



## ESET : European School Education Training Course

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The ESET course is based on the European Picture Book materials developed during a three year Comenius funded project using material from 15 EU member states. This on-line European training course aims to provide a structure for teachers/teacher educators to help children to learn more about their European neighbours through reading the visual narratives of carefully chosen picture books. The course is divided into three sections:

- **Linguistic knowledge:** Familiarization with EPBC materials and focus on linguistic similarities and differences
- **Literary Analysis:** in depth focus on aspects of the visual narratives which texts have in common, plus identification of those aspects which are culturally specific
- **Cultural Awareness:** Drawing together the two previous strands by looking at the universal childhood themes which permeate the books. This is done through activities that allow children to explore different aspects of each others' cultures, and encourage the use of e.mail, chat rooms and the Web.

Through ESET, children, teachers and teacher educators have the opportunity to talk about the similarities which exist between European cultures and celebrate the differences. Alongside this, they have the chance to gain greater linguistic, literary and cultural understanding as well as a sense of what it means to be European.

The ESET on-line course is available in **English, French, German, Dutch and Portuguese.**

It has an introduction in more than **30** European languages and is available completely **free** of charge.