ERASMUS+ KA1 · TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

Second Language Teaching & Learning Across Ages

7 Days • Heraklion, Crete • OID: E10020547

About the course

Teaching a new language involves more than choosing between grammar exercises and conversation. Learners bring different language repertoires, literacy experiences, goals and opportunities to use what they learn, and this course connects these realities with practical decisions about input, interaction, feedback and assessment.

Participants compare examples for children, adolescents and adults, then develop, teach and revise a short sequence for their own learners, treating multilingualism as a resource.

Course at a glance

Duration: 7 training days

Location: ErasmusLearn Training Center, Heraklion, Crete

Language: English (B1 or higher recommended)

Who it's for: Language teachers, primary, secondary, adult and VET educators, teacher trainers

Level: Introductory, no linguistics qualification required

Certificate: Certificate of Attendance

Funding: Eligible for Erasmus+ KA1 (course fees)

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What you will learn

- Describe a learner group's repertoire, literacy and needs
- Explain key language-learning principles and limits of age claims
- Select and adapt spoken, written and visual input for a language goal
- Organise interaction with real reasons to exchange meaning
- Combine communication with focused vocabulary and grammar work
- Use learners' existing languages to support understanding
- Design checks of learning and feedback for a further attempt
- Teach, evaluate and revise a short sequence for a chosen age group

How you will learn

Research-informed explanations, learner cases, analysis of language samples, task demonstrations, material adaptation, peer interaction, assessment moderation and two rounds of microteaching. Tools: CEFR descriptors, authentic and teacher-created texts, images, recordings and cue cards.

Course language

English. B1 level or higher is recommended. This is professional development in language teaching, not an English proficiency course.

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 · Learners, Goals and Input

- Compare child, adolescent and adult learner profiles
- Question claims like "younger always means faster"
- Turn a broad topic into a communicative goal
- Adapt input with visuals, modelling and chunking
- Plan vocabulary encounters, recall and reuse

DAY 3 · Interaction with a Reason to Talk

- Analyse an information-gap or decision-making task
- Design roles so one speaker cannot do all the work
- Support clarification and repair of misunderstandings
- Teach a first segment and revise after observation
- Included: guided cultural tour of the historical centre of Heraklion
- Included: dinner at a traditional Cretan restaurant

DAY 4 · Language Form and Feedback

- Analyse learner language for task, clarity and form
- Choose models, guided practice or prompts for next tries
- Give feedback on a defined goal, not every error
- Work on pronunciation for intelligibility

DAY 5 · Multilingualism and Participation

- Use learners' existing languages strategically
- Design a mediation task beyond word-for-word translation
- Anticipate barriers in literacy, access and anxiety
- Avoid fixed labels based on accent, background or age

DAY 6 · Assessment and Microteaching

- Use CEFR descriptors or clear classroom criteria
- Compare sample performances and plan progress checks
- Teach a revised segment and build a teaching portfolio

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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