



Project categories: **E-Platforms, -Democracy, -Learning, Economy
Training, Trade, Tourism, Traditions
Cooperation, Culture, Community**

Project type: **Continuous**

Project platform: <http://www.ejournal.fi/calin/>

Brief description:

- Networks are interactive platforms for on-line training, promotional activities and interactive cooperation.
- Networks allow for communication on focused themes among individuals and communities of various environments and countries.
- All parties involved submit their contributions, sharing and keeping updated a global view of all published contents.
- Networks promote integrated exchanges through real time dialogue and online live contacts among different communities.

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By taking part in the development of an integrated e-platform, youth, adults, and communities discover the cultural differences and similarities between their environment and that of their partners, and they also promote their individual and community values worldwide.

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Main goals:

- To diversify learning and cooperation through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into an integrated realtime and online Network
- To use and develop ICT and language skills to create, communicate, share and promote useful informations on various environments and communities.
- To foster the European and also global dimension of communities development through effective and live-online contacts and exchanges.
- To support intercultural dialogue.
- To recognize cultures and communities true values and identity, to give people various options towards collaborative actions.

Focused targets:

- Creation of permanent ICT Training Centers where both youth and adults learn how to use and improve their ICT and communication skills through integrated platforms: e-journals, live online conferences, instant messaging and calls.
- To make individuals and communities aware of the possibilities offered by ICT for communication in teaching, learning and promoting their interests in a precise and targeted way.

- To improve ICT tools and language skills that people involved in education might use at home, into the classroom and other permanent educational environments.
- To communicate, exchange informations, share and promote youth and adults permanent education as the main asset towards communities development .

Individual and groups benefits:

- To work without constraints and to increase responsibility.
- To become familiar with basic norms and etiquette for virtual communication
- To be able to collaborate appropriately in a virtual community, that is to have a raised awareness of certain problems, such as the relationship between private and public space, respect for author's rights, safety of published content, next to originality and quality of informations.

ETC Network framework:

- Individuals (both youth and adults) and communities in different countries are firstly trained, get involved and later work together on focused subjects, bringing an open dimension to their background and educational environment.
- Any subject where learning can benefit from different points of view and educational assistance and exchanges will find an added value in using online platforms.
- The online and live platforms informational and promotional potential makes it easily adaptable to other collaborative models and ICT educational and promotional tools.

Project values and oportunities:

- ICT literacy in general, and mastering virtual communication through ejournals in particular, contribute to pedagogical innovation, projects development and cooperation.
- ETC Network platforms bring an improvement in the teaching and learning processes which will have a direct effect on people's learning experiences.
- Through online platforms and networks, the amount of information available is multiplied, as is the ability to produce and disseminate materials.
- Interactivity lends itself to online communication environments, such as virtual communities, collaboration teams, development of collaborative long-term projects etc. that can help transform youth and adults education, change old mentalities and improve communities environments.
- Virtual communication empowers people to look for information, classify it, discern, comment and give opinions on it, to make comparative decisions and to make their voice heard.

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