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## FRIEND-SHIP

### Improving students' social participation in primary and secondary schools across Europe

The FRIEND-SHIP project started in September 2019 with the aim to promote social participation and inclusive education through a fully researcher-supervised intervention programme. A comparative desk research on previously conducted programmes of social participation in schools has been already conducted. [Read the report](#) on our website to get detailed information on success factors for students' social participation!



Peer relationships play an important role in student's school well-being. However, it can be demanding for teachers to gain insight into classroom networks. Therefore, the FRIEND-SHIP Electronic Tool was developed to support teachers to learn more about their students' relationships. The tool is a technical innovation that presents students' social contacts in an easy, quick and applicable way using an electronic device. The students rate the relationships, their contacts and their feelings of closeness to peers in their class. These ratings are used to create a 'FRIEND-SHIP-network' in the respective class which allows the teacher to review these relationships at a glance. Subsequently, after using this tool, teachers can classify the degree of inclusion or exclusion in terms of relationships in class and can apply different activities. In this way, students' inclusion – also of those with low levels of social participation – is strengthened. The upcoming FRIEND-SHIP intervention programme (2021) will also work to achieve this goal.

The FRIEND-SHIP tool also serves as a contribution to the promotion of teachers' digital competences – a skill for which time often lacks in everyday teacher life. The tool is available on the website and handled as an open access resource (OER - Open Educational Ressource) together with instructions and a user guide. We aimed to programme and design a sustainable tool to fit the target group of primary and secondary school teachers.



### Coming up!

- We are planning Teacher Trainings in February and March 2021 in Paderborn, Porto and Vienna. Are you interested? Get in touch with us!
- Watch out for the FRIEND-SHIP intervention programme on our website!

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