



Network of Multigrade Education

NEMED is a transnational network bringing together educationalists and researchers sharing an interest in researching enhancing and supporting multigrade education.

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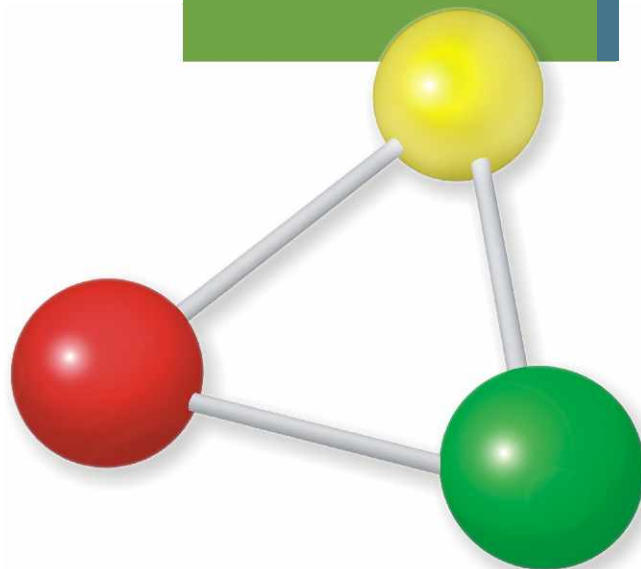
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"The choice in favour of multigrade schools is often a choice between education or no education. They are not a second-class solution".

Etienne Brunswic & Jean Valérien (2004). Multigrade Schools. UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning.



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What is "multigrade" education?

In many parts of the world, multigrade schools play an important role in providing access to "Education for All". Their role is crucial, as they provide isolated communities in remote and disadvantaged areas with pedagogy and community service of good standards. Nevertheless, due to geographical and socio-economic reasons, multigrade schools constitute a neglected aspect of education systems.

The term "multigrade education" describes the provision of school education in classes in which teachers work with more than one curriculum grade at the same time.

The aims of NEMED

- To perform an extended survey on multigrade teaching and learning as well as on the conditions existing in multigrade education in Europe;
- To offer specialized support and training to multigrade school teachers connected with the network;
- To enhance the communication among remotely located multigrade schools;
- To evaluate the application of ICT-based methodologies and practices addressed to multigrade schools;
- To bring multigrade education to the policy front, and thus contribute to the upgrading of multigrade teaching and learning;
- To make specific suggestions concerning the improvement of multigrade education on the European level;
- To create conditions for the sustainability and the expansion of the network.

Methods

The main methodological "units" of NEMED network are **Working Groups**.

These groups work independently, but meet periodically at **project meetings** to exchange ideas, opinions and outcomes, so as to make the best use of knowledge and research outcomes. NEMED is also organizing **workshops** allowing participants to combine and **share experiences** of the work undertaken by the working groups.

The six NEMED Working Groups are:

ICT for multigrade schools

Classroom management
in multigrade schools

Society, cultures,
and the multigrade school

Learning modes in
the multigrade classroom

Educational resources development
for the multigrade school

Policies for multigrade education

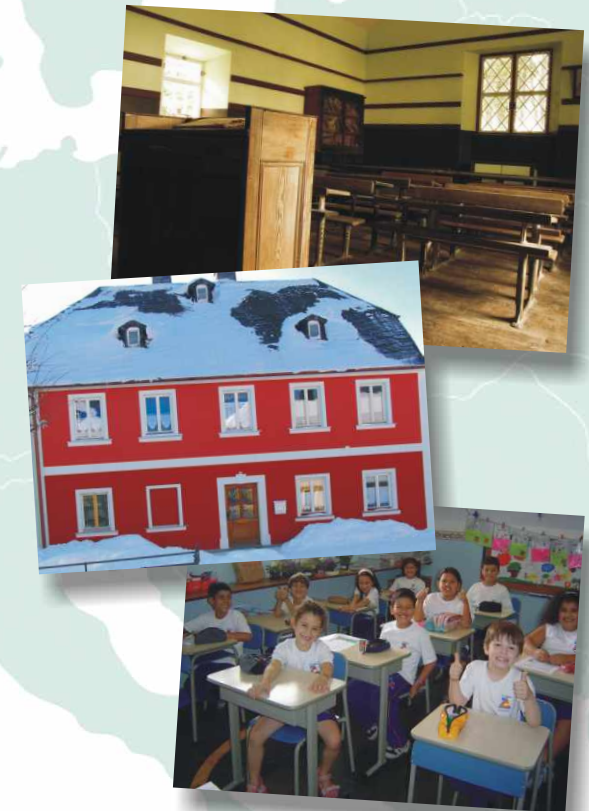
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Outputs

The website www.nemed-project.org is the core node of the network. In addition to information provided about the project, a specially designed, integrated **Web Educational & Networking Portal** facilitates communication and exchange, sharing of information and conducting of **research**, as well as provision of professional **support and training** to multigrade school teachers.

Based on reports from the working groups, the NEMED network is developing and distributing an overall '**Report on Multigrade Education**' to policy-makers, including recommendations for specific measures for the upgrading of multigrade education at the European level.



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