects' materials, online and onsite meetings descriptions, posts, and messages.

Be polite and friendly!

B. Rules for using the etwinning platform



- 1. No use of eTwinning for commercial purposes It's strictly prohibited to use the platform for commercial purposes. Any company, initiative, event or software with a commercial intent will be removed, as will their access to the platform itself.
- 2. Impersonation eTwinners cannot impersonate other individuals or groups/organisations they do not represent in a manner that is intended to or does mislead, confuse, or deceive others.
- 3. No direct threats, bullying nor harassment eTwinning does not tolerate bullying or harassment. If you are victim of cyberbullying or someone is threatening you while using any of the eTwinning spaces (public and private ones), please report the message or contact your Support Organisation.

- 4. Intellectual property Ensure that the content you upload to the platform does not infringe any copyright. Before sharing pictures, videos, documents or any other resources, please make sure you have the right to do so.
- 5. Pupils (minors) eTwinning takes pupils' privacy and safety seriously. Avoid posting pictures of pupils on your eTwinning profile, TwinSpace, Groups, etc. In case you do, make sure you have the consent from the minor entitled to give consent or from the holder of parental responsibility over the child in line with the [Regulation 2018/1725 \(link\)](#), also that you have provided a copy of the privacy statement or make sure that pupils are not recognisable

- 6. Private information and Sensitive data Be thoughtful about content you post that relates to others. You should not share your or other eTwinners' private information - such as personal phone numbers and addresses, credit card details or other private information - or intimate pictures and videos. Always think before you post!



C. Netiquette



- 1. Careful and responsible use of the internal message system Refrain from sending too many messages to teachers with whom you are not working. Before contacting a user: check their profile; check if they are available for projects; make sure your message is relevant. Do not send the exact same message to more eTwinners.
- 2. Avoid spamming in forums The forums in the Networking area of the European School Education Platform may generate thousands of messages. Make sure that your message considers the subject of the thread. Before publishing a new post, check to see if there are other relevant messages on the subject and reply to them. Help us keep the forums relevant to improve collaboration!
- 3. Targeted Rooms invitation Avoid inviting your contacts to Rooms you manage, unless you are certain that these colleagues can participate. Random invitation to Rooms will be considered spam.

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- 4. Avoid random contact requests and project invitations
Avoid asking eTwinners to be part of your contacts or to join your project without any previous communication. Make sure you have a reasonable and manageable number of contacts in your list. Do you want to keep track of someone's updates? Follow them instead.
- 5. Only post relevant and appropriate comments on people's posts
When posting a comment on somebody else's profile, make sure it is relevant to the user. Comments must be for individuals and related to the user's post. Do not write the same comment to more users.