

# PROTECT

## First Meeting and Teacher Professional Development Training course of the PROTECT Project



October 13th - 17th 2025

Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland

**Project Number: 2025-1-IE01-KA220-SCH-000354404**

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### Project Partners

Agrupamento de Escolas Carlos Gargate (Portugal)

Clare Education Centre (Ireland)

Luster commune (Norway)

Mary Immaculate College (Ireland)

Osnovna skola Miloje Ciplic (Serbia)

Osnovna skola Matije Gupca (Croatia)



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**Accommodation:**

Accommodation has been arranged for you in Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. It is a twenty minute drive from Shannon Airport and a five minute drive from Ennis train station. For more details about the hotel facilities and location visit: <https://www.templegatehotel.com/>

**Weather:**

Clare and Ireland, as an island has a mild and changeable climate all year and is not noted for extreme weather conditions. There is rainfall throughout the year, but is light overall. It is best to be prepared for wind and rain particularly at this time of year. The weather can and often does change within an hour. Link to October weather forecast for Ennis area:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ie/ennis/207589/october-weather/207589?year=2025>

**Arrivals and Transfers:**

- ***Arrival at Shannon Airport:***

Travel time from Shannon airport to Ennis is approx. 20 minutes. Arrangements will be made to have you picked up at the airport. Alternatively, taxis are available at the airport.

- ***Arrival at Dublin Airport:***

There are a number of public transport options for travel to Ennis from Dublin airport, travel time is approximately three and half hours to four hours.

**Flightlink:** From Dublin Airport to Friar's Walk Bus Park, Ennis. Total bus fare is approximately €32 each way. You can check the schedule and book your ticket at: <https://www.flightlink.ie/>

**Bus Eireann:** Full details can be found on <http://www.buseireann.ie/>

**Irish Rail/Iarnród Éireann:** Train schedules and bookings at: <http://www.irishrail.ie/>

The Temple Gate Hotel is a five minute walk or a short taxi ride from Ennis Train Station, Quin Road.

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## List of Participants:

<b>Clare Education Centre, Ireland</b>	<b>Osnovna skola Matije Gupca, Croatia</b>	<b>Luster Kommune, Norway</b>
Ray McInerney (BM)	Ines Kruselj-Vidas (BM)	Knut Åge Teigen (BM)
Martin Moloney (BM)	Danijela Semenić	Silje Flo Røsten
Michael Browne	Zeljka Franjkovic Dremptic	Knut Hauge
MJ Malone	Andreja Ptiček	Mirjam Tverberg
Jim Curran	Martina Brlečić	Linda Øvregard Røhme
Brian Troy		Åsmund Øgar
		Eli Hansen Moen
<b>Osnovna skola Miloje Ciplic (Serbia)</b>	<b>Agrupamento de Escolas Carlos Gargate, Portugal</b>	<b>Mary Immaculate College of Education, Ireland</b>
Emma Lenkes (BM)	Graça Carvalha (BM)	Edward Corry (BM)
Andrea Ivancev	Rui Páscoa (BM)	Anne O'Dwyer (LTT)
Aleksandra Petraškov Blažin	Manuel João Bispo dos Reis	Aisling Leavy (LTT)
Davor Dragić	Odete Maria José Pinheiro Santos	Mairéad Hourigan (LTT)
Silvija Sakač Madaras	Helena Lopes	
	Carlos Adelino Guedes Vitorino	
	Anabela B. Costa Correia	

*BM: Member*

*LTT: Learning, Teaching and Training*



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### AGENDA

MONDAY OCTOBER 13 <sup>th</sup> – Clare Education Centre	
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome and Greetings
9:20 – 9:45	Clare Education Centre and The Irish Education System <i>Martin Moloney and MJ Malone</i>
9:45 – 10:45	Introduction about Erasmus+ PROTECT Project <i>Ray McInerney</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break – Discussion corners
11:15 – 12:45	STEAM as a Teaching and Learning Methodology <i>Michael Browne</i>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch at Clare Education Centre
13:45 – 14:45	Collaborative Planning for the PROTECT Project <i>Michael Browne</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Discussion – Evaluation of the day
15:30 – 18:00	Visit to Cliffs of Moher and Lahinch
19:30	<b>Dinner in the Old Ground Hotel</b>



TUESDAY OCTOBER 14 <sup>th</sup> – Clare Education Centre	
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Outline of Learning Scenarios, examples and discussion <i>MIC Team</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	eTwinning for PROTECT Project <i>Emma Lenkes</i>
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	Coffee break – Discussion corners
<b>11:15 – 13:00</b>	Climate Education Workshop 1 <i>Evelyn Sorohan</i>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch at Clare Education Centre
<b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	STEAM Methodology and Community of Practice <i>Aaron Carroll</i>
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	Collaborative Planning for the PROTECT Project <i>MJ Malone</i>
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Discussion – Evaluation of the day
<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>	Walking Tour of Ennis
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Dinner in Brogans Bar &amp; Restaurant</b>

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15 <sup>th</sup> – Clare County Council Chamber	
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	Introduction to Clare <i>Paul Murphy, Mayor of Clare</i>
<b>9:15 – 9:45</b>	Climate Change Initiatives by Clare County Council <i>Karen Foley and Dara Dever of Clare County Council</i>
<b>9:45 – 10:15</b>	Videos of Pupil Perspectives on Climate Change <i>Martin Moloney</i>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	Student Presentations on Climate Change <i>Selected students from Clarecastle, Knockanean and Ennis National Schools</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Presentations from the Partners – Croatia, Ireland
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	Coffee break – Discussion corners
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	Presentations from the Partners –Norway, Portugal, Serbia
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	Plenary Discussion <i>Martin Moloney</i>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	Lunch in Ennis (Bar 42)

<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	Walking tour of the Burren <i>Tony Kirby</i>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	Impact of Climate Change on the Burren (Michael Cusack Centre) <i>Tony Kirby</i>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Dinner in Cassidy's</b>

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 <sup>th</sup> – MIC	
<b>9:15 – 10:30</b>	School Visits – Visit classes and talk to students about your school and seek their opinions on Climate Change
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Coffee break
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	Learning Scenarios – reflections and feedback <i>MIC Team</i>
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	Input on Pupil Voice <i>MIC Team</i>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	Maker Space at Mary Immaculate College <i>MIC Team</i>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	Plenary Discussion - Review of School Visits and emerging action planning <i>Martin Moloney</i>
<b>17:30</b>	Free time in Ennis
<b>19:30</b>	<b>PROTECT Dinner in Temple Gate Hotel</b>

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>9:15 – 10:45</b>	Climate Action Workshop 2 <i>Evelyn Sorohan</i>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	Reviewing and Sharing the Learning – Presentation from each partner of their Action Plans
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00 – 14:45</b>	Exploring Climate Change Lessons and applying STEAM teaching methodologies
<b>14:45</b>	Farewell

**Welcome to Ennis, Co. Clare**

Ennis is a lively and historic town in the west of Ireland, known for its winding medieval streets, colourful shopfronts, and warm atmosphere. Ennis offers a mix of traditional charm and modern facilities.

Founded around a 13th-century Franciscan Friary, Ennis has grown into a thriving town of over 27,000 people. It is twice a winner of the National Tidy Towns Award and is widely recognised as a hub for education, commerce, and culture.

Ennis is also one of Ireland’s great centres of traditional music. Live sessions can be heard in many pubs and cafés, and the town hosts music and cultural festivals each year, including the well-known Fleadh Nua.

The location is ideal for exploring the natural beauty of County Clare. The world-famous Cliffs of Moher, the Burren UNESCO Global Geopark and the Wild Atlantic Way are all close by.





