

STEM  
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## Newsletter #3

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# The STEM School Label

## Competition 2020

In collaboration with the **2020 STEM Discovery Campaign**, a yearly international initiative supported by Scientix (<http://scientix.eu>), the STEM School Label project is inviting primary and secondary schools to use the STEM School Label platform as a way of developing their STEM strategy at the school level and share their stories of implementation with other schools.

The competition is open to all primary and secondary school stakeholders from European Union countries and Horizon 2020 associated countries who are acting on behalf of their school and developing their STEM School strategy.

To join, participants are asked to take one of the following actions (on behalf of their school)

- 1** Sign up on [stemschoollabel.eu](http://stemschoollabel.eu) and submit a Case Study via the platform
- 2** Organise an (online) event related to one of the STEM School Label criteria
- 3** Show the STEM School Label achieved during the competition period

**Entries submitted between 7 February and 30 April 2020 at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) will be eligible!** The winner will be able to present their STEM strategy in front of Ministries of Education during the online STEM High Level Event and gain significant visibility for their school.

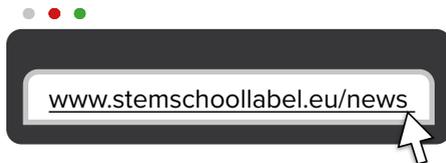
# The STEM School Label:



Any plans for **25** and **26 June**? Save the date because the STEM School Label is inviting everyone to take part in its first **High Level Event (HLE)**!

Two days of online conferences about the STEM School Label and its ecosystem will fill up notebooks of invaluable knowledge. Some schools representatives will present how they develop their STEM strategy at the school level in order to become a Competent or even Proficient STEM School. The HLE will also host experts to exchange about STEM education initiatives at the school level and innovative methodologies. The combination of interactive sessions and presentations will allow participants to learn and exchange information about the STEM School Label framework.

This event is open to any stakeholder interested in STEM education so stay tuned for more information about the programme and registration under:



The STEM School Label HLE is part of the **STEM Online Days**, running from 24 April until 3 July; a unique opportunity for all stakeholders interested in STEM Education to participate to a wide range of online activities on STEM education (webinars, online conferences, workshops and interactive sessions).

# Ambassador STEM Schools reaching the next Label

From the 20 Ambassador STEM schools which started to work on their STEM strategy during this 2019-2020 Academic year, already **4 of them upgraded their STEM School Label**.

They have worked really hard on developing their STEM strategy during the past few months and sharing their activities via the platform. Following their contributions to the platform, 1 Ambassador STEM School reached the Competent Label, therefore showing its commitment to developing a STEM School strategy with some aspects already in place.

- **Lycée International de Valbonne (France)**

3 Ambassador STEM schools reached the Proficient Label with their school activities covering all the 21 STEM School criteria defining a clear STEM strategy at the school level.

- **Vilniaus Gedimino technikos universiteto inžinerijos licejus (Lithuania)**
- **Gimnazija u Zaječaru (Serbia)**
- **Escola Joan Miro (Spain)**

Not only Ambassador STEM Schools serve as good examples for other schools in Europe, but some of them also supported other schools already in their process of developing a STEM strategy.

## Assisting schools to bring out the best in their students

**Mladen Slijovic** is a physics teacher from Serbia. The STEM School Label experience started with him and his school, Gimnazija Zajecar, as early as the platform pilot phase. Shortly after, they were selected as one of the Ambassador STEM Schools, a role they took upon seriously.

Students hold the future of our society, echoing the voice of our school system. Teachers and Heads of schools have a great responsibility in carefully planning and paving a path today for them to build a strong and successful career tomorrow. As he says:

“STEM School Label is really all about that, improving schools in order to help them bring out the best in their students.”

The key that lies in the STEM School Label is assisting schools by fostering self-improvement, supporting them to develop a carefully designed STEM strategy while schools are responsible for fulfilling a list of criteria. Furthermore, the STEM School Label platform invites users to share activities and learn from other schools by examining submitted School Practice Evidences (SPEs) and Case Studies. To put it in his words:

“Now we have someone from the outside, to look at what we are doing and gives ideas on how to do it better. External evaluation in the friendliest way possible.”



[Link to full article](#)

**1,542** + **3,000+**  
**schools** - - - **SPEs\***  
have joined the submitted  
STEM School Label

**339** + **18**  
**Schools** + **countries**



6 schools reached the



**\*School Practice Evidence (SPE)**

show how schools address the **21 criteria** that make a STEM School.

Full article at <https://bit.ly/STEM-Label-Spring-Newsletter>



The STEM School Label is a joint initiative of European Schoolnet, Ciencia Viva (Portugal), Maison pour la Science d'Alsace (France), the Center for the Promotion of Science (Serbia) and the Education Development Center (Lithuania).

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