

## EU CODE WEEK 2018 - LEADING TEACHERS

### What is EU Code Week?

Code Week is a voluntary grass-root movement promoting computational thinking, coding and digital competences. The aims are to show how to bring ideas to life with code, make programming more visible, demystify related skills and bring motivated people together to learn. Coding, rather than a sub-section of programming, is viewed as the implementation of a wider skill-set of computational thinking, problem solving, critical reasoning, team work and creativity.

European Commissioner Gabriel has committed to scale up the EU Code Week campaign: she aims to reach 50% of all schools in Europe by 2020. Involvement in the initiative can serve as an ice-breaker to a longer-term commitment and may help to speed up innovation in education. Therefore, this year's campaign, the EU Code Week 2018 has high ambitions to expand and take a step towards the goal of 2020.

**This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the EU Code Week and it will take place on 6-21 October 2018.**

### The need for Leading Teachers

Currently, the success of the EU Code Week campaign rely heavily on the engagement of volunteer ambassadors and the communication efforts of the European Commission. However, to reach the involvement of 50% of all schools in the next two years, we need to progressively increase the uptake of the EU Code Week in the countries and work at a national and regional level across Europe.

**Reaching such a target can only be achieved with the support of enthusiastic educators willing to spread the vision of the EU Code Week at a national and local level, encouraging more schools to engage in the campaign.**

### How can Leading Teachers contribute to Code Week?

By dedicating as little as a few hours per month to Code Week, a Leading Teacher, can:

- Be the example: organise a lesson / peer learning event in their school, register it on the Code week website and spread the word.
- Share and promote teacher training opportunities and teaching resources in their language through your educator networks.
- Encourage teachers and head masters in the schools of their country / region to organise lessons / events and register them on the Code Week website.
- Volunteer to support teachers interested in participating in Code Week.
- Connect schools, teachers and students interested in participating to Code Week in their community and encourage collaboration among organisers.

## What's in it for Leading Teachers?

A Code Week Leading Teacher will:

- Receive the Code Week Leading Teacher badge by committing to support the campaign.
- Be part of an international community of like-minded teachers with whom they can learn from and exchange with.
- Be the first to access newly developed teaching resources and training opportunities to bring Code Week to their classroom.
- Become an essential part of one of the greatest grassroots initiative in Europe and help raise awareness about the importance of integrating coding in schools.
- Participate in competitions for international recognition and other prizes.

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