

Emotional Empathic Proximal Learning
Educational Environment
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#### Introduction

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## PEARL "Emotional Empathic Proximal Learning-Educational Environment"



- Erasmus + Strategic partnership project
- Develop and validate and innovative educational model for early age (0-6 y.o.) that fosters children's growth through an empathetic and emotional proximal learning environment based on group activities
- Robotics and nature are used as a tool for inclusion and open communication strategies and especially for the development of relational and emotional skills















#### Objectives & Partners

- Develop, test and validate an innovative and high quality educational model for the development of an emotional and empathic proximal learning environment in the age group 0-6 years old
- Creation of an international network for the promotion of innovative and quality early childhood education
- Creation of new curricula for teachers
- Produce a white paper

- Polo Europeo della Conoscenza IC di Bosco Chiesanuova (Italy) coordinator
- Gazi University (Turkey)
- Consejería de Educación. Junta de Castilla y León (Spain)
- Panevėžio rajono švietimo centras (Lithuania)
- Clementoni (Italy)

















#### PEARL - pedagogical model

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#### Theoretical references

**Piaget**: empathic emotional development in the relationship with peers, (taking different roles and points of view)

**Vygotskij**: cognitive development internalizing the processes to reach a shared solution

**Montessori:** learning experience through a finalized task using tools

**Co-constructivism:** Structural, environmental and relational















#### **Educational Emotions**



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Well being – Smile Neurological positive answer

Motivation to learn, try,...
Understand and express
emotions (overcoming the concept
of positive and negative emotions)
Prosociality



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## Proximal Learning Educational Environment



Stimulates the learning

Environment of free exchange among peers - Respect

A place where everyone can find the way to express his/her potential and talents

Inclusive for ALL

















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#### **Robots in Early Education**

Consejería de Educación. Junta de Castilla y León (Spain)













#### Cognitive aspects



- Solve problems, find solutions, verify the results
- Develop creativity, and curiosity
- Increase motivation and involvement
- Learning of abstract concepts through concrete representations.













#### Relational aspects

#### Robotic activities in group:



Develop social and prosocial skills

Playful & protected learning environment

Make mistakes without being judged

Experience different roles

















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## Observation of the group dynamics

Panevėžio rajono švietimo centras (Lithuania)













#### Group dynamics

#### Complex matrix that may be influenced by:

- individual temper / mood
- presence of a friend
- larger group
- teacher's presence
- personal reaction to frustration
- ecc.

















#### What can we observe

Inclusion – Exclusion

Activity – Passivity

Leading – self-isolation

Support the others – boycott the activity

Will to participate

Look for attention

Look at the teacher to intervene/mediate





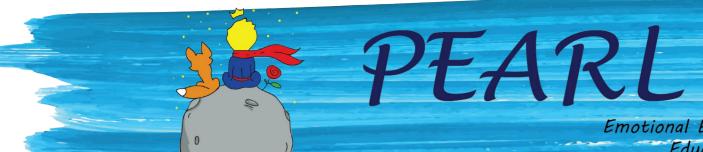












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#### Validation of PEARL model

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#### **Child Observation Forms**

Categories related to the items to be included in the Pearl Child Observation Form:

- communication,
- group communication,
- cooperation,
- expression of emotions,
- self-expression,
- helping each other,

- coping with difficulties
- creating a strategy
- following instructions,
- achieving an objective,
- understanding and managing positive and negative emotions.













#### Experimetal groups

The age range considered by the project covers very different levels of development, therefore there have been identified 3 main experimental groups according the age of the children:

- from 0 to 2 years
- from 3 to 4 years
- from 5 to 6 years















#### 0-2 years old

#### Experimental hypothesis:

The use of natural elements and the example of the teachers' behaviour in group, helps the children to develop social skills, cooperation and to express emotions.















#### 3-4 years old

#### **Experimental hypothesis:**

The robot used in a small group with certain activities facilitates the development of educational emotions and fosters a proximal learning environment.















#### 5-6 years old

#### Experimental hypothesis:

The robot used in a small group with certain activities facilitates the development of educational emotions and fosters a proximal learning environment.





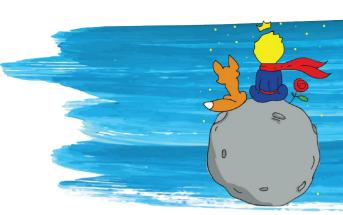












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# Thank you for your attention

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