



# Frequently Asked Questions on the Teach-UP Policy Experimentation

*For invited schools and Initial Teacher Education institutions*



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## 1 WHO ARE WE?

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The Teach-UP policy experimentation (<http://teachup.eun.org>) is part-funded by the European Commission and coordinated by European Schoolnet (<http://www.eun.org>), a network of 34 ministries of Education in Europe, and is supported by 13 national public authorities. FBK-IRVAPP (<https://irvapp.fbk.eu>), the Research Institute for the Evaluation of public policies in Italy, is responsible for the evaluation of the experimentation.

In Malta, it is the Ministry for Education and Employment that implements the experimentation and appoints a National Coordinator to act as the main contact and support for participants.

## 2 WHY ARE WE UNDERTAKING THIS EXPERIMENTATION?

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New roles and competences of teachers are one of the key priorities in building Europe's future education system.

Current teacher training institutions face major challenges in coping with the large number of teachers to be trained, and in delivering a more practice-based training, grounded in the experience of day-to-day teaching.

With such large numbers of teachers to be trained, innovative forms of online professional development such as open online courses, can overcome the limitations of face to face trainings.

But such new forms of professional development face challenges too. First, many suffer from low retention rates, often around 10%. Second, the assessment model used in open learning environments is often unclear. Third, there is limited recognition for these courses, both in initial teacher education and in career progression.

So, we need to test ways of:

- Increasing retention rates in online courses
- Assessing student teachers at a large scale
- Integrating such courses and other online solutions in teacher training policies, so that they are properly recognized

In Teach-UP, we experiment, measure and evaluate new ways of doing things to meet the above challenges.

More information on Teach-UP can be found on the Teach-UP website: [www.teachup.eun.org](http://www.teachup.eun.org).

## 3 WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO FIND OUT?

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Teach-UP aims at answering the following questions:

- To what extent does online tutoring increase teacher retention in online courses?
- To what extent does online tutoring improve teachers' learning achievement?
- Does online tutoring improve teachers' self-regulated learning online?

## 4 WHY SHOULD YOUR SCHOOL/INSTITUTION PARTICIPATE?

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- Schools/institutions and participating teachers/student teachers will have the opportunity to take part in a unique experimentation which could substantially improve the delivery of initial teacher education and continuous professional development. Schools from 10 EU countries will participate and your contribution is important!
- Teachers will be able to improve four key pedagogical competences (formative assessment, personalised learning, collaboration, and creative thinking), as well as their self-regulated learning online skills.

## 5 WHY SHOULD TEACHERS PARTICIPATE?

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The courses offered to teachers and student teachers have been developed in collaboration with the national public authority from your country and scientific experts. They are designed to increase their self-regulated learning online competences in four areas: formative assessment, personalised learning, collaboration, and creative thinking. As such, they offer:

- A Training opportunity on innovative approaches to teaching and learning that can improve your teaching
- Videos and other innovative online materials
- Engaging and inspiring learning activities
- An Opportunity to learn from other teachers and exchange knowledge online
- Flexible participation and adaptable learning pace
- An opportunity to participate in a project that shapes the way teachers learn and are trained

## 6 WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE DATA COLLECTED DURING THE EXPERIMENTATION?

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Privacy will be safeguarded according to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 concerning privacy and data protection. All collected data will be handled and anonymised by the National Coordinator before the research institute (FBK-IRVAPP) analyses the data. Hence, names and data will always be stored in different locations and never analysed jointly. All names will be deleted after the project.