

You are cordially invited to the following tMAIL conference on:

Innovating Professional Development: Exploring the Potential for Mobile Learning Opportunities

Hosted by the Teacher Mobile Application for Innovative Learning (tMAIL) team, we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday **October 18th, 2017** from **14:45 – 18:00** at the **Vrije Universiteit Brussel** (VUB). The afternoon aims to provide you with a unique opportunity to learn about and test an exciting new concept. It will also be a platform to meet, network, and exchange ideas with a diverse group of active educational stakeholders (teachers, trainers, policy makers and researchers) on 21st century developmental prospects.

tMAIL in a nutshell

The tMAIL project, short for Teacher Mobile Application for Innovative Learning, is a VUB coordinated Erasmus+ co-funded project. tMAIL aims to explore and improve the provision of teacher professional development. Carried out by an international consortium, the projects' central tenets focus on innovating the ways in which teachers can learn on the job, exploring a multi-actor, responsive, and personalised mobile learning application and dashboard.

Piloted in three countries to-date (the UK, Spain, and Belgium), the project has been presented widely at various national and international events (e.g. [UNESCO Mobile Learning Week](#), [EDEN Annual Conference](#), [Education Days](#) etc.), and the [Belgian](#), [Austrian](#), and [Spanish](#) press, and more scientific outlets. More at: <http://www.tmailproject.eu>.

Is this something for you?

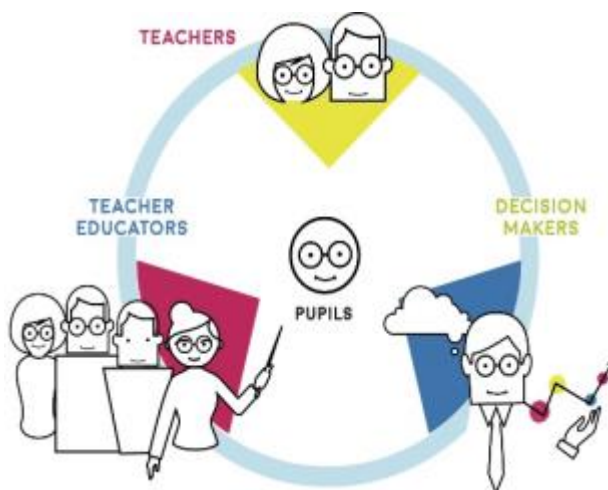
The event is targeted towards a diverse educational audience, and therefore welcomes interested teachers, teacher trainers, policymakers and researchers. The parallel workshops are created to allow you to select the most appropriate session!

Interested, then do register!

The event is free, but registration is mandatory. Registrations can easily be completed through the following [form](#).

Programme Overview

14.45-15.00u: Registration
15.00-15.15u: Welcome & Introduction
15.15-16.00u: Keynote
16.30-18.00u: Parallel Sessions



Location

Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Pleinlaan 2
1050 Brussel

Maps: [campus plan](#) & [accessibility](#)

Session Overview & Speakers

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Welcome & Introduction: Prof. Dr. Koen Lombaerts

Room: Auditorium D008

The tMAIL project developed and tested a mobile application, training primary school teachers to support their students' self-regulated learning. As tMAIL project manager, Prof. Lombaerts, will give a quick insight into the project results. Wish to try the app?

[Click for a free download!](#)

The work of Prof. Lombaerts deals with the development and implementation of innovative learning environments. A central focus in his research is clarifying learner needs when designing (e-)learning environments, taking into account the impact of self-regulatory skills of students and teachers. More info [here](#).

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Keynote: Dr. Steve Wheeler (ENG)

Room: Auditorium D008

Innovative Learning for Professional Development: The Mobile, Personal and Social Context – Dr. Steve Wheeler (ENG)

A former Associate Professor of Learning Technologies at the Plymouth Institute of Education, Steve chaired the Learning Futures group and led the Computing and Science Education teams. Now a Learning Innovations Consultant, he continues to research into and speak internationally on the topic of technology supported learning, with a particular emphasis on the pedagogy underlying the use of Web 2.0 technologies, and interests in mobile learning amongst others. More about him can be found [here](#).

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Parallel Session 1: teachers (NL)

Room D2.15

Come and discuss with us:

- *What were teachers' experiences with using an app for their professional development?*
- *What are the pros and cons of this form of training?*
- *How did the training impact their learning?*

We're also curious to hear your thoughts and ideas!

Parallel Session 2: Policy makers (ENG)

Room D2.06

In addition to the mobile application, tMAIL equally produced platforms for teacher educators and policy makers.

In this session we will present how policy could benefit from the (anonymized) data gathered through the teacher mobile application. We look forward discussing with you:

- *What was the impact of the tMAIL mobile training?*
- *What are the implications for policy at local, regional, and (inter)national level?*
- *How can data and learning analytics help policy innovate education and personalise their support and policies to contextual needs?*

Do share this invitation with friends and colleagues who might also be interested! You can connect, share, and learn more about tMAIL using the hashtag #tMAILtime, spreading the word with us on [twitter](#) @EUtMAIL, [Facebook](#), or staying up to date with our [newsletter](#).

We look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

Prof. dr. Koen Lombaerts & dr. Jeltsen Peeters (VUB – tMAIL)