

EDITORIAL

You read 5th issue of *Outdoored.Eu News Fleet*.

The main mission of this digital "fleet" is to be an information platform for the participants of our courses and at the same time an inspiration for new and future colleagues.



In period before issuing this newsletter, several facts happened. Pandemic situation opened the way for Outdoored to a virtual environment. A real novelty is the possibility to study two programs online – you can find more detailed information about them in the next article. Another NEW are Outdoored webinars - which become very popular and attended by teachers from three continent.

Thanks to a travel restriction, we unfortunately had to cancel all onsite courses planned for this year - in Portugal, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Prague. We really hope that a situation would change soon, and we will run all the courses in 2021.

On behalf of the Outdoored.EU team I would like to thank you for your kindness, and I look forward to meeting you again.

We wish you good health and happiness.
Dr. Dusan Bartunek – CEO Outdoored.EU

NEWS FROM THE LATEST COURSES

Due to a very complicated situation around the world with Covid-19 pandemic, we were forced to cancel all spring onsite courses between March and June.

We deeply hoped that autumn courses in Portugal, Sweden and the Czech Republic would be open. But unfortunately did not- situation in all countries during autumn did not allow us to meet in person.

We postpone all the courses during spring 2021 few weeks forward to be sure that the situation around the pandemic would be more stable and hope to finally meet together, please check the terms below.

We are also ready to open an online version of outdoor learning courses in the same hour length (40 hours of study) if the conditions would not be pleasant during the spring. We will inform you latest in February.



REFERENCES

I would like to thank you for the excellent course my colleagues were participated in. This course was an opportunity for them to discover new things about leadership and provide us with useful feedback. They also got impressed by the leaders of the course, Britta and Dusan. We are definitely going to promote the course to other teachers in Perfucture.

Apostolou Athanasios

Headmaster of Diomidias primary school (April 2018, course New ways of learning in the Czech Republic)

Excelent course for school and preschool principals lead by Dusan Bartunek. A great opportunity to discuss various school management problems, to learn the methods of conflict resolution, possibility to meet with the directors of Czech schools. I felt very special during those 5 days in January. We also had an excellent cultural program. I truly recommend!

Ingrida Dzelzkaleja from Latvia

Strategy and management for school development, January 2019

This course has been a magnificent experience. Gave me new perspectives to improve my way of teaching. The environment was great, the teachers have lots of experience and knowledge, and they love what they do. I highly recommend this course.

Monica Silva from Spain

Course New ways of learning April 2019

ERASMUS + 2021 – 2027 APPROVED!!

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- Providing many new opportunities for Europe's learners, including those with fewer opportunities and school pupils,
- Fostering innovation in curriculum design, learning and teaching practices,
- Promoting both green and digital skills

Now it all depends on the overall MFF negotiations. This means that the start of the new programme is contingent to the final approval of the next long-term budget by national governments.

It seems to offer you enough space for projects including also outdoor learning and programs based on real world learning activities – as also COVID crisis shows and reminds us these parts as an important piece of complete learning process.

More info <https://europa.eu/!cr64Kr>

ONLINE PROGRAMS

In addition to COVID-19 negative impact on all courses schedule, every crisis also offers opportunities - even for Outdoored.

During a time when it was impossible to implement our onsite courses, we challenge to prepare an online form of our main course topics.

The result is one online program for teachers called - **Learning by playing in nature** and one online program for school principals and leaders called - **Strategy and management for school development**.

Already over fifty participants from 15 countries in Europe and the USA took part in both courses. We plan to implement these programs regularly every month. In addition to a large number of quality materials, online programs also include live online meetings of participants and sharing experiences on other platforms.



OUTDOOR LEARNING WEBINARS

Another new regular activity which started during COVID crisis are regular webinars focusing on outdoor learning.

Webinars are open and free, run every 1 - 2 months. This an hour-long program consists of a "drop" of theory, a presentation of practical activities, an interview with an interesting guest experienced in outdoor learning and education, a visit to some European school and finally answering questions from the audience by our guests.

We run already 5 webinars with an experienced and interesting guest: Britta Brügge - Sweden, Joe Pavelka - Canada, Bernard Joyce - Ireland, Anders Szczepanski - Sweden and Juliet Robertson - UK.

We are very pleased that webinars are regularly attended by up to 100 participants from three continents at the same time in eight time zones and shared with the others. You are very welcome to be there with us!



OUTDOORED WEBSITE

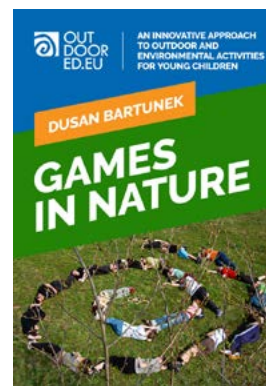
We invite you all to visit our website www.outdoored.eu, where we present our wide range of activities - from individual courses (Portugal, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Prague) as well as online programs - both for teachers and for principals and managers clearly visible.

You can follow u also on www.facebook.com/outdoored.eu or [instagram](https://www.instagram.com/outdoored.eu).

GAMES IN NATURE

SERIES OF 6 E-BOOKS WITH ACTIVITIES AND GAMES

An innovative approach to outdoor and environmental activities for young children



We are very pleased to introduce you the newest version of our eBook **GAMES IN NATURE**.

You can choose a particular topic or a complete series of 6 e-books - with activities and games that will enrich outdoor and environmental education and can be used by primary and nursery school teachers, parents and educators all over the world.

Individual games focus particularly on **movement in the outdoors and in nature**. Most of the games involve **minimal material requirements**.

The games have **very simple rules**, understandable for children and could be modified to any age group, topics, or school subjects.

outdoored.eu - Games in nature



COMING SOON IN 2021

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| 11.1. – 14.2. 2021 | Learning by playing in nature – ONLINE PROGRAM |
| 11.1. – 14.2. 2021 | Strategy and management for school development – ONLINE PROGRAM |
| 26.4. – 1.5.2021 | Taking groups out-of-doors, Portugal |
| 16. – 21. 5. 2021 | Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning , Sweden |
| 23. – 28. 5. 2021 | Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning , Sweden |
| 6. – 11.6. 2021 | New ways of learning, Czech Republic |
| 27.6. – 3.7. 2021 | Strategy and management for school development, Prague, Czech Republic |
| 15. – 20.8.2021 | Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden |
| 5. – 10.9.2021 | New ways of learning, Czech Republic |
| 11. – 16.10. 2021 | Taking groups out-of-doors, Portugal |
| 31.10 – 6.11.2021 | Stories in global education, Prague, Czech Republic |
| 31.10 – 6.11.2021 | English for real life, Prague, Czech Republic |
| 21. – 27.11. 2021 | ICT as a useful tool for teachers, Prague, Czech Republic |
| 21. – 27.11.2021 | Be the best teacher for all your pupils, Prague, Czech Republic |