ERASMUS+ KA1 · TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

Environmental Education: Enquiry, Curriculum and Student Action

7 Days • Heraklion, Crete • OID: E10020547

About the course

Environmental education helps learners understand their environment and act for a more sustainable future. This course introduces the principles, history and goals of environmental education and Education for Sustainable Development, and shows how to bring them into the school curriculum.

Participants explore participatory teaching methods, design activities with flipped learning and generative AI, create digital games on the 17 SDGs and take part in outdoor learning and creative writing in the field.

Course at a glance

Duration: 7 training days

Location: ErasmusLearn Training Center, Heraklion, Crete

Language: English (B1 or higher recommended)

Who it's for: Kindergarten, primary and lower-secondary teachers, teacher trainers, curriculum staff

Level: Introductory, no prior environmental qualification required

Certificate: Certificate of Attendance

Funding: Eligible for Erasmus+ KA1 (course fees)

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What you will learn

- Understand the principles, history and goals of EE
- Connect EE with sustainable development and the school curriculum
- Use participatory and innovative methods to teach EE
- Design EE activities, digital SDG games and AI-supported tasks
- Use outdoor learning and creative writing in EE

How you will learn

Lectures, discussions, practical workshops, outdoor activities in the city and creative writing exercises in the field. Participants design environmental education activities, use generative AI and create digital games that promote the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Course language

English. B1 level or higher is recommended. Practical, hands-on activities make it easy for everyone to take part with confidence.

What's included

- Coffee Breaks that include traditional products.
- Guided tour of the Historical Center of the town.
- Dinner in a traditional restaurant in the town.
- Europass Mobility.
- A small gift with traditional Cretan products.
- Certificate of Attendance, for participants who attend at least 80% of the course.

Course Agenda

DAY 1 · Welcome & Orientation

- Welcome, practical arrangements and course timetable
- Presentation of participating organisations
- Icebreakers and introduction to the course

DAY 2 · Foundations of Environmental Education

- Definition, principles, history and goals of EE
- Introduction to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)
- ESD guidelines, perceived goals and impacts
- Incorporating EE practices into the school curriculum

DAY 3 · Learning Strategies and Teaching Methods

- Learning strategies for EE, citizenship and sustainability
- Methods for teaching environmental education
- Tools and techniques to facilitate learning
- Participatory and innovative approaches in the classroom
- Included: guided cultural tour of the historical centre of Heraklion
- Included: dinner at a traditional Cretan restaurant

DAY 4 · Designing EE Activities with Digital Tools

- Designing environmental education activities
- Learning goals based on flipped classroom principles
- Using generative AI to design EE activities
- Creating digital games to promote the 17 SDGs

DAY 5 · The Hidden Treasures of Heraklion

- Full-day outdoor environmental activities in Heraklion

DAY 6 · Outdoor Learning and Creative Writing

- Outdoor activities: the three dimensions of EE
- Creative writing and EE: principles, examples and theory
- Creative writing exercises in the field

DAY 7 · Next Steps & Certification

- Erasmus+: objectives, priorities, actions, budget and tips for applicants
- Planning follow-up and dissemination of learning outcomes
- Course evaluation and certificates

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