

# Open Discovery Space proposal to the PIBA



Open Discovery Space (ODS) (<http://portal.opendiscoveryspace.eu/navigation>) involves the introduction of modern pedagogies through the use of ICT and the building of strong online communities of schools all over Europe and beyond. It aims at bringing together 2000 European schools through innovative activities, seminars, webinars, workshops and the use of exciting digital material in the classroom. In Greece the project has managed to connect 335 schools. ODS is the one of the biggest educational projects in Europe at the moment, involving 50 partners (universities, research centers, schools, museums, policy makers, etc.) from 25 countries.



ODS wishes to explore the opportunity of getting the PIBA onboard, by attempting to establish online connections and digital communities that support learning and teaching in Icaria. Here are a couple of ideas:

*School virtual visit to CERN*

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## *Weekly connections between Gavdos & Nicosia*

1) Connections between schools in Icaria with Greek schools that you may be involved in the US. This may involve virtual tours/connections of two or more schools in Icaria and the States. This could be done both in real time and by using the ODS portal for creating a safe online community for the exchange of materials (lessons) plans in English, Greek, History, etc. A similar ODS-supported activity has been established between the island of Gavdos, whose school has only two students and a primary school in Nicosia Cyprus.

- 2) Connecting distinguished Icarians in the States (researchers, academics, teachers, entrepreneurs, artists, etc.) who might want to give a small webinar on what they do. We have done something similar with the well-known American astronomer Dr. Pamela Gay (<http://www.astronomycast.com/about/>), who regularly delivers webinars for our school network ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\\_VMEx96bGk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_VMEx96bGk)). Another similar activity is the School Virtual Tours to CERN (The world's biggest research center, based in Geneva, Switzerland <http://home.web.cern.ch/students-educators/updates/2014/02/students-visit-heart-cms-detector>).
- 3) Other activities that you may wish to consider.