

Newsletter



INNOVATIVE APPROACHES WITH MACHINE LEARNING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



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The SMARTSTART Project Has Officially Launched

We are pleased to introduce SMARTSTART, an Erasmus+ funded project aimed at strengthening the competences of early childhood education (ECE) professionals by introducing machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) through play-based, practical, and pedagogically sound approaches.

The project focuses on:

- early childhood and pre-primary educators,
- teacher education and training institutions,
- ethical, inclusive, and child-centred use of emerging technologies in education.



First Transnational Project Meeting in Istanbul

The first transnational project meeting (TPM) of SMARTSTART took place on 8–9 December 2024 in Istanbul, Türkiye, bringing together project partners from across Europe.



During the meeting, partners:

- presented the project objectives, structure, and work packages,
- discussed the logic and scope of the training modules,
- aligned on quality assurance, project management, and dissemination strategies,
- initiated the development process of the first training module.



This meeting marked an important milestone in establishing a shared vision, ensuring methodological coherence, and setting the foundations for effective collaboration throughout the project.



What Will SMARTSTART Deliver?

Within the project, partners will develop:

- a modular online training programme (MOOC) on machine learning in early childhood education,
- practical activities, classroom scenarios, and pedagogical examples,
- methodological resources supporting ethical and responsible use of AI/ML,
- open educational resources accessible to educators across Europe.

All materials will be developed at a non-technical, educator-oriented level, fully adapted to the needs and realities of early childhood education.

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