

# Beyond Borders & Across Subjects



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# EduNet Europe

TOGETHER FOR EDUCATION

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Today's  
Challenges

EMPOWERING  
TEACHERS

Tomorrow's  
Opportunities



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Meta-Scientific Literacies  
in the  
(Mis-)Information Age



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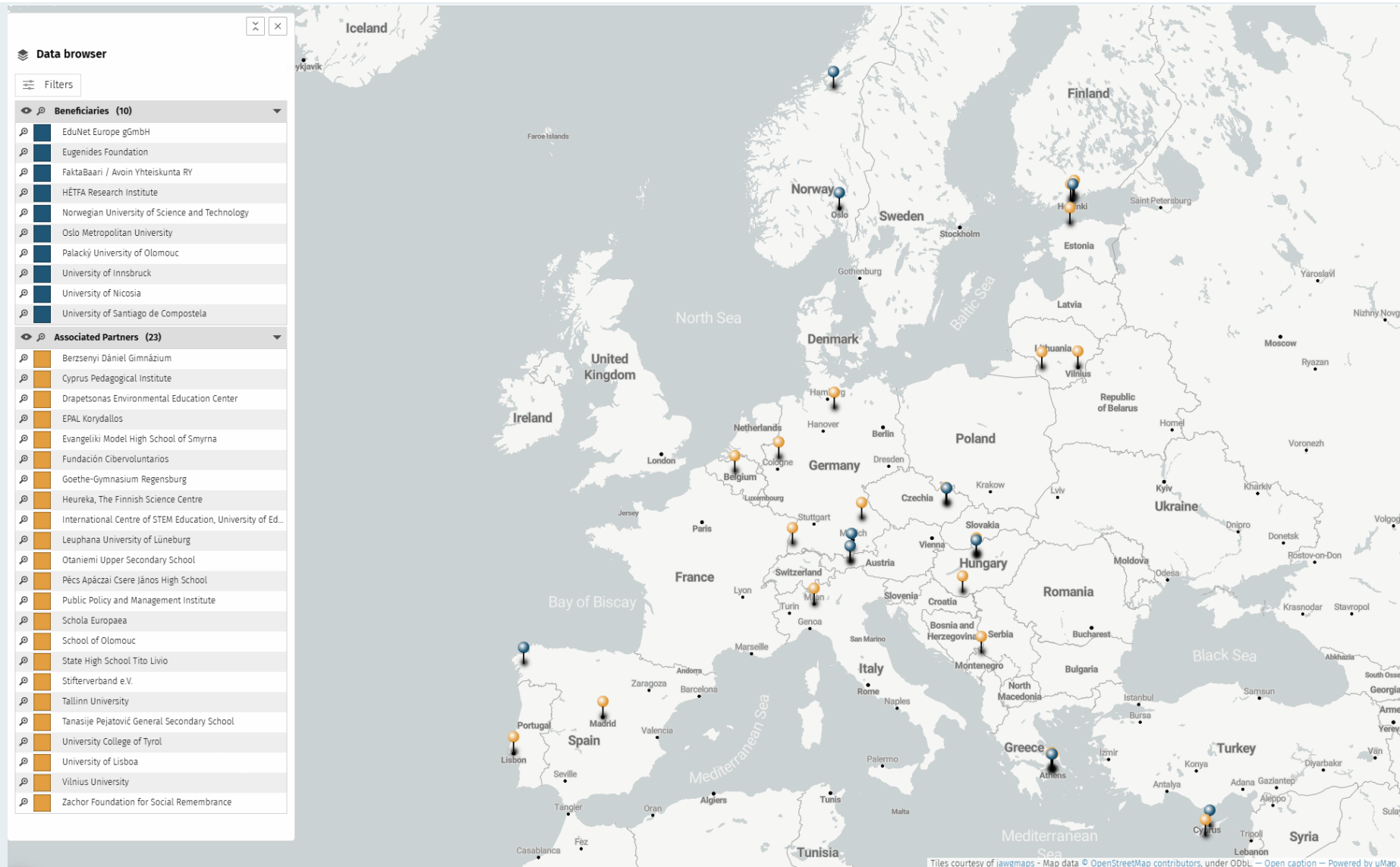


- create networks of **communities of practice** on teacher education
- co-create and offer **courses for pre- and in-service teachers** on EU priorities such as learning in the digital world, sustainability, equality and inclusion
- develop and test different **models of mobility** in ITE and CPD
- make **mobility an integral part** of teacher education in Europe
- develop **sustainable relationships**



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# Digital Transformation

Clicks are changing  
the world.





# Digital Transformation





# Digital Transformation

Avoid chemical ingredients.  
Natural ones are much better  
for your health!

Eating sea lettuce will prevent you from getting COVID-19.

Climate change is a hoax.

An injection inside the human body  
with a disinfectant like bleach or  
isopropyl alcohol is likely to combat  
the virus.

Renewable energy can only  
work when it's not cloudy or windy.

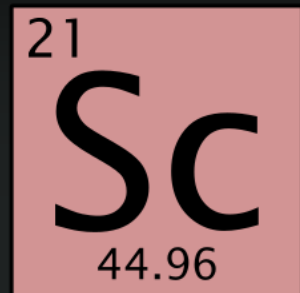
Getting vaccinated will kill you!

Do you know how you can find  
out if you have been infected by  
SARS-CoV2? Just hold your  
breath for ten seconds. If you  
can't, you have caught the virus!

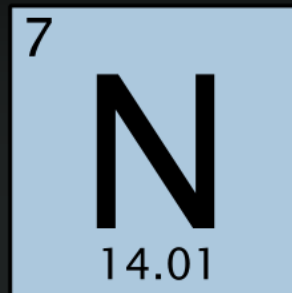




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# Socio-Scientific Issues (SSI)

- Climate Migration
- Waste Pollution
- Atmospheric Pollution
- Infectious Diseases & Pandemics
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open-ended problems

societal impact

controversial

ethical dimension

diverse potential solutions

⇒ no ultimate truth,  
only **informed** opinions



FIGURE C

## Global risks ranked by severity over the short and long term

*"Please estimate the likely impact (severity) of the following risks over a 2-year and 10-year period."*

### Risk categories

- Economic
- Environmental
- Geopolitical
- Societal
- Technological

### 2 years

1 <sup>st</sup>	Misinformation and disinformation
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Extreme weather events
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Societal polarization
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cyber insecurity
5 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate armed conflict
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lack of economic opportunity
7 <sup>th</sup>	Inflation
8 <sup>th</sup>	Involuntary migration
9 <sup>th</sup>	Economic downturn
10 <sup>th</sup>	Pollution

### 10 years

1 <sup>st</sup>	Extreme weather events
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Critical change to Earth systems
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse
4 <sup>th</sup>	Natural resource shortages
5 <sup>th</sup>	Misinformation and disinformation
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adverse outcomes of AI technologies
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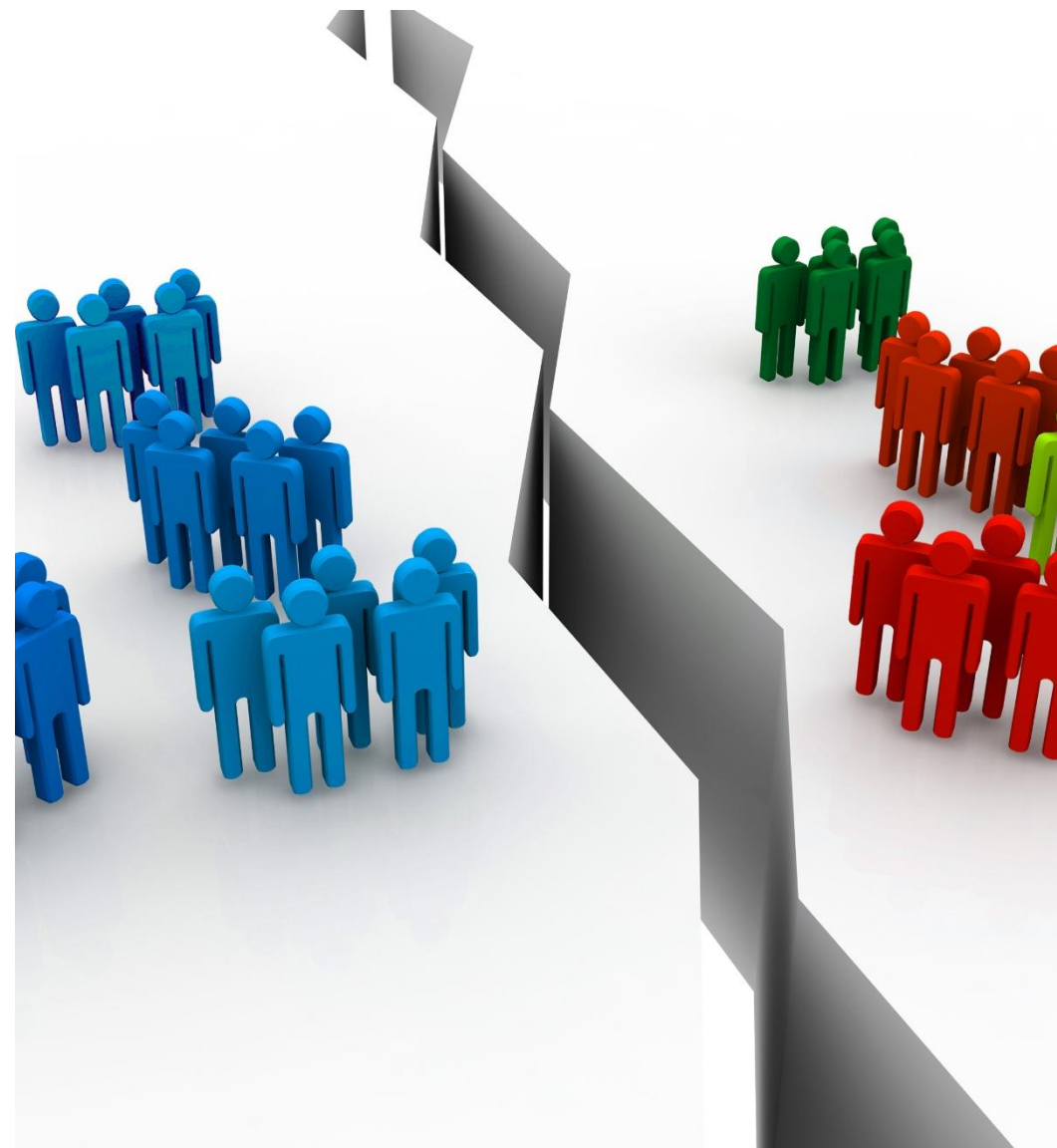
### Source

World Economic Forum Global Risks  
Perception Survey 2023-2024.





How can teachers empower  
*all* learners to act as  
**competent and effective  
democratic citizens** in a world  
flooded by socio-scientific  
mis- and disinformation?





## (Mis-)Information Age

- Internet + AI → (mis)information readily accessible

## Complex Global Challenges → Socio-Scientific Issues

- no single-discipline solutions

### Education must help learners to

- ➡ think outside the box and across subject boundaries
- ➡ contextualise and connect their learning to real-world problems
- ➡ integrate knowledge with 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills



Cross-Disciplinary Approach



Meta-Scientific  
Literacies



Identify, search  
& preselect  
**information  
sources**  
on a socio-  
scientific issue

Open up  
your mind

Click &  
think critically

Critically analyse **information**  
on a socio-scientific issue

Speak out &  
take action

Exercise  
**civic  
engagement**  
on a socio-  
scientific  
issue

Make up  
your mind

Evaluate the scientific and social  
dimensions of a socio-scientific  
issue to create an **informed opinion**





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scientific issue



Recognise your own information bubble or echo chamber.

Use search strategies to find (more) information sources on the socio-scientific issue.

Exclude the (superficially) least relevant search results / feed posts on the socio-scientific issue.

Select the most credible information sources.



Critically analyse information  
on a socio-scientific issue

Differentiate between fact and opinion.

Identify biased information.

Analyse the logical consistency of information.

Select the most informative and relevant insights.



Explore the viewpoints on the socio-scientific issue comprehensively.

Explore impacts and solutions as well as parties affected by the socio-scientific issue.

Evaluate the trade-offs between the scientific, social and ethical dimensions.

Weigh your viewpoints against the various dimensions of the socio-scientific issue.



Make up  
your mind

Evaluate the scientific, social and ethical dimensions of a socio-scientific issue to create an **informed opinion**



Design a plan for your civic engagement to address the socio-scientific issue.

Communicate established viewpoints on a socio-scientific issue: Inform.

Communicate your viewpoint on a socio-scientific issue: Argue.

Take action to become a responsible democratic citizen.



Exercise  
**civic  
engagement**  
on a socio-  
scientific  
issue









## WHAT FOR Learning Objective

- **WHAT** Learning Outcome → verbs of "external visibility" (Bloom) → assessment
  - a. **HOW** by doing ...
  - b. **HOW** by doing ...
  - c. **HOW** by doing ...
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  - a. **HOW** by ...





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**WHAT FOR** In order to identify biased information, students need to

- **WHAT** identify manipulation strategies (emotional appeal, social pressure)
  - a. **HOW** by examining the use of ☒ rhetorical devices
  - b. **HOW** by identifying ☒ sensational or emotional language
- **WHAT** identify deceptive tactics (lying, omission, fabrication, misrepresentation)
  - a. **HOW** by checking if the information presents multiple viewpoints or if it is one-sided
  - b. **HOW** by evaluating whether the author or messenger might have a ☒ motive, such as financial benefit, political gain, or fame, that could affect the objectivity of the information

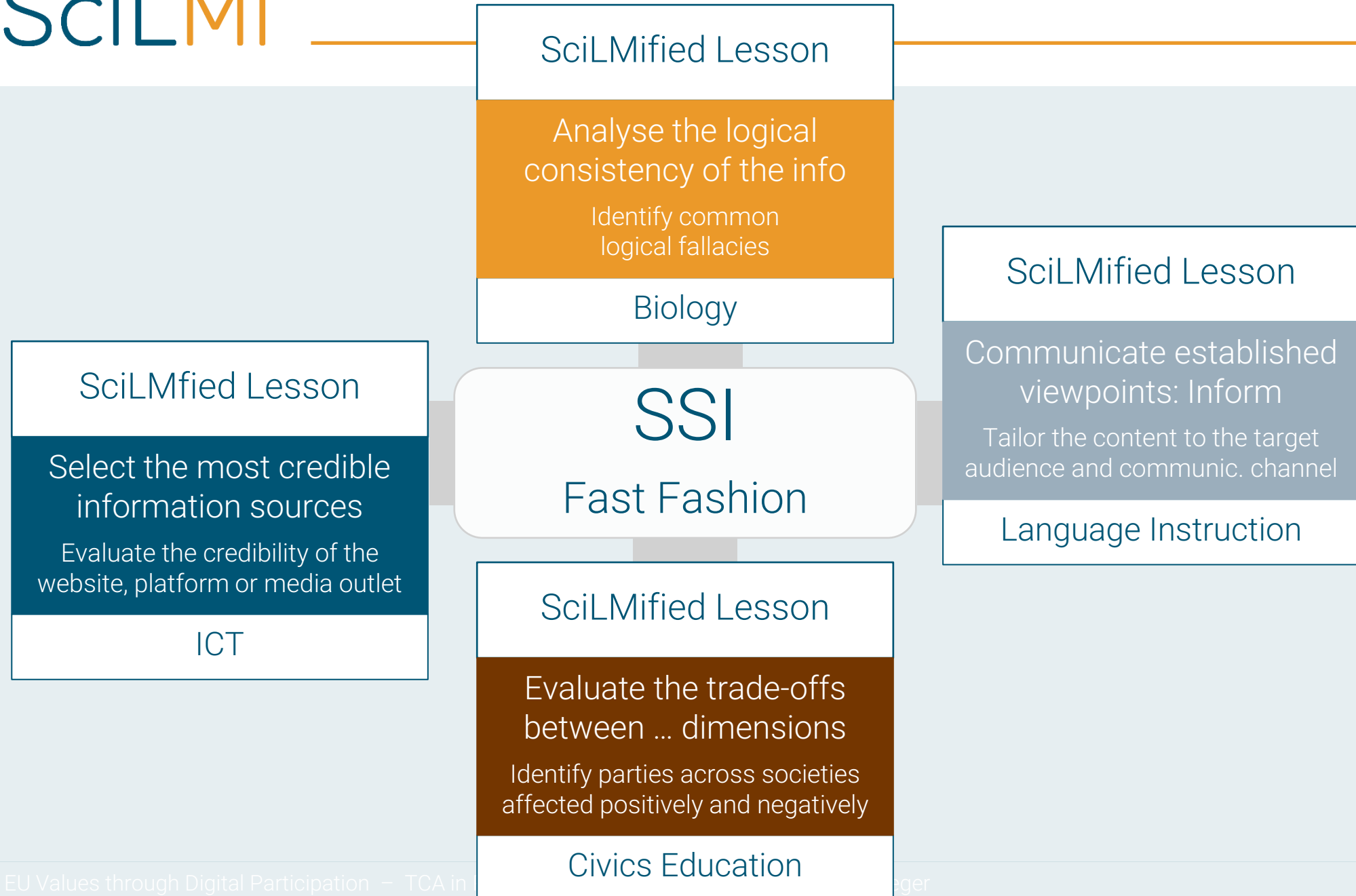


Teachers need not reinvent their teaching.

- ➔ subject-specific learning goals
  - ➔ unchanged
- ➔ meta-scientific literacies
  - ➔ woven into everyday teaching
  - ➔ complement subject-specific learning goals
  - ➔ deepen subject knowledge
  - ➔ connect subject knowledge with interdisciplinary thinking









## Wiki

- Pedagogical infos & checklists
- Socio-scientific issue briefs
- Inclusive learning settings
- H5P activities
- AI prompt library
- ...



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<b>Literacy</b>	The ability to understand, use, evaluate, reflect orally and in writing using visual, audio and digital materials across disciplines and contexts.
<b>Mathematics</b>	The capacity to reason mathematically and to formulate, use and interpret mathematics to solve problems in real-world situations and make well-founded judgements and decisions based on data.
<b>Science</b>	The ability to engage with science-related issues and ideas as a reflective individual. This requires skills such as explaining phenomena scientifically, evaluating and designing scientific enquiries, and interpreting data and evidence.
<b>Digital</b>	The confident, critical and responsible engagement with digital technologies for learning, working and participating in society. This includes information literacy, communication, media literacy, digital content creation, online safety and digital well-being.
<b>Citizenship</b>	The ability to act responsibly and participate fully in civic life, grounded in an understanding of social, economic, legal and political structures. This involves understanding and evaluation of civic and democratic concepts, institutions and processes, including democracy, media literacy, crisis preparedness and respect of others and freedom of speech.



**Source:** OECD: PISA 2022 Assessment and Analytical Framework, PISA 2018 Assessment and Analytical Framework and PISA 2015 Assessment and Analytical Framework (for literacy, math, and science); 2018 Council Recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning (for digital and citizenship); IEA (2023), International Computer and Information Literacy Study (for digital); IEA (2022), International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (for citizenship).

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/202503/Graphic%20version%20Action%20Plan%20on%20Basic%20Skills.pdf>



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Initial Teacher Education Course Pilot



SciLMi BIP

blended course

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

9-13 June 2025







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BIP Pilot 2025, Santiago de Compostela







## SciLMi Critical Thinking for Effective Democratic Citizens

blended course

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

16-20 June 2025



## SciLMi Digital Media and Information Literacies

blended course

Munich, Germany

1-5 September 2025



## Inclusive SciLMi Classrooms for Effective Democratic Citizens

blended course

Innsbruck, Austria

3-7 November 2025











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## BIT Digital Media & Information Literacies

Where do you live?

Bad Heilbrunn

Bad Heilbrunn

Niš

Niš

Celle, Deutschland

Celle, Deutschland

Oslo

Oslo

Bozen, Autonome Provinz Bozen - Sü...

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Bergen, Norway

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Havířov

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Sibiu

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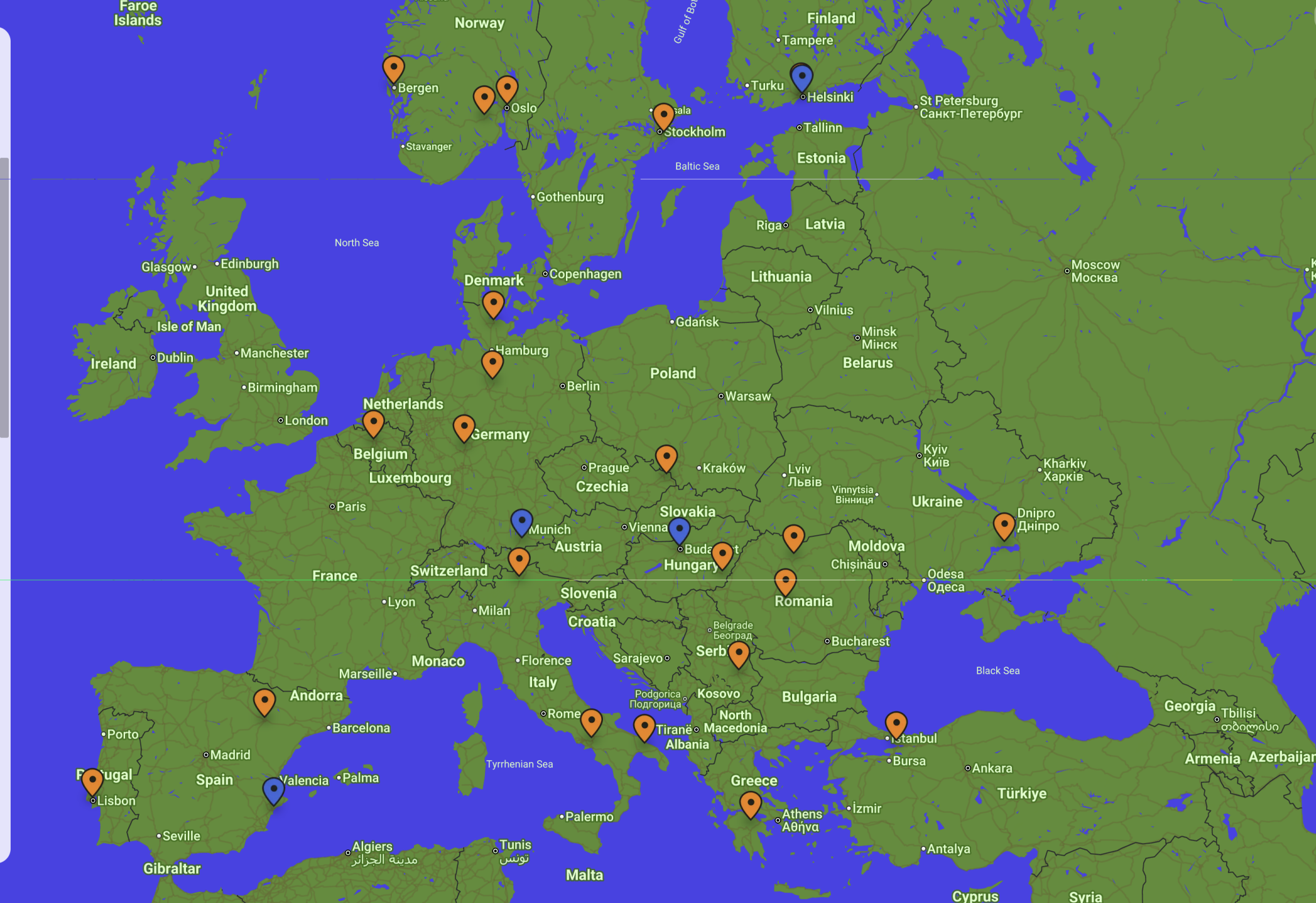
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Martina Franca, TA







Every lesson, however small, contributes to empowering students by fostering the skills to detect and resist misinformation.

## Don't wait. Start as soon as you can.

(Osborne, Jonathan. 2024. "Just Because It Sounds Plausible, Doesn't Mean It's True". In *The Science Teacher* 91:2. 13.)



### SciLMi “Train the Trainer” Multiplier Event

blended course

Palaio Faliro / Athens, Greece

20-24 April 2026



### SciLMi Translation & Adaptation Camp

blended course

Budapest, Hungary

11-15 May 2026

And then?





# Erasmus+ KA1 & KA2 Synergy & Sustainability Loop

Turns Internationalisation  
from an Experience  
into a Design Principle  
of Teacher Education

Interdisciplinary Course Design

Teacher  
Academy

Course Delivery

Blended  
Intensive  
Programme

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**Scaling**

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**Invited Organisation Representatives**

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KA1 “Sustainability BIP”

blended course

Innsbruck, Austria

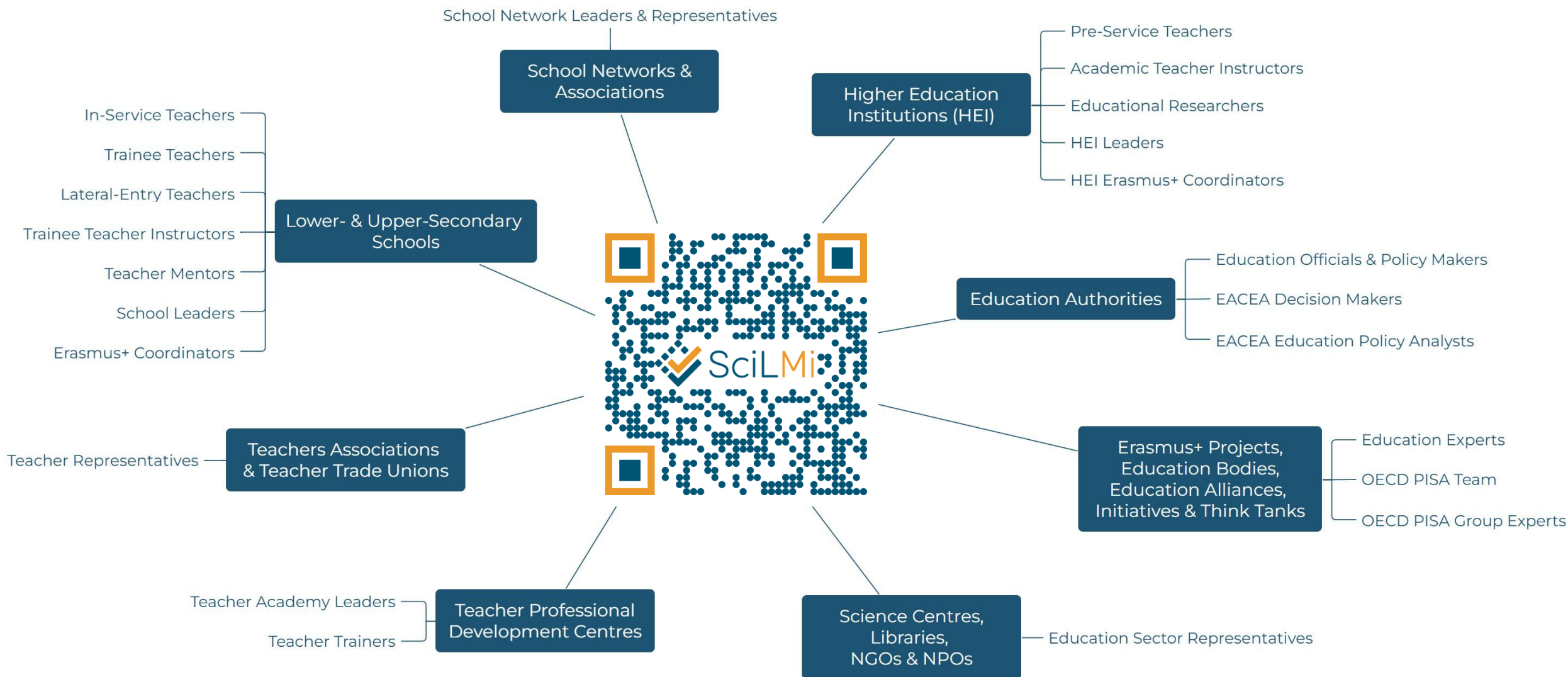
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## Hub → Join Our Mission





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HETFA Research Institute ☆



InSSTER Center, University of Nicosia ☆



NTNU - The Norwegian University of Science and... ☆



Oslo Metropolitan University ☆




Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (USC) ☆



University of Innsbruck - Faculty of Teacher Education ☆




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- Your Feedback
- Teaching Resources
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- Help
- Switch to Host View
- Logout

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for  
Today's Challenges  
and  
Tomorrow's Opportunities  
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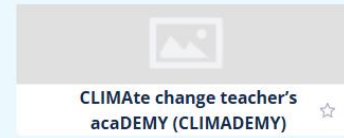
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