

Developing International Projects for Schools (DIPS)

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Biographies: confirmed Speakers & Presenters

In alphabetical order of surname

This list will be regularly updated over the next few months.

Filip Bisschop

European Project Manager at GO! Scholengroep Dynamiek, Belgium

Filip Bisschop, who studied economics with a specialisation in accounting, has been managing European projects since 2014. He previously taught in a secondary school as well as in adult education through evening classes. He is also an accredited travel guide for Tourism Flanders in Belgium.

Filip works for approximately 25 schools within GO! Scholengroep Dynamiek. This school group has managerial authority over all GO! schools in the Eastern Flanders region. GO! Scholengroep Dynamiek offers both primary and secondary education, including general, technical and vocational programmes. The group also includes a boarding school and primary and secondary schools for special education.

Through their four consortium accreditations (SCH and VET), they are working towards the 2030 GO! strategic vision, applying a holistic approach to internationalisation. The group focuses on educational innovation aimed at creating a more personalised learning experience for its students and teachers.

Filip will present at DIPSCO and DIPSVET.

Susanne Doherty

Coordinator International VET projects for North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

From 2001 to 2021, Susanne worked as a teacher and trainer in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, contributing to numerous EU-funded projects. Between 2021 and 2023, she served as a desk officer for binational VET cooperation at the Ministry of Education of North Rhine-Westphalia. From 2023 to 2025, she was Director of UK-German Connection – DE-Schools. Since August 2025, Susanne has been Coordinator for International VET Projects for North Rhine-Westphalia at the district government in Düsseldorf.

Susanne will present at DIPSVET.

Franck Le Cars

Director of the Academic Region for European, International Relations, and Cooperation (DRAREIC) for Occitanie, France

Franck is currently director of the Academic Region for European, International Relations, and Cooperation (DRAREIC) for Occitanie, France.

Advisor to the directors of the Occitanie Academic Region

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Franck has dual background as an archaeologist and historian, and holds the agrégation (French teaching qualification) and the competitive examination for headteacher. He has taught history in English-speaking and bilingual classes in England, Belgium, the United States, and France. As an former Fulbright scholarship recipient (IUC) and involved in Erasmus programs since his studies, he has worked with the education systems of some forty countries, founded the Confucius Institute in Montpellier, and participated in the creation of eTwinning and the DIPS program for the European outreach of schools. He currently manages 6 Erasmus+ consortia involving more than 600 schools in Occitanie. This experience in bilingual teaching, management of European projects and international exchanges in education allows him to facilitate the multicultural approach and the establishment of strong partnerships in education.

Franck will present at DIPSCO and DIPSVET,

Alexis Severin

School Education Erasmus+ Lead at Rectorat de la région académique Occitanie

Alexis has been a history and geography teacher; a certified trainer in education and media literacy in the French national education system for more than 15 years; a technical adviser to the Rectors on student involvement and citizenship education; Director of Communication for an education authority; citizenship adviser for the Lycée international de Londres W. Churchill International School (UK); vice-principal of the Toronto French School (Canada); educational advisor for school life and citizenship education for the Mission Laïque Française in Morocco. He has never ceased to be open to innovative teaching experiences and to discovering the richness of international education systems. He is now in charge of the Erasmus+ mission for school education at the Direction for Europe and International Cooperation in Occitanie, Montpellier (France) and advises and trains school teams in their international and European openness, leads an Erasmus+ consortium and works on international training engineering.

Alexis will present at DIPSCO.

Jens Vermeersch

Internationalisation policy coordinator at GO! Internationalisering

Jens Vermeersch is in charge of internationalisation strategy at GO!

GO! has over 30 years of expertise with organising and promoting European projects both as coordinator and as partner. At central level we are KA1 accredited for, school, VET and adult education. 16 of our regional schoolgroups have one of more accreditation of their own.

GO! organises official education in the Dutch speaking part of Belgium. It is financed by the Flemish government but functions independently of the Flemish Minister of Education. GO! is one of the three main educational networks in Flanders. GO! schools are spread all over Flanders and the Brussels capital region. GO! has day care centres, nurseries, primary and secondary schools amongst which many schools specialising in technical and professional education and several schools of creative and performing arts. GO! also has 10 large centres for adult education.

Jens Vermeersch has a master in contemporary history and is an experienced manager of many European projects since 1993. Jens is the chairperson of the internationalisation committee of VLOR, the Flemish Education Council. He also intensively follows the European and international education policy for GO!.

Jens will present at DIPSCO and DIPSVET.

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The InterLFEE Team

Richard Tallaron, Director, LFEE Europe

Richard is the Director and Co-Founder of LFEE Europe Ltd where he oversees the management and development of all European training programmes, as well as bilateral / multinational mobility projects for Teachers and other Educators. Richard believes in innovative practices and a blended learning approach to enhance the learning and teaching experiences of practitioners and their pupils. Richard graduated in "Scottish Literature and Culture" and "French as a Foreign Language" from the University of Grenoble. He now works with teachers both at Primary and Secondary levels throughout Europe and beyond. He created DIPS with Franck Le-Cars and his team in 2018. Richard recently published a book called "*A Taste of Languages, Stories of French and English / Le goût des langues, petites histoires de l'anglais et du français*".

Patrick Deas, Director, InterActing

Patrick is Co-Director and Founder of Interacting Spain, UK and Ireland. He is Co-Director of the Connected Learning Community and overall coordinator of Ireland for NUEDU. These companies have taken their blend of interactive language learning theatre to audiences across Europe and Asia over the past 30 years and their teacher training programmes have reached out to teachers with the inspirational use of drama in all areas of learning and development. Patrick works as a director, writer and producer. He has a firm belief in the empowering and healing strength of theatre. Patrick graduated from Newcastle Upon Tyne University in Archaeology.

Ed Cousins, Director, InterActing

Co Founder and Director of Interacting Spain; UK and Ireland. Leading on the design and delivery of innovative teacher training courses and connecting drama processes to classroom needs. Ed is also a Director of The Connected Learning Company. Ed is an experienced coordinator of EU projects and an accomplished contributor to conferences both as keynote speaker and workshop host. Ed is Co-Founder and current chair of the European Association of Training Providers. Ed believes in the power of networks to contribute to improved learning opportunities and best practice in the education sector. Ed lives in Madrid and brings his passion for theatre and sports to his love of learning. Ed graduated in English and American literature from the University of Warwick before going on to complete an MA on 'A Legacy of Empire' in Anglo Irish Studies at University College Dublin. His work at Interacting continues to investigate the power of stories as a vehicle for learning and promoting Inclusive cultures.