

# The *enSI* international NETWORK



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- **Environment** and **School Initiatives** is a decentralised international network set up in 1986 under the umbrella of OECD's Centre for Educational Research & Innovation (CERI)
  - *For more than 20 years, enSI* has supported educational developments that promote **environmental understanding**, **active approaches to teaching and learning**, and **citizenship education**, through research, policy development and the exchange of experiences and knowledge internationally.

# *enSI* partners and members



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*enSI* main partners are:

- Governments committed to improving environmental education and education for sustainable development.
- Pilot schools with teachers and pupils
- Researchers and experts
- Teachers educators and their students

Member countries and countries involved in ENSI include

- Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

# *enSI* aims

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- to foster the **democratic participation** of students as active citizens in shaping the environmental conditions of their life and work,
  - to promote and facilitate the development of an **ecologically sustainable society** and related actions within educational systems,
  - to create innovative **research networks** which link practice in schools and the community with academic educational research and with institutional decision making.

# Examples *enSI* projects to date

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- **Quality criteria for ecoschools**, compares the criteria leading the eco-schools movement in each country to develop a common set of quality criteria.
  - **Learnsapes across the globe**, involves the school community redesigning its school grounds to enable children, teachers and their communities to interact with their local environment.
  - **European Comenius networks, projects**  
[http://www.ensi.org/Projects/Former\\_Projects](http://www.ensi.org/Projects/Former_Projects)
    - 2004-2007 CSCT: Curriculum, Sustainable development, Competences, Teacher training.
    - 2007-2010 SUPPORT: Partnership and participation for a sustainable tomorrow
    - CoDeS 2010-2014 <http://www.comenius-codes.eu/>
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# A regional partnership with UNEP in the Carpathians

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- Advancing the Carpathian Convention  
(Article 13- Education and awareness raising)
- CASALEN network
- Project (Move4Nature, Visegrad Fund)

<http://www.unesco.pl/edukacja/casalen/>

# Pillars of ENSI's work

- ENSI is a Think tank: develops new project ideas and projects, which are proposed to funding systems such as ERASMUS+ (Former COMENIUS).
- ENSI is a meeting place for experts: ENSI is able to address and invite high class experts and to generate through cooperation high quality outputs.
- ENSI is managing ERASMUS funded projects and generates third-party funds.
- ENSI runs a small and precious network of Junior Researchers, being involved to ENSI's projects with support of ENSI's experts.

# Thank you for your attention!



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