



Call for Next-Lab Ambassadors

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About Next-Lab

The Next-Lab project [continues the activities of the Go-Lab project](#) taking it to a next impact and innovation level. While keeping Go-Lab as the main brand, the Next-Lab project further develops the Go-Lab sharing and authoring platforms and organises teacher-training events.

In the scope of Next-Lab, the open authoring ([Graasp](#)) and sharing ([Golabz](#)) platforms will be enhanced with new features required by the teachers as well as by the addition of new tools for the students. For example, collaborative creation of Inquiry Learning Spaces (ILSs) will be supported, giving teachers the possibility to jointly create cross-curriculum learning scenarios. Furthermore, students will be able to work collaboratively on their learning and research projects. Finally, learning apps enabling students to acquire 21st century skills as well as a tool to create ePortfolios will be available.

Next-Lab will increase the number of involved teachers and students, expand its target group to include younger students in primary education, and make efforts to align the project with teacher training programmes, thus, targeting also pre-service teachers. Next-Lab will sustain and extend the existing Go-Lab teacher community, so that the successful transition between the two projects is guaranteed. In particular, Next-Lab will conduct international and national Go-Lab teacher training workshops, as well as Go-Lab Summer and Winter Schools. In addition, Next-Lab will extend its on-site and online support for teachers. This Call for Ambassadors is a part of this initiative.

The Next-Lab project is implemented in the context of the European Union’s [Horizon 2020](#) programme. It has started on the 1st of January 2017 and will last for three years, coordinated by the University of Twente in the Netherlands.

Next-Lab Ambassadors’ tasks

Next-Lab Ambassadors will be selected for the whole duration of the project (Jan 2017-Dec 2019) in order to support Next-Lab implementation and outreach on their country level. The core purpose of the Next-Lab Ambassadors will be to promote and inform about Next-Lab to their peers – STEM teachers in their respective countries - extending project’s coverage throughout Europe. They will present Next-Lab for schools and national teachers associations,

on conferences and workshops, and will advise teachers how to get involved and use Next-Lab in their teaching.

In more detail, Next-Lab Ambassadors' tasks include:

- **Disseminate Next-Lab at national level.** This task comprises any kind of dissemination activities, such as informal Next-Lab presentations, networking meetings or sharing of Next-Lab materials, among others. The dissemination should be done within a national level including Ambassadors' workplaces, small informal events, social media and personal networking meetings.
- **Present Next-Lab at, at least, one teachers' event / conference at national level.** All Next-Lab Ambassadors must, at least, present Next-Lab at a national, regional or local event. Those presentations must be of at least 10 minutes long and must count with a minimum of 20 people in the audience.
- **Carry out at least two teacher trainings.** With the support, both logistical & pedagogical, of EUN, Next-Lab Ambassadors will carry out at least 1 face-to-face teacher training. Each of these trainings will be attended by at least 20 teachers. One or two online trainings (using i.e. Webex) will also need to be organised.
- **Offer operational support in terms of pedagogical quality control (e.g., analyse resources available on the portal) and provide feedback on the project new tools and services**
- **Attend the Next-Lab Ambassadors trainings in Brussels (2 in total).** All Next-Lab Ambassadors will be invited to attend the annual, 2 days, face-to-face meeting that will take place in Brussels. During that meeting they will learn how to present themselves and the project, they will be informed about the latest developments and features of the authoring platform and they will be equipped with all necessary skills in order to successfully support teachers and disseminate Next-Lab in their countries.
- **Report on activities carried out for the project.** Each of the Next-Lab Ambassadors has to complete events/dissemination related reports.
- **Support the Next-Lab teachers.** The Next-Lab Ambassadors are assigned to provide pedagogical and practical support to teachers in their country who are interested in using Next-Lab in their teaching. Online support with also need to be offered.

Benefits

- Be part of the dynamic Ambassadors group which will cover 18 different countries
- Receive high quality training on Inquiry Based Learning (IBL) and the use of Next-Lab tools, project communication and presentation skills by the Next-Lab consortium partners

- Attend 2 Next-Lab Ambassadors 2-day trainings (one in 2017 and one in 2018) which will take place in Brussels, Belgium
- Possibility to attend one or more Next-Lab summer/winter schools

Who can apply?

The Call for Next-Lab Ambassadors is open to **STEM teachers** from the following 18 countries:

Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey

Next-Lab Ambassadors will need to have the following **competences**:

- Good knowledge and understanding of Inquiry Based Learning (IBL)
- Proven previous experience with Go-Lab authoring platform (Graasp) either as ILS creators or as ILS implementers/users
- Good knowledge of English
- Proven record of participation/contribution to national teachers' events, conferences etc.

Additional Information

- Next-Lab Ambassadors' selection will be carried out by European Schoolnet, and approved by national authorities where relevant, and results will be announced via email during the week of March 25th.
- Next-Lab Ambassadors will be recruited for the whole duration of the project (3 years). Their involvement to the project will be subject to their availability and performance. Annual evaluations will be carried out by EUN in order to ensure that Next-Lab Ambassadors are in line with their tasks.
- Successful candidates are expected to attend the Next-Lab Ambassadors kickoff that will take place in Brussels in April 2017. All expenses for this trip will be covered by Next-Lab/European Schoolnet.
- A third party agreement will be signed between EUN and each successful Next-Lab Ambassador which will cover key issues, such as; monitoring, reporting, schedules, etc.
- EUN keeps the right to cancel completely or modify any of the conditions related to this call. No obligation will arise under this call until a third party agreement has been signed by both EUN and the Next-Lab Ambassador concerned.