



## NEWSLETTER

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We are happy to share with you the latest news from the *Service Learning in Primary Schools (SLIPS)* project, where partners from seven countries are working together to make service-learning a reality in primary schools across Europe.

Over the spring and summer months, partner countries carried out some of their teacher training sessions. On 1-2 July, our Croatian partner (CVDC) hosted its first training, giving teachers the chance to explore the SLIPS Toolkit and work together on project ideas. PRONI, our Bosnian partner, followed on 21-22 August in Zenica in cooperation with the Pedagogical Institute of Zenica where teachers designed activities directly linked to their communities. Out of the Box Europe, representing Portugal, organised two trainings - one online (occurring on the 18/06 and 25/06) and one in hybrid format (face to face in Évora on the 3/07 and online on the 30/08 and 30/09), which made it possible to reach teachers from different regions. Slovakia (27-28 March and 29-30 April), Spain (online sessions on 25/03, 27/03, 12/04, 13/05 and 14/05, with face-to-face sessions scheduled for 22-25 September and 3 October), and Lithuania (30-31 May and 22-23 August) have also delivered their national trainings with great success. Across the countries, the sessions followed the common SLIPS structure: starting with short energizers and introductions to create a friendly and inclusive atmosphere, before moving into the core modules on service-learning. Participants explored essential concepts, discussed different types of service, and worked on project planning exercises such as mapping community needs and defining learning and service objectives. Materials like flipcharts, post-its and group work tools supported active participation, while closing reflections allowed participants to share what they had learned and how they might apply it in their schools.



These national trainings have not only built understanding of service-learning but also created space for teachers and educators to connect, exchange experiences and develop concrete ideas



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for future projects. The SLIPS consortium will continue running the final sessions until the end of October.

In addition to the training programme, the project is running its Community of Practice events. The first session took place in Brussels on 20 November 2024, during the CEV Autumn Volunteering Congress. It brought together 27 participants to reflect on how service-learning can strengthen civic engagement from an early age. PDCO conducted its session on the 5th of June and aimed to connect primary school teachers who are interested in the topic of service-learning and to show them how good communication can influence their service-learning projects with pupils. OTB held its Community of Practice on 23 September 2025 and is followed by University of

Granada, which will host the project's third Community of Practice session on the 30th of September. Meanwhile, CVDC will have their session on the 8th of October, offering further opportunities for teachers and stakeholders to exchange ideas and experiences.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for two SLIPS events, taking place on 14 and 16 October 2025, the latter one at the European Parliament in Brussels. This will be unique opportunities to dig deeper into the content of the SLIPS Toolkit and present the results of the project, share examples from classrooms and discuss the future of service-learning in Primary Education with educators, policymakers and partners from across Europe.

We warmly invite you to stay connected with us, explore our resources, and follow the latest updates on our website: [www.slips-eu.com](http://www.slips-eu.com). Together, we are shaping a generation of active, engaged and socially responsible young citizens.



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