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To: All Heads of Schools (State and Non-State and Sections)

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Subject: EU Code Week – Google Grant for Schools

<u>EU Code Week</u> (Oct 5-20 2019) is a grassroots initiative started by the European Commission which aims to bring coding and digital literacy to everybody in a fun and engaging way. For the sixth consecutive year Google is offering microgrants (up to 6,000 EUR) to schools and nonprofits to run initiatives that provide opportunities for students during ECW to learn computer science. In 2018 Google funded 25 organizations in 21 countries which all together inspired 77,000 students in computer science.

Applications are <u>now open</u> until April 12th for Grow With Google 2019 Europe Code Week grants.

Eligibility

- Must be a registered not-for-profit or school (schools may require additional legal approval).
- Event must take place or start during Europe Code Week 2019.
- Initiative must target students who are new to computer science, and include a minimum of 2h of hands-on computer science learning activities.
- Funding cannot be used solely for purchasing hardware (tablets, phones, robotics, etc).
- Recipients agree to share follow up metrics information.
- Preference will be given to initiatives that:
 - o Focus on in-depth and continuous learning experiences.
 - o Involve partnerships and collaboration with schools, libraries or organizations in the local area.
 - o Target girls, underrepresented minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and special needs students.
 - ∘ Reach 500+ students.

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