

# Scratch 2013 BCN



## Europe to host 5th international Scratch Conference

25-27 July 2013

Scratch2013BCN is the 5th edition of the Scratch Conference where educators, researchers, developers, and other members of the worldwide Scratch community will gather in Barcelona at Citilab Cornellà to share their experiences and imagine the possibilities of Scratch.



The timing for the conference seems right. Europe is currently lagging and even falling behind when it comes to computer skills and knowledge. This problem has recently been acknowledged by the European commission resulting in the launch of a multi-stakeholder partnership "The Grand Coalition for digital job creation: Closing the gap by 2020." A lot of action is required, specifically when it comes to the education of young people.



Scratch allows users to get rewarding results quick. This is why young people all over the world like to work with Scratch. The fact that it allows for many different forms of creative expression also makes Scratch attractive to both boys and girls. Scratch is available in most European languages.

The Scratch Conference will present a great opportunity for the European communities to exchange knowledge and team up. Out of the 100 submitted proposals 80 originated from 15 European countries, so we are off to a good start. The conference will also launch a new platform aimed at pushing the agenda to give Computer Science in- and outside the classrooms across Europe a boost.

For more information on the conference:  
[www.scratch2013bcn.org](http://www.scratch2013bcn.org)

Would you like to try Scratch?  
[www.scratch.mit.edu](http://www.scratch.mit.edu)

## About Scratch

Scratch is a programming language learning environment enabling beginners to create stories, animations, games and art. As young people create and share Scratch projects, they learn important mathematical and computational ideas, while learning to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively.

Scratch is developed by MIT Media Lab.

## FACTS

- Number of users 1M
- Projects created 3M
- New project every minute
- Available languages 50+
- Price free

## Venue



Citilab - Cornellà is a center for social and digital innovation in Cornellà de Llobregat, Barcelona. Exploits and spreads the digital impact on creative thinking, design and innovation emerging from digital culture.

5th International Scratch Conference, Barcelona



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