**7-day Course in FINLAND**

# "Education System and Schools in Finland"

**Helsinki (Finland)**

## TARGET AUDIENCE - Who is this course for?

This course is designed for **teachers, head teachers, principals and other school staff** who would like to learn about the Finnish education system within the context of Finnish culture. Although the pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary**, **Secondary** and **Vocational** levels, other educational sectors may also benefit from the general approach of this course.

Language of communication: **English**

**Please note that this course should be included as a 'training course' in your Erasmus+ project.**

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Our **7-Day Course** is for those who want to learn about Finnish education and culture through a combination of pedagogic encounters with schools, seminars, field projects "Contexts4Content", and workshops.

English Matters will select educational institutions related to Primary, Secondary and Vocational levels. Participants will learn about educational organisation and management of learning and will have the opportunity to share their experience and ideas with colleagues from a variety of schools around Europe. This will support a European Dimension in Education and everyone participating in this experience will receive maximum benefit from it.

The course offers several **key activities**:

1. Pedagogic encounters with schools to learn about educational organisation and management of learning.
2. Seminars and workshops to explore specific aspects of the education system and culture of Finland.
3. Professional and cultural discussion resulting in a concluding presentation of learning.
4. Field projects "Contexts4Content" to explore places of natural, historical, and cultural significance, as a basis for the development of teaching materials to assist their students in meeting their learning goals and be aware of the socio-cultural richness of Europe.

**Objectives:**

- Become familiar with relevant aspects of the Finnish education system.
- Learn about examples of teaching practices in schools in Finland.
- Participate in seminars and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Finnish society.
- Participate in field projects "Contexts4Content" to places of natural, historical, and cultural significance, to support the development of teaching resources.
- Promote a European Dimension in education among participants and schools.

This **7-Day Course in Finland** will allow you to experience the authenticity of the country and its people from the very moment you step foot in the airport.

Allowing yourself to spend enriching days in full contact with Finnish society and culture and combining this with pedagogic encounters with schools with schools, will bring you an in-depth understanding of the Finnish education system.

The way in which students are educated can be a window to a deeper vision of a society. This can also lead to reflection on why a society educates its people in a certain way and may encourage you to see your own education system from a refreshed perspective.

This combination of elements will help build a holistic vision of education and culture in Finland from several enriching perspectives.

## A NOTE ON THE FINNISH EDUCATION SYSTEM

The **Finnish education system** is regarded as one of the best in the world, especially after its good results in the Pisa Reports (triennial OECD international evaluation) during past years. Other nations all over the world are attempting to emulate Finnish structure of highly respected teachers and its focus on equity.

The success of the Finnish education system is based on family, school and socio-cultural resources that work in unison in a culture of responsibility, discipline, and effort. Families feel themselves the first responsible agents for the education of their children. The *Oodi* library in Helsinki, for example, is an excellent meeting point for many families at weekends to "*meet friends, create art, read and relax*".

## LOCATION OF THE COURSE: Helsinki (FINLAND)

**Finland** is one of the Nordic countries located on the very border of East and West Europe. The geographical location of Finland, its history, and its social ethics, have shaped a working and egalitarian society, committed to the future of its young citizens through education.

**Helsinki** is the largest city in Finland, and more than a million inhabitants live there. Helsinki is also a fast connection point between east and west. The sea plays an important role in the city since the Helsinki archipelago is made up of more than 300 islands, including the island fortress of Suomenlinna. Also, Tallinn (Estonia) and Stockholm (Sweden) can easily be reached from Helsinki via the Baltic Sea.

## DURATION OF THE COURSE

7-day course: **40 hours.**

Our **7-day course**, starting on Sunday and finishing on Saturday, is a very efficient way to implement your mobility by integrating your learning while saving time and expenses. The **40 hours** duration of the course is applied on average considering all training days of the course, for the implementation of the objectives and lessons, in connection with the "Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1".

## DATES

### 7-day Course in Finland

Location: **Helsinki (Finland)**
Language of communication: **English**
Duration (days): **7 training days in Finland**

| Dates in 2027 |
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| 18 - 24 April<br>Helsinki · 7 training days |
| 03 – 09 October<br>Helsinki · 7 training days |

**Note:** Dates may be subject to amendment according to school calendar year of the country visited. This change, if necessary, will be informed to participant before the course confirmation.

## CERTIFICATION AWARDED

Certification of learning outcomes in connection with the "Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1": Europass and Certificate of Attendance which include the name of the participant, description of the course and its learning outcomes, dates, venues, the name of the host organisation and course director.

## Reference programme of the 7-day course:

**The table below** shows the display of our **7-day Course**:

| **Course: "Education System and Schools in Finland"**<br>Helsinki (Finland) |
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| **7-day Course in Finland**<br>(from Sunday to Saturday) |
| **Sunday**<br>Registration.<br>Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework<br>Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development<br>Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach<br>European Dimension<br>Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools.<br><br>**Monday**<br>Education System in Finland.<br>Field Learning "Contexts4Content".<br><br>**Tuesday**<br>Educational Visit to School I: Educational organisation & management of learning.<br>Feedback on educational visit to school.<br><br>**Wednesday**<br>Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation & management of learning.<br>Field Learning "Contexts4Content".<br><br>**Thursday**<br>Educational Visit to School III: Educational organisation & management of learning.<br>Feedback on Educational Visit to School.<br><br>**Friday**<br>**Itinerary A**<br>Programmes to support education.<br>Field Learning "Contexts4Content".<br>**Itinerary B (optional, not included in course fee)**<br>Field Learning Tallinn (Estonia) "Contexts4Content".<br><br>**Saturday**<br>Presentation of participants' learning portfolios<br>Final reflection on learning acquired<br>Reflection about Dissemination Strategies<br>Evaluation of the programme |

**NOTE:** These Reference programmes may be subject to amendment. Such amendment, if necessary, would be kept to a minimum, consistent with the quality and balance of the programme.