

From Ideas to Tools: Respect Connect Takes the Next Step

The Respect Connect project continues to move forward, turning months of collaboration, research and co-creation into practical tools that can support schools in preventing bullying and cyberbullying.

Since our first newsletter, partners across Europe have been working intensively to transform the ideas developed during the first stages of the project into resources that teachers and students can use in real educational settings.

We are excited to share some important milestones

The Educator's Toolkit is ready!

One of the key achievements of this phase is the completion of the **Respect Connect Educator's Toolkit**.

The Toolkit has been designed to give teachers practical, ready-to-use resources for working with students aged 8–12 on bullying and cyberbullying prevention through Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).

It brings together different types of activities and resources, including:

- **Bullying and cyberbullying scenarios**, based on realistic situations children may encounter at school and online.
- **Daily dilemmas**, encouraging students to think about everyday social situations, choices and their possible consequences.
- **A chatbot**, providing an additional interactive way for students to explore situations, reflect and practise positive responses.

Ready-to-use lesson plans and classroom activities, supporting teachers in developing important social-emotional skills. The resources focus on practical skills such as empathy, emotional awareness, respectful communication, inclusion, digital behaviour and responding safely to bullying and cyberbullying.

Our goal is to make bullying prevention something that can be integrated naturally into everyday classroom practice, giving teachers concrete tools while giving students opportunities to practise positive choices.

The Respect Connect App is ready!

Another major milestone has been reached: **the Respect Connect gamified app is now ready and has entered the reviewing phase.**

The app brings bullying and cyberbullying prevention into an interactive environment where students can explore realistic situations, consider different perspectives and make decisions.

Rather than simply telling children what they should or should not do, the app encourages them to **think, choose and reflect.**

Through scenario-based activities, students can explore different roles and develop skills such as empathy, responsible decision-making and respectful behaviour, both online and offline.

The app is currently being carefully reviewed so that we can ensure that its content, activities and overall learning experience are appropriate, accessible and useful for our target group.

This is an important step before the resources move towards their next stage of implementation.

Preparing for our Learning, Teaching and Training Activity

With the development work progressing, we are also looking ahead to one of the most important opportunities for collaboration in the project: our upcoming **Learning, Teaching and Training Activity (LTTA).**

The LTTA will bring together teachers and project partners to explore the Respect Connect approach, discuss the resources developed so far and exchange experiences from different educational contexts.

Teachers are at the heart of bullying prevention in schools. Their everyday experience, practical knowledge and understanding of their students can provide valuable insights into what works in real classrooms.

During the LTTA, we look forward to discussing questions such as:

- How can SEL activities be integrated into everyday teaching?
- How can digital tools support—not replace—meaningful classroom interaction?
- What strategies have teachers found effective in promoting empathy and inclusion?
- How can schools share and adapt good practices across different European contexts?

The LTTA will therefore be more than a training activity. It will be an opportunity for **learning from one another, exchanging good practices and strengthening the European cooperation at the heart of Respect Connect.**

What comes next?

The completion of the Educator's Toolkit and the development of the app mark an important transition for the project.

We are moving from the development of resources towards the stage where these tools can be reviewed, discussed with educators and prepared for use with students.

There is still important work ahead, but the direction is clear: to provide schools with practical, engaging and meaningful resources that help children build the social and emotional skills they need to create safer, more respectful and more inclusive environments.

We look forward to sharing more news from the LT TA and the next stages of the Respect Connect journey!

Together, we can build safer connections.

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