



## **THE SENSE PROJECT FINAL CONFERENCE EVALUATION REPORT HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS ON 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

### **Introduction**

The SENSE Project Final Conference was hosted virtually through the use of Zoom by the University of Cyprus on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This replaced the scheduled multiplier event which had originally been planned to be held in the Czech Republic in 2020 but was replaced with a virtual event due to the pandemic.

Over 70 delegates attended some or all of the conference from a range of organisations. There was a spread of representation from partner countries and there was evidence of involvement beyond this with a teacher from a school in Istanbul attending.

The content of the conference was to report on the 4 intellectual outputs which comprised the work of the partnership. Lead organisations were given time to present on the intellectual objective they led. The Irish partner was tasked with reporting on outputs and dissemination. Zlínský kraj the project manager delivered the final session on strategy which included the fourth intellectual objective "The Way Forward."

There were opportunities for delegates to ask questions throughout and during a final question and answer session.

### **Final Conference Evaluation Methodology**

Given that the final conference was scheduled four days before the project concluded a very simple methodology was used to obtain quick but objective feedback from delegates. SES13-19 Ltd devised a questionnaire for all seven partners to use. This tasked each partner with gleaning views from their conference delegates and compiling these into one response per partner. SES13-19 Ltd would then report on the contents of the seven questionnaires through a brief evaluation paper. To ensure objectivity no presenter should contribute to any partner response.

Partners followed the methodology well for example with SES13-19 Ltd reporting nine delegates involved in the feedback and University of Cyprus reported seven.



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### Summary of delegate feedback

SES13-19 Ltd has compiled the results from each of the 7 partners together below.

**The objectives of the conference were clearly defined.**

**Strongly Agree 7** - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

**The resources including PowerPoint presentations, web links, observations and guest speakers were helpful.**

**Strongly Agree 5** - Agree **2** - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

**The content was organized and easy to follow.**

**Strongly Agree 7** - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

**Overall the conference was highly effective.**

**Strongly Agree 6** - Agree **1** - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

**This event will be useful in my contribution to the implementation of STEM developments in my institution.**

**Strongly Agree 4** - Agree **3** - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

**My expectations were fulfilled.**

**Strongly Agree 6** - Agree **1** - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree



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**What did you like most about this event? (Please describe).**

*These are verbatim responses from delegates:*

- Presentation from UK partner dedicated to STEM ambassadors.
- Videos from Cyprus partner dedicated to STEM support projects.
- Overview of final recommendations was well structured and objective.
- The conference was very well organised.
- It was a pleasure to connect with you all. I would be very grateful if you could send me the Romanian version of all the SENSE products. I will check the project Website as well.
- Thank you for inviting me to attend the Conference. It was a good way to have a clear overview on the work done by the partners during the project lifetime.
- Although there were many participants, the topics of the Conference were treated with interest. I felt the final project outcomes a really good end for the project objectives.
- It was a pleasure for me to get involved in the project implementation as a teacher and now I was very glad to see the whole partnership so fulfilled.
- The communication was excellent.
- The concrete results presented.
- Support for girls in STEM.
- Examples (e. g. Video).
- Great organization of the whole event, very easy to follow and very interesting topics e.g. girls/women in STEM.

- The event was organised in such a professional manner. Well done to the lead partner Zlínský Kraj and the project lead Martina Nemcova.
- The presentation from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was extremely interesting and enriching. It provided powerful evidence of the successful STEM activities undertaken to engage participants in STEM activities. Well done on such a professional start to the conference.
- The Cypriot delegation presented some pedagogical input on how technology can be used in STEM education.
- The Italian focus group discussion by Angelica was thought provoking.
- The Irish group provided some interesting information on how delegates could find and use the project outputs and how the project results were disseminated.
- The Czech Republic presentation provided some strategic future steps for the partnership and delegates. This was a great way to finish the conference.
- We now have the impetus to encourage more females into STEM education and STEM careers. Our next objective is to engage with local industry to source STEM work placements for our learners.
- Strong themes around equality and diversity throughout the presentations.
- Updates about policy developments.
- UK presentation gave a very clear and structured overview of the Sense supporter rationale and training needs of supporters in the classroom. Equality issues were explored. Packed with useful information and guidance. Some great video clips demonstrated STEM activity in educational settings.
- Cypriot presentation effectively explored the use of technologies in Stem pedagogy. Very engaging and interesting to watch.



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- Italian presentation needed visual aids but gave a useful overview of STEM opportunities for gifted and talented STEM education.
- Irish presentation gives a clear overview of the range of dissemination activities including tracker, social media, the development of an engaging website and the newsletters.
- Czech presentation clearly identified the way forward and three strategic actions needed to promote STEM across the partnership and beyond. I really enjoyed the Close the Dream Gap video.
- The event was extremely well organised, and the presentations were excellent. It gave a realistic overview of the many activities completed both in situ and online.
- Inputs came across very well. I feel like enrolling on a technology course at Shireland Collegiate Academy.
- Enjoyed the first and second presentation but had to leave shortly after. It was excellent.
- Congratulations.
- Thanks for an interesting and stimulating presentations. Much to reflect on especially regarding equality. It was most impressive to see how enthusiastic participants were about the project. It is clear they gained a great deal from it. Well done.
- I really appreciated the topic of gender equality in STEM and all the positive examples that have been showed during the conference.
- Thanks for the invitation. Having participated in the training activities in England it was important to be a part of this event and have a clear image of the final products of the project.
- The reports, videos, materials and slides of the people who spoke during the conference.
- The sharing of good practices and examples among the project's partner and with the audience.



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- The clearness of presentations and explanations of the aim of the projects and outputs will give the right evidence to the work done.
- As a biotechnical PhD and STEM Ambassador, the content of the conference was inspiring and full of interesting information.
- The clarity of the content, and the technology uses by the speakers.
- What I found particularly useful is the sharing of experiences. As a teacher I always think that we always learn from others and this is definitely the case: as soon as the conference was over, I found myself thinking of how to find new participants in the STEM fields! It's something essential nowadays, but not so easy to put in practice.
- I was interested on the relationship between STEM and the labour market and I found the speech of the speakers useful to have a clear framework of that.
- How to support STEM Ambassadors and the examples of activities and clubs shared during the event.
- The cohesion of the work group and the project products that can be an added value to capitalize on knowledge.
- The ZOOM platform was well chosen.
- The subtitles helped to better understanding.
- The host was brilliant😊.
- Inspiration.

## Summary

The following judgements can be made from the evidence provided in the comments from delegates:

The conference was very well organised and hosted.



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The structure of the conference was very easy to follow and delegates were very praiseworthy.

Delegates seemed to enjoy the variety of approaches used by the speakers to present their outputs to the conference.

Equality messages appear to have had a significant impact on many delegates particularly the theme of women in STEM.

Feedback was very complimentary and the project as a whole should reflect on a job well done.

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