

4th Partnership Meeting in Porto.

The EMStep partnership recently gathered in Porto to review project milestones and plan the next phases of teacher empowerment and social inclusion:

- DLP Pilot Success: Evaluated the Digital Learning Platform pilot study. The 6 core modules received high praise from European teachers, paving the way for final technical and visual refinements.
- 360 Peer Observations: Partners are actively deploying newly developed classroom observation tools (checklists, diagrams, and narratives) across 18 schools in 6 countries.
- Handbook Underway: Framework finalized for the *Handbook of Professional Learning*, which will compile 54 school-based activities to support vulnerable pupils.
- Dissemination Boost: Communication KPIs are on track across all channels, expanding project visibility and local media outreach.
- Looking to Izmir 2026: Preparations have officially begun for the *International Conference on Digital Transformation in Education* in Türkiye.



WHAT'S NEXT

As the EMStep project enters its final phase, the partnership continues to strengthen its commitment to fostering inclusive and innovative educational practices across Europe. Over the past months, educators, researchers, and institutional partners have worked collaboratively to evaluate the impact of peer learning, classroom observation, and digital transformation on supporting vulnerable students in diverse learning environments.

This fourth newsletter will highlight the major milestones to be achieved between April and July 2026, including the successful 5th Transnational Project Meeting in Maribor, Slovenia, the completion of extensive peer observation activities, and preparations for the upcoming International Conference on Digital Transformation in Education (DITEC26) in İzmir, Türkiye.

Through evidence-based research, intercultural collaboration, and shared professional learning, EMStep continues to contribute meaningful insights and practical tools that empower teachers and promote social inclusion in education systems across Europe.



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