7-day Course in ICELAND

"Education System and Schools in Iceland"

Reykjavík (Iceland)

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 Icelandic education system within the context of Icelandic culture. Although the pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary**, **Secondary** and **Vocational** school 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 Icelandic 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 school 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 Iceland.
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 Icelandic education system.
- Learn about examples of teaching practices in schools in Iceland.
- Participate in seminars and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Icelandic 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 Iceland** 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 Icelandic society and culture and combining this with pedagogic encounters with schools, will bring you an in-depth understanding of the Icelandic 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 Iceland from several enriching perspectives.

A NOTE ON THE ICELANDIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

The **Icelandic education system** is probably one of the most interesting in Europe. The system is firmly committed to equal opportunities for all and is built around fundamental pillars such as literacy in the widest sense, education towards sustainability, health and welfare, democracy and human rights, equity, and creativity.

In recent years, the overarching goals of the Icelandic education system have been to promote and preserve culture, history, and Icelandic language and ensure that Icelandic education is comparable to the education provided by the world's leading nations. Objectives have been clarified and the curriculum is totally focused on the achievement of these goals, receiving broad popular support.

LOCATION of the course: Reykjavík (ICELAND)

Iceland is defined as **the land of fire and ice**, volcanically and geologically active: lava beds, volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, glaciers, and powerful rivers and waterfalls on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates come together. The country has a population of about three hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants.

Reykjavík is the country's capital and largest city and the northernmost capital in the world. The clean air, the pure fresh water, or the popular thermal pools in the city, contribute to a warm feeling of well-being that people tend to experience during their visit. Reykjavik is also the gateway to the fascinating nature of Iceland, such as the Northern Lights or the Golden Circle with its geysers, waterfalls, lava valleys and glaciers.

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”.

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.

DATES

7-day Course in Iceland

Location: **Reykjavík (Iceland)**
Language of communication: **English**
Duration (days): **7 training days in Iceland**

Dates in 2027
04 - 10 April Reykjavík · 7 training days
17 - 23 October Reykjavík · 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.

Reference programme of the 7-day course:

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

"Education System and Schools in Iceland" Reykjavík (Iceland)
7-day Course in Iceland (from Sunday to Saturday)
Sunday Registration European Dimension Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development An Introduction to Iceland Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach **Monday** Education System in Iceland Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools. (OPTIONAL, not included in course fee) Field Learning "Contexts4Content": "*The Golden Circle*" (Þingvellir, Geysir, Gullfoss) and the geological wonders of the fissure zone **Tuesday** Educational Visit to School I: Educational organisation & management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. **Wednesday** Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation & management of learning. Field Learning "Contexts4Content": *The Making of the Icelandic Nation* **Thursday** Educational Visit to School III: Educational organisation & management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. **Friday** Assessment of learning management in Iceland. Field Learning "Contexts4Content: "*The home of Iceland's famous Njal's Saga*" - South coast and rock formations **Saturday** Professional dissemination. Strategies International dissemination: Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired 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.