

e-COMODE Press Release



The e-COMODE eTEN project started in April 2005. e-COMODE offers schools an open digital learning environment, which assists young students in creating models. This computer-based environment supports students in expressing their ideas, building, designing and testing models of various situations with rich visualisation and simulation tools. Moreover, the e-COMODE eLearning Environment encourages and supports collaborative problem solving and online communication with peers and teachers, promoting the acquisition of these skills, which are also extremely important for the young students' future.

The distinguishing characteristic of e-COMODE is that it combines a full set of learning and teaching facilities with pedagogical and organisational support, focusing on modelling learning in a single unique service. The completeness and versatility of the service is new in the European market. In the coming years, e-COMODE will efficiently support traditional learning methods, thus enhancing the quality of education.

The e-COMODE service gives access to a software environment as well as training activities, pedagogical materials, use manuals, collaborative support via ASP and helpdesk. Besides, e-COMODE will provide associated services such as teachers' training and organisational versus pedagogical consulting. e-COMODE will be put into service in the different validation sites of two private schools, one in Spain and one in Greece, and three networks of public schools, one in the UK and two in Greece. The environment can run on standard personal computers. End-users are distinguished in two categories: students and teachers.

The **goal of the project** is to achieve a market validation of the e-COMODE service and make plans for the future market deployment. Therefore, the project will observe the potential market, evaluate the service acceptance at the different pilot sites, study the real market needs and produce a deployment plan for the e-COMODE service.

The **participants** are Atos Origin Spain, Aegean University Property Mgt Corp. Greece, University of Patras Greece, SEK Educational Institution Spain, Ellinogermaniki Sxoli Greece, Southern Education & Library Board UK and Dodecanese Secondary Education Directorate Greece.

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