Programme	**LIFELONG LEARNING**
Subprogramme	**COMENIUS**
Action Category	
Action	**eTwinning**
Objectives and description of the action	eTwinning promotes school collaboration and school networking in Europe through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). It provides advice, ideas and tools to make it easy for schools to set up partnerships and start collaborative projects in any subject area. eTwinning assists schools at both European level, through the Central Support Service (CSS), and at national level, through the National Support Services (NSS). The Central Support Service provides the European eTwinning portal, offers a helpdesk for teachers, publishes information material on eTwinning and organises periodically online learning events and teachers' professional development workshops across Europe. It also works in close collaboration with the National Support Services to ensure shared practice and a coordinated approach to eTwinning on a European level. The European eTwinning portal is a fully multilingual website offering collaboration tools and services through which teachers register, find partners and work together with them. It also serves as a meeting point where all interested teachers can share resources, discuss and find partners for other Comenius actions. The National Support Services (NSS) are organisations appointed by the ministries of education who promote eTwinning at a national level. They organise specific training sessions for teachers and ensure that eTwinning approaches fit the particular needs of the local schools. For more detailed information refer to the eTwinning portal http://www.etwinning.net.
Who can benefit	Schools (institutions providing general, vocational and technical education - from pre-school education to upper secondary). Teachers of any subject area, headmasters, librarians and other school staff. Individual projects do not receive direct funding but teachers benefit from the services, training, recognition and tools provided by the eTwinning national and European Support Services.
Who can apply	Every school education teacher, headmaster, librarian and other school staff through the eTwinning portal http://www.etwinning.net. No formal application is required.