

# CHERISHED NEWSLETTER



## Supporting school-educators in the use of cultural heritage for inclusive digital education

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The CHERISHED project will provide educational authorities, like ministries of education, with a Pedagogical Framework for the integration of digital cultural heritage in secondary education. There is specific focus to support secondary school educators for inclusive digital education, through the use of digital cultural heritage. The integration of digital cultural heritage in compulsory education is more important than ever, as the challenges due to COVID-19 require a strong reliance on digital teaching.



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### CHERISHED IN SHORT

CHERISHED is an Erasmus+ project which aims to promote a European-wide ecosystem approach towards the integration of digital cultural heritage in compulsory secondary education. The project intends to improve secondary school teachers' capacity to use digital cultural heritage resources in their teaching. It also aims to provide cultural heritage institutions with access to a much-needed resource for ensuring their online collections and digital offers relate to educational curricula. A self-paced, open-access training programme will be created for teachers to improve their skills and assess their readiness for integrating digital cultural heritage into their teaching. Secondary school students will benefit from exposure and engagement with digital cultural heritage collections via this platform.

### OBJECTIVES

**PROVIDE** a pedagogical framework and concrete recommendations for adoption by educational ministries across Europe.

**SUPPORT** school educators to safeguard the inclusive nature of digital learning opportunities in and through cultural heritage.

**PROMOTE** innovative, quality resources and tools for secondary school educators to integrate cultural heritage in their teaching.

**PROVIDE** an impact and evaluation tool for teachers' self-assessment of their readiness to use digital cultural heritage in compulsory education.

**PROMOTE** awareness on the importance of cultural heritage readiness for inclusive digital education in Europe.



*ID: Picture from the Visionary Workshop*



*ID: Picture from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transnational Partner Meeting*

### Project Partners

- 1) The Square Dot team (Belgium)
- 2) Synthesis Center for Research and Education (Cyprus)
- 3) Instituto Ikigai (Spain)
- 4) Sociedade Promotora de Estabelecimentos de Ensino (Portugal)
- 5) Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici (Slovakia)
- 6) Stichting Ki Culture (Netherlands)

## VISIONARY WORKSHOP

**Synthesis** hosted a **Visionary Workshop** in Cyprus, Nicosia between the 6-8 of July, for the integration of Digital Cultural Heritage in secondary education across Europe.

**17 teachers from 6 European** countries provided the partnership with valuable feedback on the **Pedagogical Framework**, the **Online Teacher Training Programme** as well as the **Self-assessment tool**.

The workshop provided support for peer engagement among teachers and collaboration, boosting their confidence in integration of digital cultural heritage in compulsory education and toward inclusive digital teaching. This allows for the continuation of the project activities, beyond the end of the project's funding period.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> TRANSNATIONAL PARTNER MEETING: WHAT'S NEXT?

The partnership is currently working on the improvement of the project results based on the teachers' feedback. In our 3<sup>rd</sup> Transnational Partner Meeting in Cyprus, Nicosia, the overall progress of the project was discussed, and more specifically:

- the final version of the **CHERISHED Pedagogical Framework**
- changes to the **Teacher Training Programme**
- changes to the **E-learning Platform**
- the **final version of the Self-assessment Tool**

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