



# The iTACKLE Toolkit

## Empowering Young Active Citizens in Europe

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### Abstract

The iTACKLE Educational Toolkit is a comprehensive resource developed to support primary schools in fostering life skills, intercultural awareness, and active citizenship among young learners. Designed for educators, parents/guardians, and pupils, the toolkit offers structured curriculum modules with activities and evaluation tools and is available in five languages. By promoting European values such as democracy, equality, and human rights, the toolkit equips children with the competences needed to participate responsibly in diverse and democratic societies, contributing to a more inclusive and cohesive Europe.

### Introduction

The iTACKLE project has developed a comprehensive Educational Toolkit that supports primary school educators, parents/guardians and pupils in fostering intercultural and transcultural awareness, life skills and active citizenship. This hands-on resource is designed to equip all actors involved in the educational process, not just children and to help schools in Europe deliver inclusive, innovative and competence-based learning in line with democratic values.

### Aims of the iTACKLE project

At its core, iTACKLE aims to shape future Active European Citizens (AEC) by instilling from a young age the ability to embrace European values such as democracy, justice, equality and human rights. It addresses the challenge of increasingly diverse classrooms and societies by helping pupils develop intercultural competence - enabling tolerance, acceptance and respectful collaboration - and enhancing critical and creative thinking so that they can actively participate in democratic processes.

### Structure and Key Features of the Toolkit

One of the standout features of the toolkit is that it offers distinct curriculum modules tailored for three target groups: educators, parents/guardians and pupils themselves. Each module includes practical activities as well as evaluation questions or self-tests that allow participants to check their understanding of the topics covered. This ensures not only the transfer of knowledge but also the reflection and assessment of learning. In addition, the toolkit is available in five languages (English, Finnish, Greek, Italian and Romanian), broadening its

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accessibility and enabling implementation in different European contexts. These details highlight the thoroughness and inclusive design of the resource.

### Modules for Educators, Families and Pupils

The modules for educators provide ready-to-use lesson plans, classroom strategies and guidance on how to integrate life skills and active citizenship into everyday teaching. For parents and guardians, the modules help bridge home and school by offering materials and activities that engage families in supporting their children's development of life skills, intercultural understanding and democratic awareness. Pupils receive age-appropriate modules that engage them through interactive activities, group work, reflection questions and opportunities to apply what they're learning in real-life contexts. Accessing and using this toolkit means that the entire educational ecosystem is involved in steering children towards a mindset of active, inclusive citizenship.

### Accessibility and Availability of the Toolkit

Importantly, the toolkit is free and openly accessible online. Teachers and schools across Europe can download the materials, adapt them to their national curriculum and local context, and begin using them immediately. The online course for educators that accompanies the toolkit offers further training, examples and additional resources. For more details, you can visit the toolkit page and the course page at: <https://itackle.eu/toolkit/>.

### A Foundation for a More Inclusive Europe

By using the iTACKLE Toolkit, schools can transform classrooms into spaces where every pupil, no matter their background, can thrive. Children gain knowledge, yes, but more crucially they develop competences: thinking critically, collaborating across cultures, acting responsibly and participating in democratic life. This approach helps build more cohesive, inclusive societies and strengthens the foundation for a respectful and engaged Europe.

In summary, the iTACKLE Toolkit is more than simply a set of teaching aids, it is a strategic resource for embedding active citizenship, intercultural awareness and life skills in primary education. By engaging educators, families and pupils in a unified framework, it paves the way for meaningful change: young people empowered to contribute positively to multicultural Europe, and schools equipped to guide them on that journey.

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