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<u>Press release – Astronomine Kick Off Meeting</u>

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On 15 and 16 November 2022, participants from 6 European countries met at Drumcondra Educational Centre in Dublin, Ireland, for the AstronoMine kick-off meeting.

Learning Astronomy through Minecraft (Astronomine) is an Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliances project that aims to raise awareness about STEAM subjects in general and to engage primary school students in a topic that has a universal appeal and inspires wonder. Apart from the topic of astronomy, the project itself will introduce a STEAM approach through the world of Minecraft that will include activities requiring logical skills, creativity and Social and Scientific Education (SSE).





The project officially started on November 1st 2022 and will continue for 24 months. During the kick-off meeting, representatives from all project partners presented their organizations and outlined their role in the project. Four work package (WP) leaders also presented the content, objectives, activities, and tasks that are planned for the next 6 months.

The meeting continued with presentations on administrative, financial and dissemination activities. The meeting closed with the discussion of programme going forward. All participants agreed that this two-day meeting was a success, and provided clear guidelines that will enable all project partners to implement the schedule of activities for the months ahead.

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Learning Astronomy through Minecraft (Astronomine) is an Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliances project led by Drumcondra Education Centre (Ireland). The other consortium members are Private School Themistoklis (Greece), NUCLIO (Portugal), Atermon B.V. (Netherlands), Hearthands Solutions Cyprus) and Elhuyar Fundazioa (Spain). Additional information about the project can be found at the project website http://astronomine.erasmusplus.website/.



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