

Press release

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SCIENTIX: THE NEW WEB-BASED COMMUNITY FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

The European Commission has launched **Scientix** (www.scientix.eu), a new web portal targeted towards teachers, researchers, policy makers, local actors, parents and anyone interested in science education. **Scientix gives access to teaching materials, research results and policy documents from European science education projects financed by the European Union and by various national initiatives.**

The new platform will facilitate regular dissemination and sharing of news, know-how, and best practices in science education across the European Union. **Scientix** is operated by European Schoolnet (www.europeanschoolnet.org) on behalf of the European Commission (DG Research - FP7 Science in Society Programme).

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science said: "Scientix will allow every science teacher and student to benefit from excellent teaching materials developed by European and national research projects. So **Scientix** will contribute both to inspiring young people with science and to maximising value for every euro Europe spends on science education. It will also be a place for everybody interested in science education to exchange news and views."

The philosophy of the platform can be summarised by the following keywords: **search, find and engage**. The information and services provided cover several dimensions of science education and will attract all kind of actors involved in science education: teachers, researchers, policy makers, local actors, parents, and young people. For example, for teachers **Scientix** has collected teaching materials from hundreds of European projects and will make them available in all European languages upon request.

This new portal is available in six languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Polish and will give access to the main findings of European science education projects financed by the European Union under the 6th and 7th Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development (Directorate General Research), the Lifelong Learning Programme (Directorate General Education and Culture) and various national initiatives

However **Scientix** is not only a website! Several events and workshops will be organised in the next three years. The main event will be the **Scientix conference** May 6 - 8, 2011, which will promote networking among the science and education community and provide feedback on the services offered online. A monthly newsletter will also be sent out to provide information about updates on the portal.



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About Scientix

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<http://scientix.eu>.

European Schoolnet

European Schoolnet (EUN) is a unique not-for-profit consortium of 31 ministries of education in Europe created in 1997. EUN provides major European education portals for teaching, learning and collaboration and leads the way in bringing about change in schooling through the use of new technology.
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