



In the grouping of schools "Marcelino Mesquita do Cartaxo", Elos, means students 'competence in a European context.

Meet the European and international issues, as well as the basic concepts of democracy and human rights are a valuable asset to their training as students and future citizens.

The work developed by our schools, has had as its objective, compliance with the guidance of quality standards at European level, through participation in diverse projects that promote preparation of students on a global dimension, where their rights, responsibilities and opportunities are explained.

The project Elos, in our school community, aims to improve the quality and efficiency of education and training of its students, promote citizenship and enhance creativity and innovation in all student levels.



Students in the ninth grade, distribute to colleagues in the 12th grade, informative leaflets about the importance of participating in elections to the European Parliament in 2014.

Beatriz Vassalo Elos School Coordinator Escola Secundária do Cartaxo 27-06-2014





The good news is WE ARE AN ELOS SCHOOL!

Furthermore, we are now and will be in the future, because it flows in our school's blood. True! It's like being born to a caring and committed family. True! We grow up learning, widening horizons, enlarging frontiers, developing skills in a European environment.



That's our school culture, that's the meaning of belonging to the ELOS network.

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Ana Pina, a elementary teacher at D. Luís de Mendonça Furtado School, Barreiro, Portugal, is going where she's never gone before.

She and 203 other teachers from around the world have been selected to attend—on scholarship—the *Honeywell Educators @ Space Academy program: space camp for math and science teachers, embarked for the facility in Huntsville, Alabama on June 11.

The program puts teachers through a roster of activities and workshops that simulate astronaut training and incorporate math and science lessons: shuttle missions, experiments, even moonwalks.





The value of the Space Academy lies not only in its hands-on activities but also in how all the experiences and new knowledge can be brought back to schools and shared with other educators who in turn share with students.

Pina, for example, is a ELOS teacher who works closely with science/maths teachers who in turn can share her experiences with their students in the classroom.

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ELOS contributes to a better understanding of the European Dimension on Education, the knowledge of the integration process, its values, rights and duties, and awareness for the importance of European Citizenship.

The project impact in our School Community relates to:

- development of activities that promote personal and professional qualification of our students;
- raise awareness to values such as solidarity and civic participation;
- facilitate the access to quality information and data on the various dimensions of EU and its institutions;





- increase students awareness towards employment opportunities in a EU context

Teresa Rocha Elos School Coordinator Escola Secundária de S. Pedro do Sul S. Pedro do Sul 27-06-2014





What does Elos mean to my school community?

Escola Básica e Secundária da Madalena is located in the outermost European Region of the Azores. This means that our students do not have the same opportunities as most European youngsters have to interact with other youngsters, to travel to other countries and to really get in touch with the multicultural and diverse Europe to which we belong.

And what do we do to get them closer to this reality? We apply for European projects like Erasmus +, we invite specialized people to come and talk to our students, we participate in every activity to which we are invited and try to show Europe that living the in middle of the Atlantic Ocean is not so bad!

The Elos project is a chance for us to get the European dimension into our curricula, in an integrated way. It's not that we do not explore this reality. We do.

Nevertheless, Elos makes us aware of the good job that we already do and, at the same time, call our attention to what we need to improve.



To sum up, Elos is the educational "key" for a better integration of this young generation making them aware that we are not alone, we belong to a much wider community that we call Europe. Elos will give us the chance to call Europe our country.

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