









# Guide to Meaningful PBL Initiatives and Redefining Learning Landscapes

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#### In this keynote we will explore:

- Basics of PBL in practice
- The changing roles of teachers in PBL
- PBL and vocational education
- Identifying the key elements of successful projects
- Good practices from Hungary:
  - Digital Thematic Week
  - EU Code Week as thematic week
  - eTwinning
- From PBL to action pedagogy an insight to future plans









# PBL in practice, the changing role of teachers



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#### "Doing a project"

- A dessert project
- Feels like a treat
- An add-on to traditional education
- Product-focused
- Remains within the school world
- Can be completed at home/alone



# Project-based learning

- The project is the unit
- Focused on process and product
- Real-world context and application
- Shared beyond the classroom
- Involves collaboration



Source: PBL Works











# Importance of PBL in vocational education and training



- Connecting theory and practice
- Visible end-results
- Getting prepared for the "project exam",done in groups!
- PBL serves as a bridge between education and work
- Counter-balance demotivation, avoidance attitude and previous negative learning experiences
- From bare minimum to a need for quality work











# Key elements of a successful project

(the way I see it)





### **Key element nr 1:**

Identifying a real-world topic appealing to both student and teachers, at the same time adapting to your needs and also possibilities



- Projects moving to online, then hybrid forms
- A sense of security, but also resilience

Online education to to covid

# Addressing the needs of the future workplace

- Simulating reallife situations
- Responsibilities, entrepreneurship

- Breaking down myths
- Engagement of teachers

Choosing topics of interest

## Cranking up year by year

- Professional development
- Technological advancement





### **Key element nr 2:**

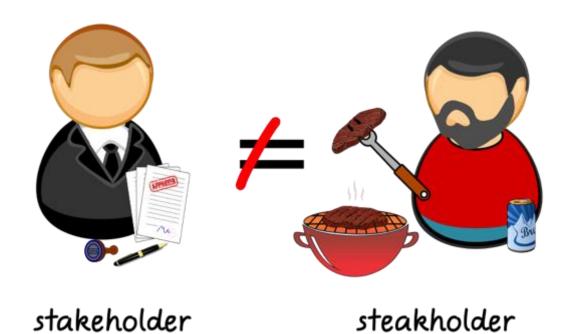
Involving students in the decision-making and organisational process











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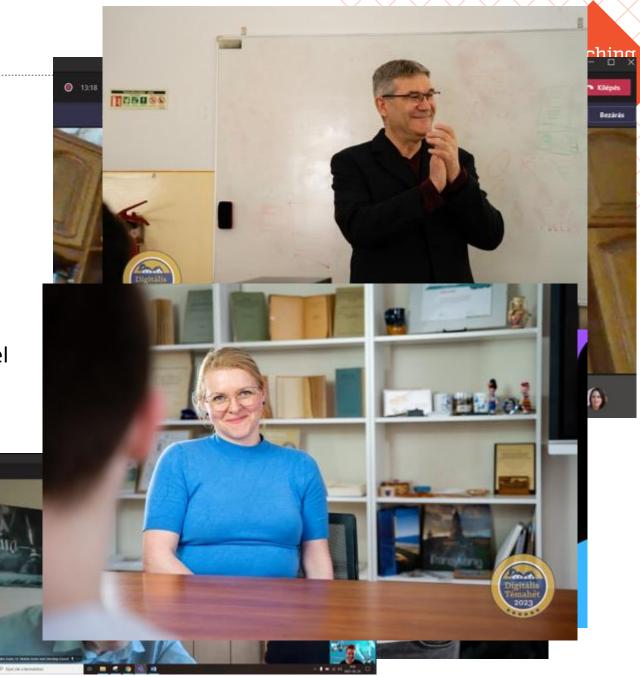
Involving stakeholders from education





#### **Involvement of:**

- The whole school
- Local community (local government)
- Local authorities (transportation company)
- Experts on both national and international level
- Companies
- Local educational institutions
- Parents
- Former students already working in their profession









## **Key element nr 4:**

Evaluation and assessment



# FUTUROPIA REWARD SYSTEM **BUILT THE CITY AND MADE** FOUND 3 EASTER EGGS MAJOR'S APPEARANCE WITH VIDEO IN PANEL DISCUSSION ON ALL 5 DAYS MOBILITY CHALLENGE ACCOMPLISHED CONNECTED WITH ALL EXPERTS DURING 3 DAYS FOUND 2 EASTER EGGS

**BUILT THE CITY WITHOUT FEW** 

CONNECTIONS





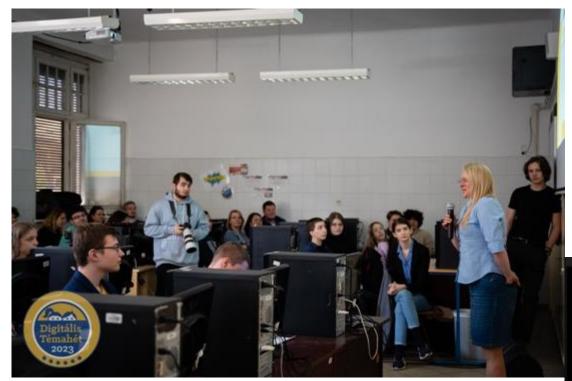


## **Key element nr 5:**

Publishing, presenting and sharing the products



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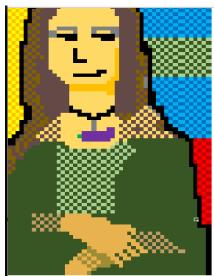


### **Key element nr 6:**

Little extra things ending in lightbulb moments

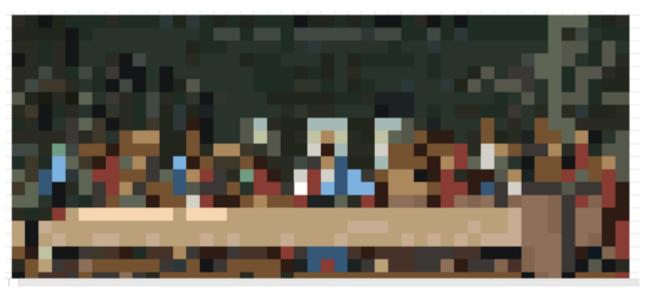








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## Some good practices from Hungary

BMSZC Petrik Lajos Bilingual Vocational School, Budapest









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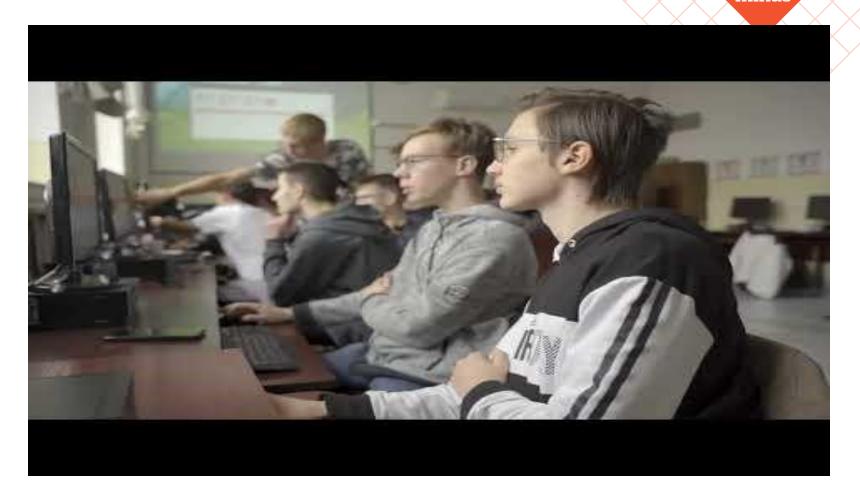








- A whole thematic week dedicated to coding and algorithmic thinking
- Breaking down the myth around coding
- Inviting as many non-IT students and girls as possible

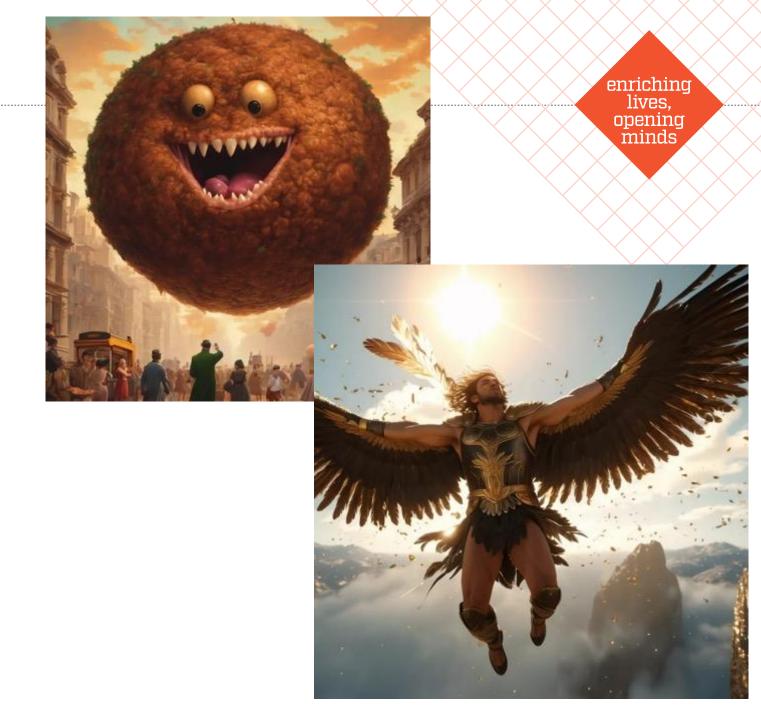






#### **Palette of perspectives**

- duration: 6 months
- 6 countries
- promoting cross-cultural understanding and artistic skills
- Taking on different roles each month:
  - Sound artists
  - Rewriters
  - Designers
  - Researchers
  - Reviewers
  - Producers
  - Debaters











# Glimpse into our future:

From PBL to action pedagogy







BMSZC Petrik Lajos Két Tanítási Nyelvű Technikum

Being active citizens, acquisition of democratic values

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# More ideas, ICT tools and projects are coming:

Webinar 3 Topic: Pedagogical use of digital technologies

May 16, 2024, 17:00 CET

#### Title: Project Based Learning upgraded

Short Summary: How can we use the right digital tools to support PBL on a pedagogical basis? During the webinar, we will look at some of the most helpful tools both students and teachers can use during project work and thematic weeks, with an insight into the evaluation process. What tools are indispensable from our digital toolcase? How can AI support the teaching and learning process? Join me to find out and have a look into some good practices of PBL.

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#### Sources and links:

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