ERASMUS+ KA1 · TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

Reducing Early School Leaving

7 Days • Heraklion, Crete • OID: E10020547

About the course

Every year in Europe, thousands of young people leave school without completing their education, which can lead to professional and social exclusion. The course highlights the school's role in preventing and treating dropout, and in students' positive development and mental health.

It introduces preventive actions and early, holistic interventions at school, individual and family level, from building resilient school communities and personalised counselling to early prevention programmes and art-based activities that keep students engaged.

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

Level: Introductory, open to all

Certificate: Certificate of Attendance

Funding: Eligible for Erasmus+ KA1 (course fees)

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What you will learn

- Understand students' needs through diversity, equity and inclusion
- Build resilient school communities and high-quality connections
- Recognise the social, family, personal and teacher causes of dropout
- Offer counselling and personalised support with families and community
- Handle disobedience, aggression and hyperactivity in the classroom
- Use early prevention programmes and art to build students' self-esteem

How you will learn

Lectures, exercises, discussions, teamwork, role-playing and art-based workshops.

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 · Creating Resilient School Communities

- Expectations and personal learning goals
- Understanding students' needs: diversity, equity and inclusion
- Creating and sustaining high-quality connections at school

DAY 3 · Counselling & Personalised Support

- Counselling and emotional support for students
- Personalised interventions based on each child's history
- A systemic school-family-community approach
- Included: guided cultural tour of the historical centre of Heraklion
- Included: dinner at a traditional Cretan restaurant

DAY 4 · Why Students Drop Out

- Causes of dropout: social, family, personal and teacher factors
- Alternative forms of learning to prevent school failure
- Handling disobedience, aggression and hyperactivity

DAY 5 · Early Prevention Programmes

- Programmes that build students' self-esteem and confidence
- Knowing and expressing their rights
- Training in social skills
- Empathy and participatory problem solving

DAY 6 · Art as a Tool to Prevent Early School Leaving

- Exploring the role of art in fostering student engagement, inclusion and a sense of belonging.
- Using creative expression to build students' self-esteem, confidence and emotional well-being.
- Applying art-based activities to support students at risk of early school leaving.
- Hands-on workshop

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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