



I Use Statistics in Education



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Many literacies

- *Language literacy*
- *Mathematics literacy*
- *Computer literacy*
- *Ocean literacy*
- *Science literacy*
- *Critical literacy*
- *Social literacy*
- *Relational literacy*
- *Sexual literacy*
- *Spatial literacy*

And more ...



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Literacy as stepstone to citizenship

Education for citizenship

- equips young people with the knowledge, skills and understanding to play an effective role in public life
- encourages them to take an interest in topical and controversial issues and to engage in discussion and debate.
- learn to take part in decision-making and different forms of action.

They evaluate information, make informed judgements and reflect on the consequences of their actions now and in the future. They learn to argue a case on behalf of others as well as themselves and speak out on issues of concern

<http://www.teachingcitizenship.org.uk>

Why statistical literacy?



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- Every activity relies on statistics – one way or the other
- Today easy vivid presentations: figures, charts, living and interactive diagrams and graphs,
- Useful tool in aiding research and studies in economics, social sciences, business, medicine ...



Importance and need of statistical literacy



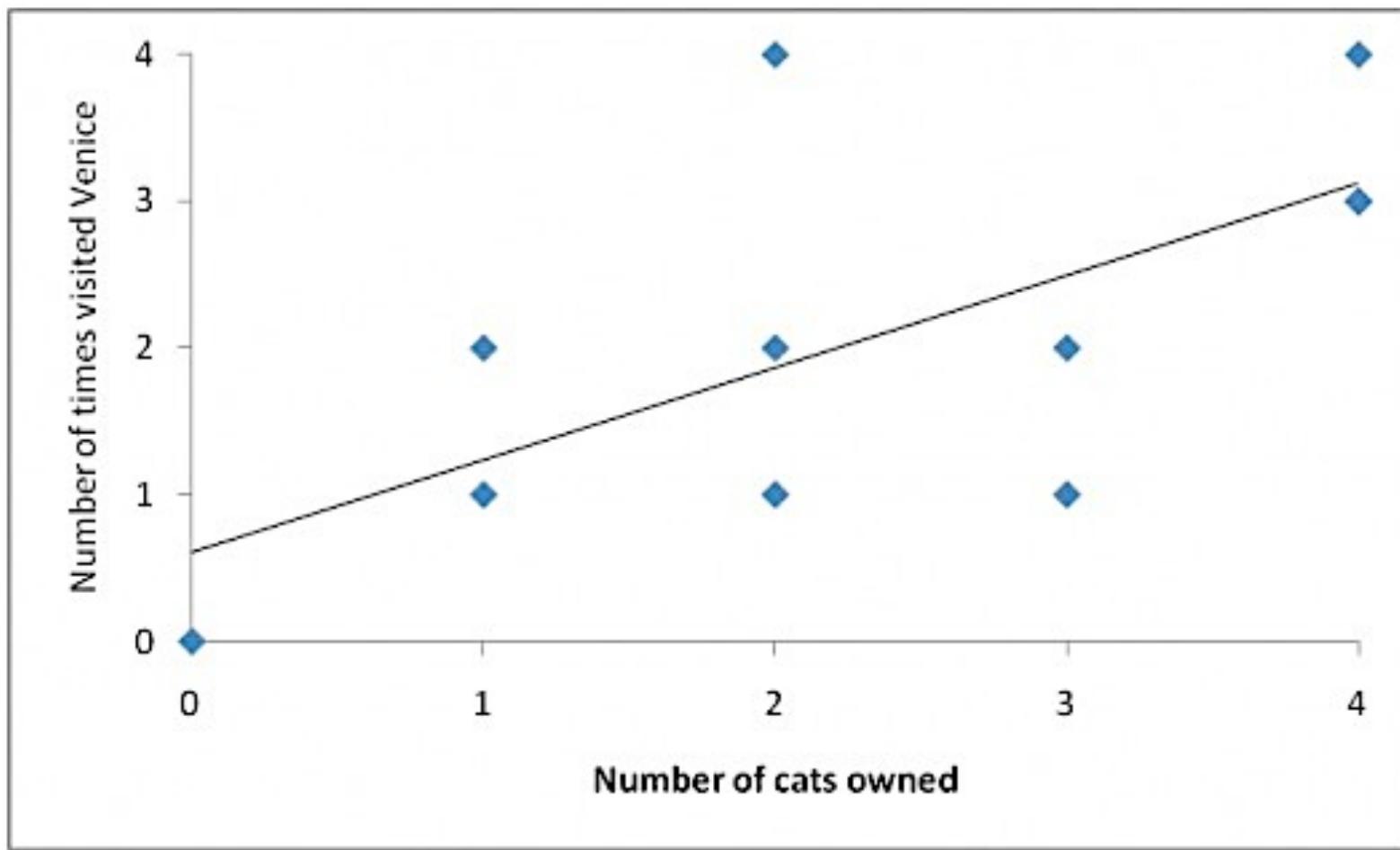
“That’s what I want to say. See if you can find some statistics to prove it.”

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Statistics can prove ... Anything?



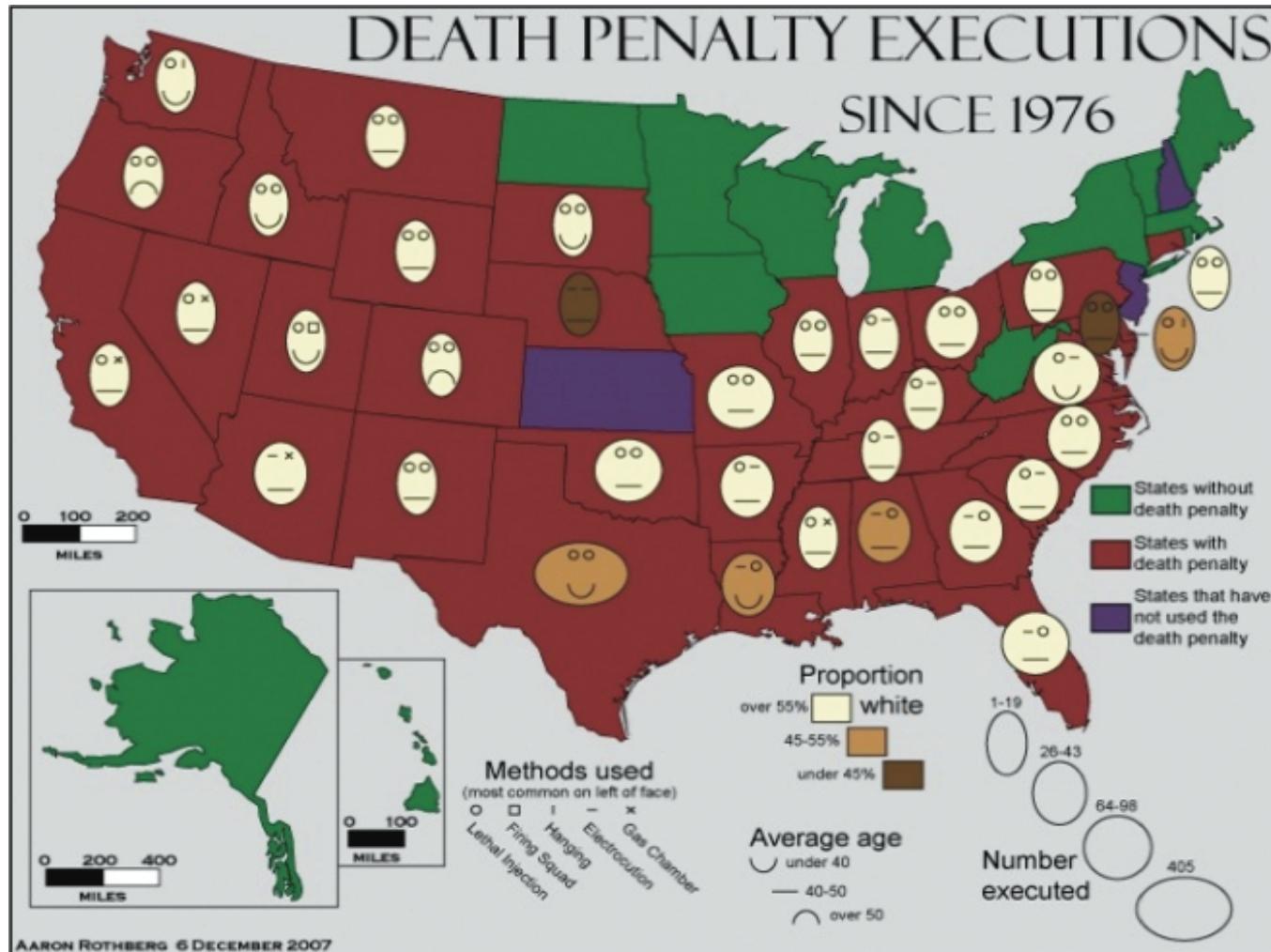
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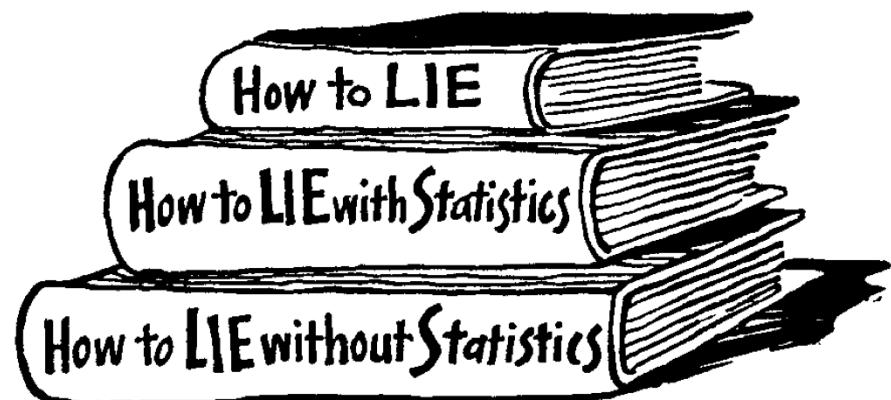
... and how is it visualised?



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Importance and need of statistical literacy

- “*to be an intelligent citizen it is necessary to know something about statistics*”, research of Begg and Edwards (1999) and Chick and Pierce (2008).
- Solid background to the use and interpretation of statistics in education is very important, especially in the STEM subjects



Importance and need of statistical literacy

- Statistics as a content domain is widely accepted



typically taught as part of mathematics

- Used to show a result instead of doing real analysis and investigation.

Mapping ‘Statistics’ across Europe: overall quantitative content analysis results

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Maths & Statistics</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Social Science (Civics, Sociology)</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Country</i>							
<i>Belgium (Flemish)</i>	20	2	10	14	-	-	46
<i>Denmark</i>	26	1	5	5	14	-	51
<i>Sweden</i>	9	1	1	3	1	-	15
<i>International Baccalaureate</i>	26	1	6	6	2	-	41
<i>Greece</i>	76	28	12	74	14	66	270
<i>Czech</i>	10	-	-	5	3	-	18
Total	167	33	34	107	34	66	451

China Milliardenvolk auf engem Raum

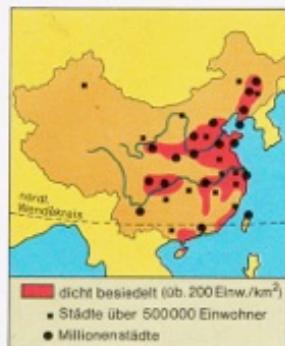


Bild 1 (Seite 121)
In Shanghai

Bild 2
Auf dem Weg zum freien Markt



Population study of China in a typical 1980's schoolbook (Diercke Erdkunde für Gymnasien in Nordrhein-Westfalen Industriestaaten und Entwicklungsländer 8, 1986)

Zhu Wu hat gut lachen. Er ist auf dem Weg zum freien Markt in der Millionenstadt Xi-an, der Provinzhauptstadt von Shaan-xi, wo er möglichst viele Hühner verkaufen will. Zhu hat heute seinen freien Tag, und da will er ein beachtliches Sämmchen dazuerwerben. Seine Frau braucht unbedingt eine Nähmaschine – möglichst eine mit Fußantrieb. In der Stadt kann man zwar auch elektrische Nähmaschinen kaufen, aber dies ist für ihn viel zu teuer.

Die Hühner auf seinem Fahrrad leben alle noch! Er kann sie doch nicht schon vorher schlachten, bevor sie verkauft sind. In seinem Dorf hat noch niemand eine Tiefkühltruhe oder einen Kühlschrank, in dem man die unverkauften Hühner lagern könnte. Er selbst kann sich nur selten etwas Fleisch oder gar Fisch zum Essen leisten. Meistens kocht seine Frau eine Reismahlzeit mit etwas Gemüse. Dazu trinkt man immer Wasser oder Tee.

Eben ist Herr Wu von einem Lastwagen der Brigade überholt worden, der Jugendliche zu einer Sportveranstaltung bringt. Solche Ausflüge bringen etwas Abwechslung in den Alltag der Menschen. Vor kurzem hat auch Herrn Wu's Brigade einen Ausflug mit dem LKW zu einer alten Tempelanlage gemacht, denn Privatautos gibt es in China kaum. Auch die Mutter von Zhu durfte teilnehmen und der kleine Djiān-guo – das bedeutet »Aufbau des Landes«.

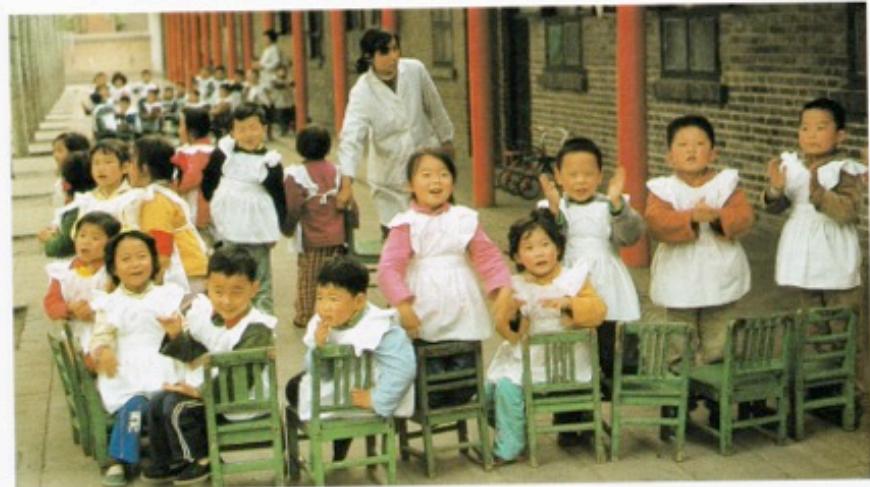


Bild 3
Im Kindergarten

Herr Wu hat nur einen Sohn; aber er hätte gerne noch viele Kinder, denn er selbst ist in einer kinderreichen Familie aufgewachsen. Früher mußten gerade die Bauern viele Kinder großziehen, weil sie diese zur Arbeit brauchten. Außerdem waren die Söhne verpflichtet, für die Kranken und alten Eltern zu sorgen.

Dem Milliardenvolk der Chinesen geht es aber heute darum, die Zahl der Kinder zu senken, damit alle ernährt und beschäftigt werden können. Über 500 Millionen Chinesen sind derzeit unter 20 Jahre alt! Um das Bevölkerungswachstum »in den Griff zu bekommen«, wirbt der Staat in Rundfunk und Zeitungen und auf Versammlungen für die Ein-Kind-Ehe. »Später – seltener – weniger« lautet die Parole zur Geburtenplanung. Familien mit einem Kind werden bevorzugt behandelt: bei der Zuweisung von Arbeitsplätzen und Wohnungen sowie bei der Sicherung der Altersversorgung. Sie erhalten ein zusätzliches Monatsgehalt im Jahr, mehr Urlaub und Kindergeld. Der Besuch von Kindergarten und Schule ist kostenlos. Ab dem zweiten Kind müssen die Eltern höhere Steuern entrichten, und sie erhalten kein zusätzliches Privatland. Alle sonstigen Vergünstigungen wurden gestrichen. Ab dem dritten Kind wird das Einkommen gekürzt.

Chinas Bevölkerung wächst jährlich trotz dieser harren Maßnahmen um 1,5 Prozent! Und die Masse der Jugendlichen kommt demnächst ins heiratsfähige Alter. Bis zum Jahr 2000 soll das Bevölkerungswachstum auf Null gedrückt werden. Aber was in den Städten möglich ist, muß nicht unbedingt auf dem Lande gelingen.

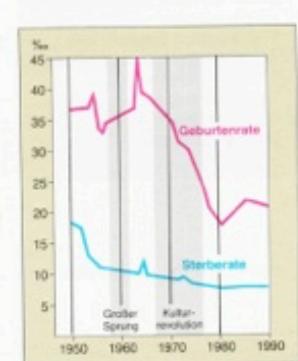
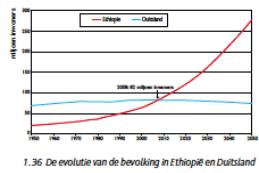


Bild 4
Natürliche Bevölkerungs-
entwicklung Chinas

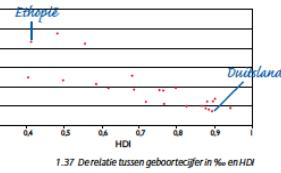
- 1.1 Beschreibe die Bevölkerungsverteilung Chinas (Atlas, Pilotkarte).
- 1.2 Nenne Maßnahmen, mit denen in China das Bevölkerungswachstum eingegrenzt werden soll. Warum lassen sich solche Maßnahmen leichter in den Städten als auf dem Lande verwirklichen?

3.7 Ontwikkelingslanden versus industrielanden: een eigen demografisch onderzoek

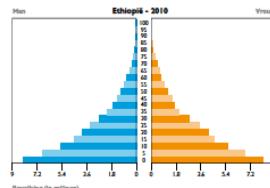
Onderzoek de evolutie van de bevolking van Ethiopië en Duitsland. Raadpleeg de tabel op p. 26 en de grafieken hieronder. Noteer je bevindingen in de tabel op de volgende pagina. Plaats eerst de namen van beide landen bij de overeenkomstige stip op fig. 1.37.



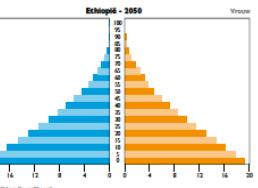
1.36 De evolutie van de bevolking in Ethiopië en Duitsland



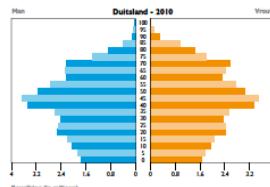
1.37 De relatie tussen geboortecijfer in % en HDI



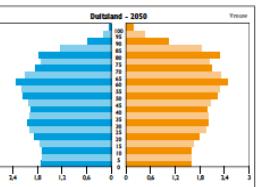
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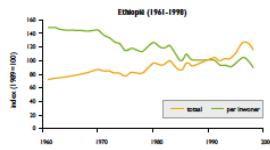


Bevolking (in miljoen)



Bevolking (in miljoen)

1.38 Leeftijdssegmentatie van de bevolking in Ethiopië en Duitsland in 2010 en 2050



Uitdagingen door bevolkingsexplosie

	Ethiopië: een ontwikkelingsland	Duitsland: een westers industrieland
regio	sub-Sahara Afrika	West-Europa / EU
bevolking in 2008 (fig. 1.36)	82 miljoen inwoners	82 miljoen inwoners
prognose voor 2050 (fig. 1.36)	280 miljoen inwoners	75 miljoen inwoners
natuurlijke groei (tabel p. 26)	3,21%	-0,28%
vruchtbaarheid per vrouw (tabel p. 26)	6,07	1,42
levensverwachting (tabel p. 26)	55,8 jaar	79,4 jaar
huidige leeftijdstructuur van de bevolking (histogrammen of atlas)		
• jongeren (0-14)	groot: brede balkjes / > 40% (46,4% in 2010)	klein: smalle balkjes / < 20% (13,5% in 2010)
• actieve (15-64)	51,1% in 2010	66,1% in 2010
• ouderen (65 en ouder)	Klein: smalle balkjes < 2,5% (2,7% in 2010)	groot: brede balkjes > 15% (20,4% in 2010)
fase in de demografische transitie + kenmerken	GC = 43,3%, het IC = 11,3% Face 2 of de vroege expansiefase	GC = 8,2%, het SC = 11% Face 5 of de afnemende fase
analfabetisme (atlas)	50 - 75%	< 5%
armoede (atlas)	> 50% leeft met minder dan \$1	< 5% leeft met minder dan \$1
verstedelijgingsgraad (atlas)	< 25% leeft in steden	> 75% leeft in steden
evolutie van de voedselproductie	De totale voedselproductie stijgt, maar door de snelle groei van de bevolking neemt de voedselproductie per inwoner af.	Voedselproductie en bevolking stagneren, zijn in evenwicht.
draagkracht	Wordt overschreden, een groot deel van de bevolking is ondervoed en lijdt armoede.	De bevolking heeft meer dan voldoende middelen om bestaan.
maatschappelijke gevolgen van de bevolkingsevolutie	Door de zeer snelle groei van de bevolking droogt de voedselvoorziening in general te komen. De overheid die instaat voor meer werkgelegenheid, gezondheid, onderwijs... moet een voortdurende wisselloop tegen de tijd.	De bevolking wordt ouder. Er zullen toegenomen activiteiten zijn om hen te onderhouden.
maatregelen die de overheid neemt	Voorlichting bij familiplanning, verbetering van de welvaart (opleiding, onderwijs, gezondheidszorg ...)	GC laten stijgen: kindergeld, voldoende opvoeding voor kinderen, ouderschapspen... seniorverbouw, gesprekken van de pensioenleefstijl, stimuleren van pensioenparen...

Noteer hier je bevindingen i.v.m de verdere evolutie van de bevolking.

In Ethiopië en Duitsland wonen er ongeveer evenveel mensen. Ethiopië zit nog volop in de vroege expansiefase, met zeer veel geboren en afnemende sterfte. Hierdoor kent het land een explosive groei. Tegen 2050 zal de bevolking in Ethiopië meer en verdrievoudig zijn, terwijl die van Duitsland zal krimpen tot 73 miljoen. De bevolking in Duitsland is sterk verouderd en het geborsteelcijfer is er laag. Duitsland bevindt zich al in de afnemende fase.

Thema 1: Bevolking

rijke	totale groei (%)	vruchtbaarheids-	kindertafte (%)	levens-	HDI
	(in %)	cijfer (aantal kinderen per vrouw)	(in %)	verwachting (jaar)	
Nederland	1,55	2,65	52,5	69,4	0,97
Saudiarabie	0,08	1,65	4,4	79,4	0,86
Taiwan	1,17	2,19	21,9	72,3	0,76
Turkije	0,49	1,54	16,5	74,5	0,718
Uganda	3,17	6,11	79,4	54,7	0,555
VK	-0,06	1,42	4	79,4	0,885
VS	3,2	6,07	79	55,8	0,912
Zuid-Korea	0,53	3,23	19,9	71,4	0,681
	1,72	1,97	3,3	71,4	0,681
	1,38	3,17	81,1	81,1	0,897
	1,1	2,65	49,1	29,9	0,404
		2,28	28,9	66,5	0,585
		1,32	54	71,1	0,686
		1,2	2,8	80,3	0,896
		2,23	28,6	82,2	0,894
		7,68	114,5	75,7	0,618
		1,29	67	53	0,321
		1,41	75,9	66,2	0,826
		2,35	10,3	16,7	0,700
		1,15	53	73,9	0,766
		2,18	5,3	78,2	0,797
		6,73	248	68,2	0,948
		1,92	63,7	53	0,754
		2,06	4,7	79,9	0,482
		1,22	6,1	6,1	1,200
		4,2	6,1	0,902	34 200
		78,8	78,8		46 500

Nederland	38 463 689	51,1	4,7	-0,24	-0,24	-0,24
Saudiarabie	139 390 205	10	145	1,47	1,47	1,47
Taiwan	25 731 776	11,1	10,1	3,66	3,66	3,66
Turkije	23 024 956	19,4	16	-0,01	-0,05	-0,05
Uganda	77 804 122	9	3,3	-0,49	-0,47	-0,47
VK	33 398 682	18,3	6,9	1,61	1,55	1,55
VS	62 348 447	47,6	6,1	0,21	0,21	0,21
Zuid-Korea	310 232 863	12,3	11,9	1,22	1,27	1,27
	48 636 068	13,8	9,3	3,57	3,56	3,56
		8,7	8,4	0,3	0,56	0,56
			6,2	0,55	0,97	0,97
			0,26	0,26	0,26	0,26

Comparative study of the characteristics of the population in a typical 2010's school workbook (Geogenie 4, editor De Boeck 2013).

Research statistics & education



[www.VADLO.com](http://www.vadlo.com)

**“Data don’t make any sense,
we will have to resort to statistics.”**

<http://www.vadlo.com>

Little research

- **statistical education:** mainly methodological discipline - exists not for itself but **rather to offer to other fields of study a coherent set of ideas and tools** of dealing with quantitative information
(Cobb and Moore, 1997).
- **integration of statistics implies a basic quantitative literacy and the acquisition of a set of quantitative skills**
(Batanero and Díaz, 2010)

Little research

- Teachers' own statistical literacy determines quality
- Teachers share a variety of difficulties and misconceptions with their students about fundamental statistical ideas and representations (Batanero and Diaz, 2010)
- Teachers have difficulty in implementing an experimental approach or teaching through statistical investigations (Stohl, 2005).

From teachers side ...

- feel students experience **greater difficulties in statistics** than other topics,
- **consider themselves not well prepared** to help their students face these difficulties.
- **traditional beliefs and a static view** of the way statistics can and should be used in class
- do **not consider new forms** of visualising statistical information **as part of curriculum courses**

From students side ...

- **not many opportunity** to work with statistics / computer-based visualisations.



- many students **not able to mean meaning** from the data and information they are presented with.

What is needed

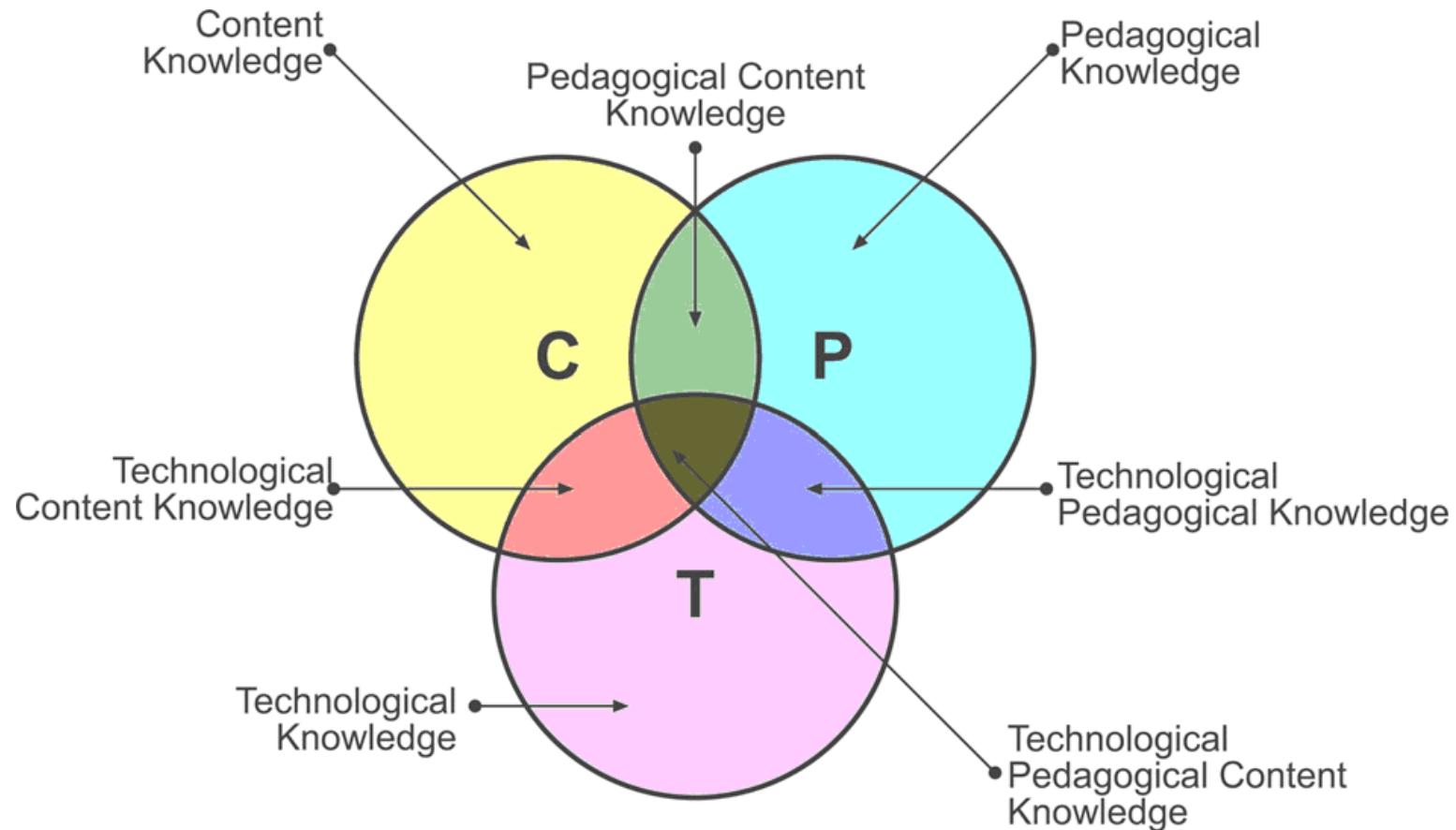
- Promote statistical literacy and statistical reasoning by engaging teachers with real data and training, through project work, statistical investigations and problem-based learning (Arnold, 2008)
- Essential to work with ICT
data is not just a series of numbers, they are numbers with a context, having investigative cycles, interrogative cycles, and characteristic dispositions (Wild and Pfannkuch, 1999).

Technological pedagogical content knowledge model (**TPCK**):

- teachers need
 - technology,
 - pedagogy
 - content knowledge skills
- (Koehler, 2008)



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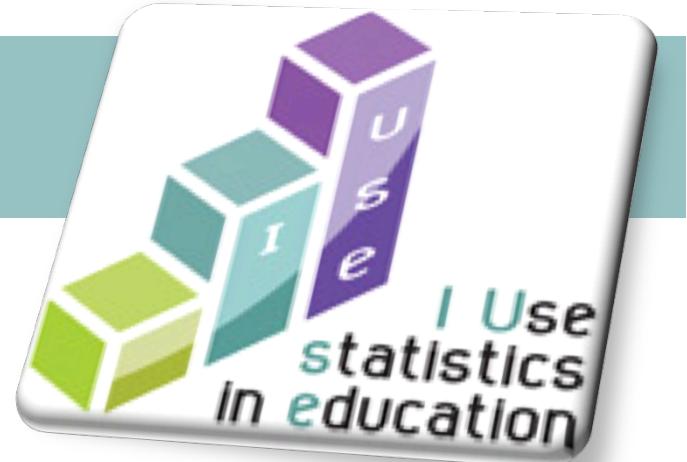
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The I-Use project



- a European funded project
- led by the geography department of Ghent University (Belgium)
- partners from Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Sweden and the UK.
- outcomes: website, tools, teacher training course (TPCK)



The I-Use project: website (T)

A screenshot of the I-Use project website homepage. The header includes the project logo, navigation links (HOME, READY-MADE, DATABASES, TOOLS, LEARNING, QUIZ, PUBLICATIONS, ABOUT US), language selection (Google Translation), and social media links (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, RSS).

I-Use welcome to

Readymade tables and introductions to statistical databases // updated statistics in education // tools for working with data // knowledge about the use and misuse of statistics // information about the project and materials for teacher training.

The project is funded by EU and runs for three years: November 2012 to the end of 2015. We are constantly developing the web page, improving the functionalities and uploading innovative teaching materials. If you discover functions that are not working or have ideas of improvements please mail to: karsten@duus.dk. The web page will remain after the end of the project.

Social Media: Follow us on Twitter: [@StatsinEdu](#). Like our Facebook page: [I-USE Statistics in Education](#)

highlights

- USABILITY SURVEY
- POPULATION IN EU
- MISUSE
- TRY A QUIZ

courses

The project produces materials and courses for both in-service and pre-service teacher education, which can be adapted to suit different needs and demands. The products enable teacher trainers to integrate the results of the European open data movement into school education and encourages exploration of information and critical consideration of its meaning to promote active citizenship and participation in debates.

tweets from project

Tweets

I-Use @StatsinEdu 42s
I-Use presentation at #PixelFirenze Future of Education conference conference.pixel-online.net/FOE/ pic.twitter.com/F4Wg7HkOMS



The I-Use project: website (T)

A screenshot of the I-Use website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, READY-MADE (with a dropdown arrow), DATABASES (with a dropdown arrow), TOOLS (with a dropdown arrow), LEARNING (with a dropdown arrow), QUIT, PUBLICATIONS (with a dropdown arrow, highlighted by a large red circle), and ABOUT US (with a dropdown arrow). Below the navigation bar, there is a row of European Union flags followed by the text "A Google Translation – useful but not accurate". On the left side, there are two sections: "EU STATISTICS" and "WORLD STATISTICS". The main content area has a title "readymade statistics" and some descriptive text. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a list of publications. The publications listed are: Dissemination materials, Presentations, Report on pedagogy, Report on curriculum, Summary of pedagogic approaches, Availability of technology, and Toolbox concept. There are also icons for LinkedIn and RSS feed at the top of the sidebar.



The I-Use project: website (C)

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The I-Use project: website (C)

A screenshot of the I-Use project website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, READY-MADE, DATABASES (highlighted with a red circle), TOOLS, LEARNING, QUIZ, PUBLICATIONS, and ABOUT US. Below the navigation bar, there is a row of flags representing different countries. The main content area has a teal sidebar on the left containing links to Eurostat, World Bank, Google Data, Gapminder, and Other. The main content area features a large image of a bar chart with the text "Readymade statistics" overlaid. Below the image, there is text about the project's purpose of dividing ready-made statistics into EU Statistics and World Statistics for education.

HOME READY-MADE DATABASES TOOLS LEARNING QUIZ PUBLICATIONS ABOUT US

Eurostat

World Bank

Google Data

Gapminder

Other

Readymade statistics

The I-Use project has divided the readymade statistics into two groups: EU Statistics and World Statistics. This allows users to quickly access relevant statistical tables for education "on the fly".

Readymade tables for the EU countries have integrated tools for graphs, maps, export and more.



The I-Use project: website (T/C)

HOME READY-MADE DATABASES TOOLS LEARNING QUIZ PUBLICATIONS ABOUT US

EU statistics World statistics

government expenditure, percent of gdp

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government expenditure, percent of gdp

Sweden 2012: 52

EU STATISTICS WORLD STATISTICS

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Government expenditure, percent of GDP

	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012
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European Union (28 countries)	-	-	-	50.8	49.3
Belgium	52.1	49.1	51.9	52.6	55
Bulgaria	45.6	41.3	37.3	37.4	35.9
Czech Republic	53	41.6	43	43.7	44.5
Denmark	59.3	53.7	52.8	57.7	59.5
Germany	-	45.1	40.9	47.9	44.7
Estonia	41.3	38.1	33.6	40.5	39.5
Ireland	40.9	31.1	33.9	65.5	42.6
Greece	51.3	46.7	44.6	51.4	53.8
Spain	44.5	39.2	38.4	46.3	47.8
France	54.4	51.7	53.6	56.6	56.6
Croatia	-	-	-	46.9	45.5
Italy	52.2	45.9	47.9	50.4	50.6
Cyprus	33.4	37.1	43.1	46.2	46.4
Latvia	27	28.4	25.2	43.4	38.5
Lithuania	34.4	39.8	34	42.3	38.1
Luxembourg	39.7	37.8	41.5	43.5	44.3
Hungary	55.8	47.8	50.1	50	48.7
Malta	38.5	39.5	43.6	41.6	43.4
Netherlands	56.4	44.2	44.8	51.3	50.4

35.9 59.5

A choropleth map of Europe where each country is shaded according to its government expenditure as a percentage of GDP. The color scale ranges from light green (35.9) to dark purple (59.5). A legend at the bottom shows the color gradient with values 35.9 and 59.5. A callout box highlights Sweden with a value of 52. The map also includes country borders and coastlines.



The I-Use project: website (T/C)

The screenshot displays a web interface for statistical analysis and education. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for HOME, READY-MADE, DATABASES, TOOLS, LEARNING, QUIZ, PUBLICATIONS, and ABOUT US. The READY-MADE section is highlighted with a red circle. Below the navigation is a sidebar with links for EU statistics and World statistics. The main content area features several data visualizations:

- A bar chart titled "government expenditure, percent of gdp" comparing values for 28 countries in 1995.
- An area chart titled "government expenditure, percent of gdp" showing trends from 1995 to 2012 for the same set of countries.
- A TreeMap visualization titled "government expenditure, percent of gdp" for the year 1995, color-coded by country.
- A large green banner with the word "DEMO" diagonally across the center of the TreeMap visualization.

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A screenshot of the I-Use project website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, READY-MADE, DATABASES, TOOLS (which is currently active and has a red circle around it), LEARNING, QUIZ, PUBLICATIONS, and ABOUT US. Below the navigation bar, there is a horizontal bar with flags of various countries and a link to "A Google Translation – useful". On the left side, there are links for EU STATISTICS and WORLD STATISTICS. The main content area shows a sidebar under the TOOLS menu with options like "Chart your input", "Chart your file", "Collecting own data", "Statistical tools", "Survey programs", and "Programs on The Web". The main content area also contains text about how the site divides statistics into EU and World categories and provides tools for graphs and maps.



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EU STATISTICS WORLD STATISTICS

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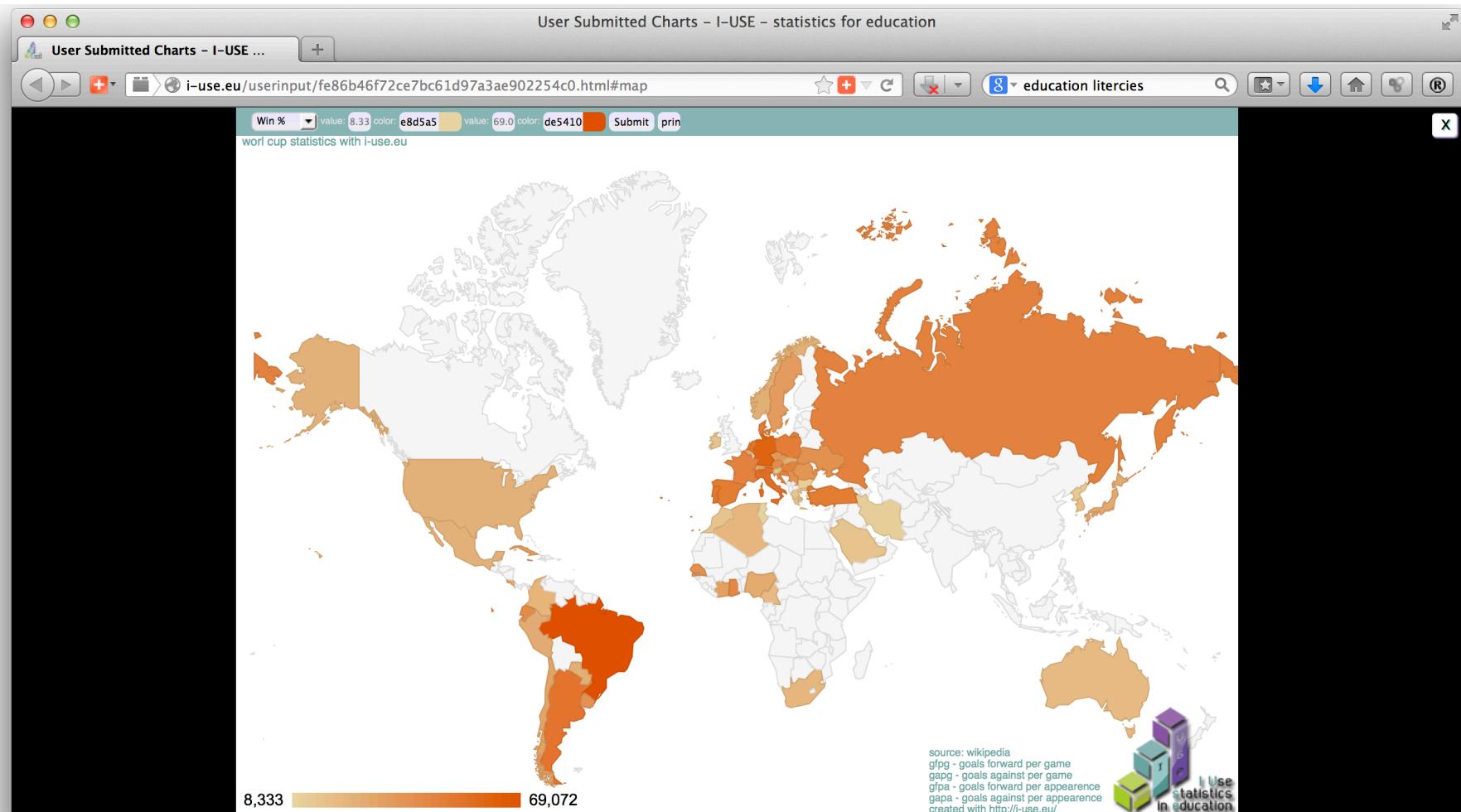
Map zoom on Europe

GDP at market prices - Billions of euro,
,2000,2005,2010,2012,2015
Belgium,253 ,303 ,356 ,376 ,405
Bulgaria,14 ,23 ,36 ,40 ,44
Czech Republic,64 ,105 ,150 ,153 ,160
United Kingdom,1620 ,1867 ,1732 ,1930 ,2043
Source: Eurostat Database xx/201x extracted by xxx.,
NB: 2015 is a forecast..

Note how the commas should be placed. Remember to add a comma before the years.



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	settings.
Batanero and Diaz (2010)	Teachers have static view of the way that statistics can and should be used in class
Roberts' Review (2002)	Shortage of statisticians in the workplace.

One of the implications of the problems summarised in Table 2 was a movement to socially-based curriculum frameworks and towards applications-based approaches to teaching students to think critically about social situations in which data are used, sometimes referred to as applying statistical literacy.

6 Review of recommendations and suggested strategies

If we want to improve the teaching of statistics we need to adopt changes implementing students to receive training that is both up-to-date and relevant for society's needs. Table 3 provides a list of some reform-based strategies and techniques, brief descriptions and examples of how they are used.

Table 3. Overview of Reform-Based Learning Strategies and Techniques
(after Tishkovskaya and Lancaster, 2010; 2012)

Suggested Strategy	Examples of Use
Integrating schemes for assessment of statistical thinking and statistical literacy in to the curriculum (Gal, 2002; Schield, 2004; Watson, 1997)	Using media reports and newspapers articles to assess students' ability of interpretive statistical thinking.
Shifting the focus of statistics curricula from mathematical calculations to tasks of practical nature (Chance, 1997)	Students are given problems within different contexts so they exercise what they have learned in a variety of ways. Consider real world examples and applications.
Developing problem-solving skills. (Garfield 1993; 1995; Marriott et al., 2009)	Implement problem-based learning strategies giving students open-ended problems and taking the role of 'facilitator' in the learning process. Use of real life examples in project work.
Developing strategies to motivate students (Garfield 1993; Watson, 1997)	Provide examples that have recently appeared in the media, government reports, news.
Developing statistical literacy and critical thinking skills. (Watson, 1993; Gal, 2002; Schield, 2004, Arnold, 2008)	Include statistical literacy component in the statistical course. Focus on everyday arguments that use statistics as evidence

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	Use examples of incorrect analyses.
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Suggested Technique	Examples of Use
Collaborative learning. (Garfield, 1993; 1995)	Students work, together to solve problems or discuss concepts, sharing ideas and understanding. Collaborative group work with computers.
Active learning and introducing activities where students are able to construct knowledge. (Garfield, 1993)	Students are engaged in data collection, reflection on and exploration of statistical concepts, and solving problems on their own. Small-group cooperative learning (as one of the ways for teachers to incorporate active learning)
Emphasis on exploration (Planckuch and Ben Zvi, 2011)	Students posing their own questions, interrogating the data and learning new information about the real world (
Target misconceptions through discussion and assessment. (Chance, 1997; Garfield, 1995)	Instructions designed so that students will be encouraged to discuss their misconceptions. Introduce interactive assignments with feedback.
Developing the skill of communicating statistics (Schield, 2004)	Translate and present complex concepts into a format understandable to a wide audience. Ask students to explain terminology and to interpret the statistical results in everyday words
Use of TPCK model (Batanero et al., 2011; Lee, Hollebrands and Wilson, 2010)	Using a model of technological and pedagogical content knowledge that takes in account the statistical reasoning and concerns the pedagogical expertise for the effective engaging students in learning with technologies
Use of technology and on-line resources. (Garfield, 1995; Mills, 2002; Lee & Hollebrands, 2008)	Presentation of new material with the use of statistical software Simulation programs which allow students to explore statistical concepts in discovery-world environments Using useful resources available online.

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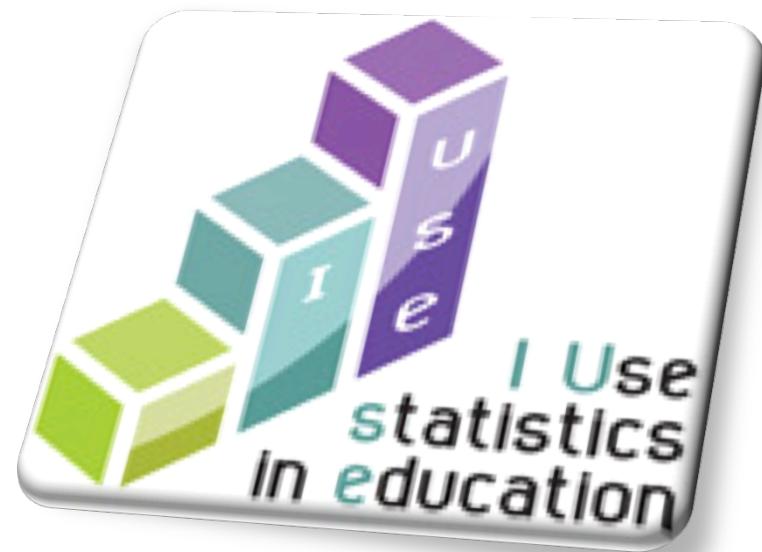
- role and value of statistical information,
- visualisation and its use

4 modules on statistical literacy and quantitative thinking,

- examples of the use of statistics in different curriculum areas
- explicit reference to responsible citizenship,
online manual to help teachers to handle the materials
and include them in curricula beyond the project.

Next steps

- pilot course Mytilini
September 2014
 - Final course, open as KA1 course
7-11 September 2015
Helsingør, Denmark
- Erasmus + KA1**



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