
Following a call, a competence centre for digital preservation and conservation of cultural heritage will be set up. The aim is to prepare the necessary infrastructure, map past and ongoing research, collect, analyse and promote best practices from Europe and beyond, and become a major point of European reference for transnational and interdisciplinary networking in the preservation of Cultural Heritage. The European Commission also funds two new projects to support schools by setting up mentoring schemes and mainstreaming innovation by spreading the advanced ICT-based teaching practices.

4CH - Competence Centre for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage (https://cordis.europa.eu/project/reference/101004468)

The competence centre will work as an ambassador for large-scale digitisation of endangered European cultural heritage as well as coordinating multidisciplinary expertise and mapping research. 4CH (https://www.4ch-project.eu/) will receive up to 3 million euro over a period of three years starting on 1 January 2021. The project collecting, analysing and promoting best practices on metadata, standards and guidelines. Instituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Italy, coordinates the team of 19 beneficiaries from across Europe.

MenSI - Mentoring for School Improvement
EUN Partnership AISBL leads a team of eight beneficiaries from Italy, Portugal, Croatia, Hungary, the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom with a maximum funding of € 999,943.75. The MenSI project will mobilise 120 schools in six countries (Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, and Portugal) to advance whole-school digital innovation over a period of 28 months. The project will address both the general challenge of mainstreaming ICT at an institutional level, as well as a set of more specific common challenges faced by national ministries of education, such as challenges related to small and rural schools, social disadvantaged students, or challenges associated with personalising learning.

**iHub4Schools - Accelerating Digital Innovation in Schools through Regional Innovation Hubs and a Whole-School Mentoring Model**

Tallinn University in Estonia is coordinating the iHub4Schools project with a team of nine beneficiaries from Norway, United Kingdom, Finland, Switzerland, Italy, Estonia, Lithuania and Georgia. The project will work over 30 months with the aim to develop mechanisms to accelerate whole-school digital innovation in and across schools. The project will establish Regional Innovation Hubs in five European countries (Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Georgia, and the United Kingdom), with the goal to set up a mentoring model that will be piloted with 600 teachers in 75 schools.

The call for proposals for both calls closed on 19 March 2020. Further information regarding the calls is available on the Funding and Tender Portal.

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