

## Let's teach for the BIG MATCH: Let's keep ERASMUS!

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I am a passionate MFL teacher and I love teaching my native language, Spanish, but most, importantly, I am an educator. I influence lives and MFL is a wonderful vehicle to instil tolerance, cultural awareness and break barriers among my students. *MFL helps to educate global, tolerant citizens.*

***I see my job as a sport coach, say football: my lessons are the training sessions leading to the big football match. What is the big match? Real life experiences that allow students to put what they learn in lessons into practice. My job is to create these experiences! Why? Because we do not tend to remember our training/ coaching sessions, we remember the big real event: the football MATCH.***

I believe that my students' big matches are real life situations when they will be required to put their linguistic skills to the test and learn from the experience! ***How do I create these experiences in the educational context? How to create experiences that are 100% memorable? Via Erasmus+ supported by eTWINNING.***

I have been involved in several eTwinning projects over the last 20 years and every single one of them has made a difference in my students AND my teaching.

Read the rest of Esmeralda's article on her blog :

<https://mflcraft.blogspot.com/2020/12/lets-teach-for-big-match-lets-keep.html?m=1>

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<https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/4e48021c-f6f0-48ed-8d7d-628c057e70eb?in=20:53:53>