

Education for digital citizenship in Internet era in Croatian Schools

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education

Inclusive education in Croatia

- Our education system affords all children, learners and young people – including those with developmental disabilities, members of national minorities, gifted learners and those in a disadvantaged position .
- **Professional support and pedagogic, didactic and spatial adjustment to ensure suitable education in schools**
 - Educational rehabilitators, speech and language therapists, social pedagogues, special teachers, personal assistants, sign language interpreters
- Children with minor developmental difficulties are included in mainstream classes and are taught according to general curricula with the help of **individualised plans** or **curricula adjusted** to their capabilities

Citizenship Education in Croatia

- First attempt in **1998** → as the government's response to the 1995-2004 UN Decade of Human Rights Education
- In the following years, **the human rights and democratic citizenship education** would be nominally included in all major laws and strategic papers on education and national policies but **not** in practice
- Drafting of the first Croatian Citizenship Education Curriculum (CEC) in 2010 → accepted by Minister of education
- The format of curriculum had not, yet, been recognised by law, CEC had to be formally rewritten as the **Citizenship Education Programme for Primary and Secondary Schools** (CEP)
- In the process of "e-consultations with the interested public" opened by the Ministry in 2014, CEP was attacked by the coalition of civil organizations who claimed to be the guardians of the family and national interests
- The National Comprehensive Curricular Reform in 2015 → Citizenship Education Curriculum developed as a cross-curricular topic,- got multiple attacks from civil organisations
- **25.1.2019** – published cross curricula which is implemented in schools in school year 2019/2020

Citizenship Education in Croatia- cross -curricular topic

- **Purpose:** contribute to the preparation of students for their active and effective citizen's role



- Croatian Ombudswoman has in her report of 2018 recommended that Citizenship Education should be a mandatory subject in schools

Good practice

- Rijeka was the first and for now the only city in Croatia to introduce Civic Education as a curricular activity to elementary schools in 2017

• Students citizens:
informed, active and
responsible
(the manual)



- National school competition of simulated trials
 - goal: to understand the role of law and rule of law in democratic society



Bullying/violence prevention

- **‘Stop Violence among Children’** – a programme for the prevention of peer violence and bullying conceived by UNICEF together with domestic experts

*"Over the ten years of its implementation (2003-2012) violence amongst school children reduced by **half** in those schools that participated in the programme.... – one of the most successful of it's kind in the world*



- 2019 Development of National Action plan for preventing violence in schools

School for Life – pilot project

- Experimental project (school year 2018/19) – 74 schools, 8.500 students and 2.000 teachers
- Tablets for each student
- Digital learning materials
- Computer science as a compulsory subject in all primary schools
- New curricula of general subjects
- Cross-curricula subject Citizenship education



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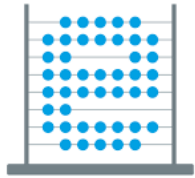
Modern Education Technologies - MET 2017 convention held
Croatian Academic and Research Network - CARNet, in cooperation with its partners, the Faculty of Science of the University of Split and the Department for Teacher's Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences ...

CARNet hosts the international partner meeting of the CRISS project



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e-Škole

e-Schools

<https://pilot.e-skole.hr/en/>

- e-Schools: a comprehensive informatization of school operation processes and teaching processes aimed at the creation of digitally mature schools for the 21st century
- Training for e-Schools - 26 workshops, 10 webinars, 5 MOOC - massive online open courses
- First phase - (2015 - 2018) pilot project - 151 Croatian schools
- Result - increased the level of **digital maturity by 10%**
- Second phase (2019 - 2022)
- **Expectation: Every Croatian school = e-School**



Teacher training in virtual classroom

81
Virtual
classrooms

42724
Participants

386
Topics

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Course overview

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Kako uspješno učiti u online
okruženju

85% Complete



Ravnatelji srednjih škola

50% Complete

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Private files

No files available

Manage private files...



Latest badges



Uspješan e-polaznik

e-Safety

- *Protecting devices, personal data, privacy and well-being*
- School Strategy - manual for safe use of computers at school
- e-Safety badge
- Organizing the Safer Internet Day
- Licensed software



#DeleteCyberbullying

- **ACTIVE PARENTS**
- Since 2014 Parents Association „Step by step” with partner COFACE and DAPHNE
- **79%** of **parents never talked** with their own children about what is the child doing on the Internet and on the computer
- **35%** of **teenagers** reported having experience with **sexual harassment** on the Internet
- **62%** received **threatening texts** on social networks
- **52%** never reported the cyberbullying



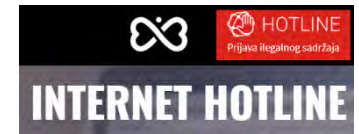
- The manual for parents



“Safer Internet Centre Croatia: Making Internet a good and safe place” (2016–2018) “

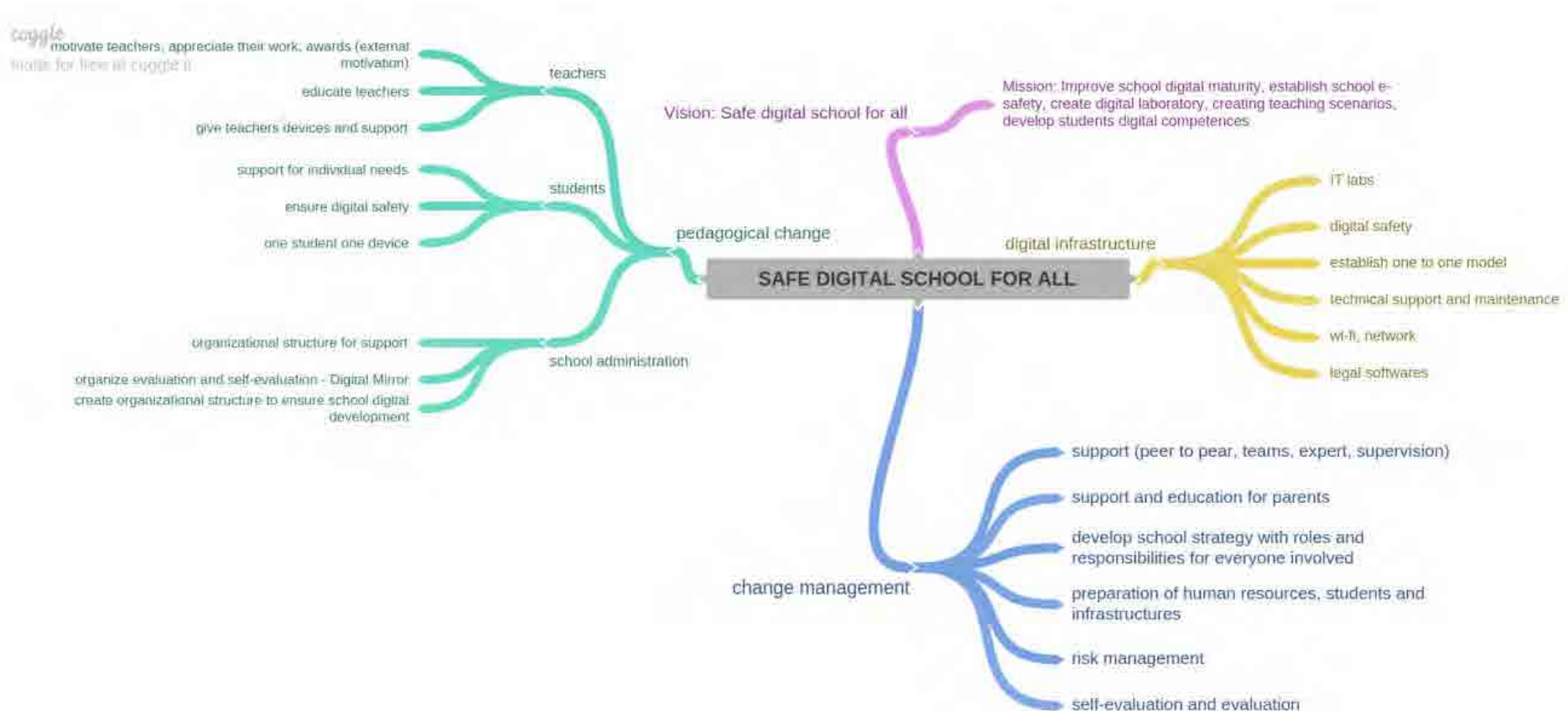
Centre for missing and abused children with patronage of Networks Executive Agency (NEA)

- 49% parents **believe** that their children talk to them all about their on-line behaviour
- 71% children **hide** Internet content to parents
- 50% children **don't know** who can they talk to if they experience cyberbullying



- Hotline service for improvement and reporting hurtful and illegal content
- Helpline (for children and parents for reporting hurtful content and providing professional help /advising)

Digital school for all



Croatian team at Erasmus+ course „How to make your school more digital”, January 18, 2019, Tenerife

Actual situation

- Every year there are more students with special needs—problems with personal assistants → more than 4000
- Project *School for life* in every school in Croatia, new curriculums (in elementary and grammar schools and some general subjects in VET schools)
- Online modules for teachers and workshops (counselling visits) in every school
- Not equally equipped schools
- Teachers strike all over Croatia continuously from 10th of October...



Thank you!



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