

Sharing Practices on Computational Thinking Education

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Computational Thinking Education with **Immersive-playful Environments** and a focus on **Diversity and Inclusion** for **Early Formal Education** pre-schools – primary schools (~ age 5 ~ 9)





In a digitized world Computational Thinking empowers everybody





Computational thinking is the skill of *taking control* in a highly digitized world





Computational thinking education cannot leave anybody behind!





Computational Thinking

Programming





- Abstraction
- Algorithmic reasoning
- Systematic thinking

pattern recognition, composition, de-composition

- Design
- Problem solving





Computational thinking education can and should start early

as parents equip already toddlers with digital, smart, and intelligent devices

hardly any of which are directly programmable





Teachers & educators need better support beyond programming

and so do parents and wider families





For the youngest in school system **robots and games** appear most appropriate

given to existing practices in schools



Challenges with robots also games and STEM tools

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- Mechanics
- Eletronics
- Software



- Achievement time
- Conceptual complexity
- Motoric skills and abilities



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Our key objectives



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- 1. Create educational designs for classroom activities
- 2. Equip and support teachers & educators
- 3. Provide information for parents



Robots meet Games in the Classroom



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- Tangible
- Observable
- Multi-modal
- Immersive
- Collaborative





Procedures

- 1. Exploration of educational practices and tools (teacher & teachers in training workshops)
- Condense and translate educational practices into classroom activities (create working material for teachers)
- 3. Implement and evaluate the classroom activities in schools

(classroom application in partner schools)



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Design considerations for classroom activities

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- Easy to build and use Low or no entry barriers
- Continuous complexity (no-code ↔ various code styles)
- Conceptual flexibility (different learning objectives)
- Playfulness (experimentation and exploration)
- Cross curricular



Teacher's activity exploration



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- Creative activities
- Exploratory (open-ended) activities
- Low-code, Block-based, Zero-code activities

- Collaborative activities
- Embodied activities







- Knowledge of technologies and tools
- •Transferability (Level of inspiration)
- •Shareability = Explainability





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