**eTwinning Project Title: Together in Europe: European Citizenship in Action**

**Theme:** European Citizenship and Shared Values

**Project Description:**

This project aims to engage high school students in exploring European citizenship by investigating the shared cultures, histories, and values of European nations. Students will participate in a European Parliament simulation, where they will debate and propose solutions for key issues related to European identity, human rights, equality, and democracy. The project will foster cross-cultural understanding and active citizenship, encouraging students to actively participate in discussions and problem-solving, using the tools of digital collaboration.

**Objectives:**

* **Explore European Citizenship:** Students will learn about the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities that come with being a European citizen, exploring the European Union’s role in shaping society.
* **Promote Active Citizenship:** Through the European Parliament simulation and debates, students will develop the skills and knowledge to become active participants in democratic processes.
* **Foster Cross-Cultural Understanding:** Students will explore and appreciate the diverse cultures, histories, and traditions that make up Europe, promoting mutual understanding and respect.
* **Enhance Problem-Solving Skills:** By engaging in discussions and collaborative problem-solving, students will develop critical thinking and teamwork skills.

**Target Group:**

* **Age Group:** 14-18 years old
* **Participants:** High school students from various European countries.
* **Education Level:** Secondary school students interested in European history, culture, citizenship, and active engagement.

**Key Activities:**

1. **European Citizenship Quiz:**
	* Students will participate in a digital quiz to test their knowledge about European Union institutions, rights, responsibilities, and history.
	* Each participating country will contribute questions related to its national history and culture, creating a comprehensive, multi-faceted quiz that celebrates Europe’s diversity.
	* The quiz results will be used as a foundation for further discussions on European identity.
2. **Creating a "European Culture Map":**
	* Students from each country will create digital content that highlights their country’s cultural heritage, history, and important landmarks.
	* This content will be compiled into a collaborative “European Culture Map,” showcasing the richness of European culture and the importance of cultural diversity within Europe.
	* The map will serve as a resource for students to learn about different countries and their unique contributions to European heritage.
3. **Virtual European Parliament Simulation:**
	* Students will simulate a European Parliament session, where they will represent different member states and discuss current issues related to European identity, democracy, and human rights.
	* They will debate topics such as climate change, migration, and social justice, working together to propose solutions.
	* This simulation will be conducted via video conferencing and collaborative platforms, with students taking on the roles of MEPs (Members of European Parliament), presenting their positions and negotiating with others to form resolutions.

**Expected Outcomes:**

* **Increased European Awareness:** Students will gain a deeper understanding of European citizenship and the values that bind European nations together.
* **Improved Active Citizenship Skills:** Through the European Parliament simulation, students will develop the skills needed to engage in democratic processes and understand the importance of their voice in shaping European policies.
* **Cultural Enrichment:** Students will broaden their perspectives by learning about different cultures and histories, fostering mutual respect and understanding across borders.
* **Enhanced Collaboration and Problem-Solving:** By participating in debates and collaborative tasks, students will develop strong teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

**Evaluation:**

* **Student Participation:** Engagement in activities like the quiz, debates, and the simulation will be tracked and evaluated based on participation levels and quality of contributions.
* **Creative Outputs:** The European Culture Map, created by students, will be assessed for creativity, accuracy, and depth of cultural exploration.
* **Feedback:** At the end of the project, students and teachers will provide feedback through surveys and discussions, allowing for reflection on the project’s impact on their understanding of European citizenship and their personal development.
* **Impact Assessment:** The project will be evaluated in terms of its effectiveness in fostering European identity, promoting active citizenship, and encouraging cross-cultural collaboration.

This project is designed to help students develop a deeper sense of European identity, improve their understanding of democracy, and enhance their cross-cultural awareness. By using digital tools to collaborate with peers from across Europe, students will gain valuable insights into the role of citizenship and active participation in European society