

THE OSTOGETHER NETWORK



Join the OStogether network

The **OStogether network** was founded in December 2020 with the aim of bringing together EU projects focused on **Open Schooling** and **science education outside the classroom**. Initiated by [Ecsite](#), the European network of science centres and museums, through its EU projects [Schools As Living Labs](#) and [Make it Open](#), OStogether sought to create a community of expertise, collaborating with other EU-funded projects to foster synergies and highlight the complementarity of each project within the broader landscape of Open Schooling and STEAM education.

Today, [OStogether](#) brings together **16 EU-funded projects**, working together to advance the potential of **open STEAM education** and tackle societal challenges through innovative approaches. The network involves **over 190 stakeholders** from schools, local communities, policymakers, museums, science centres, and other local organisations throughout Europe and beyond.



What we do

OStogether facilitates **knowledge-sharing, resource dissemination, and collaboration** to avoid duplication, **exchange best practices**, and **amplify the visibility** of project outcomes. Our network has produced a wealth of valuable resources, from **guidelines on best practices** to **documented research findings**. These are shared with the broader community to foster a collective effort toward enhancing Open Schooling and STEAM education.

How we do it?

Social Media

Managed primarily by **Ecsite**, with input from OStogether partners, our social media presence provides ongoing updates and resources related to STEAM education and Open Schooling. We post regularly on:

- **Twitter:** Multiple posts per week, featuring updates on science education and Open Schooling, including recommended readings, tips and tools, profiles of inspiring individuals, and events to attend.
- **Facebook:** A similar frequency of posts, but with more focus on stories from the ground. The community here is largely made up of educators.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay informed about the latest developments and resources!

Newsletter

The OStogether network releases a newsletter every **two months**, coordinated by one of the projects involved in the network (on a voluntary basis).

The newsletter includes:

- **Welcome Message:** An introduction by the coordinator of the issue, highlighting what to expect in this edition.
- **Snapshots:** Short stories and photos from on-the-ground initiatives, sometimes contributed by educators themselves, showcasing success stories from across the projects.
- **Tools for Innovative Science Education:** A selection of resources and tools developed by OStogether projects for science education, co-creation, and public engagement.
- **Upcoming Events & Good Reads:** Information about upcoming events, recommended readings, and articles related to Open Schooling, innovative science education, and methodologies such as Living Labs, citizen science, and maker education.
- **Events Wrap-Up:** A recap of the latest events, so that readers don't miss out on anything important.



OPEN SCHOOLING together

Transforming school into an open education space

A collaborative newsletter



Events

OStogether projects collaborate on joint events and conference sessions, aiming to share insights from our collective efforts and advancing the future of STEAM education across Europe.

Past examples include:

- **PCST2023:** The 17th international conference of the Public Communication of Science and Technology
- **Ecsite Annual Conference:** The OStogether network has been featured in the past three editions of the [Ecsite Annual Conference](#), bringing together over 900 practitioners in the field of science communication
- **EU projects' final events:** [CONNECT International Conference on Open Schooling](#), [Lay of the Land conference](#), [Multipliers final event](#)
- **SL2E International Summer School 2024**
- **Policy events:** [Good Practices and Recommendations for Open Schooling and STE\(A\)M](#), [Open Schooling as a boost for Europe's skills](#)

We continue to explore new opportunities to engage with stakeholders at various events across Europe.

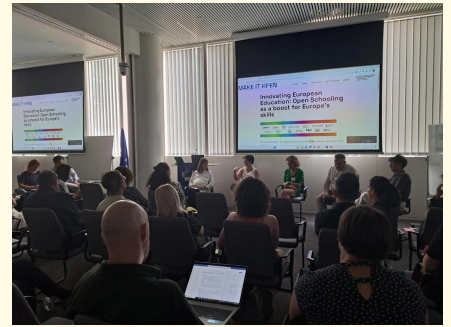
Ecsite Annual Conference



Projects' Final Events



Policy Events



OStogether pre-conference workshop at Ecsite2022

How we work together

- **Mailing Lists:** We maintain two mailing lists:
 1. **Active Mailing List:** For the small group of OStogether members who are directly involved in activities and join the OStogether online meetings.
 2. **General Mailing List:** For individuals or organisations who wish to stay informed about OStogether activities but are not directly involved in the day-to-day work.

- **Online Meetings:** We hold recurring online meetings every **6 weeks**, coordinated by Ecsite. Agendas are sent a few days in advance, and meeting notes are shared afterward.

Get in touch

If you are working on an EU-funded project related to Open Schooling or Science Education outside the classroom, and would like to become part of OStogether, or if you want more information, please contact:

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We look forward to welcoming new projects and strengthening our collective effort to advance Open Schooling and STEAM education!