

Structured Course:
“Structured Educational Visit to Schools & Training Seminars in Iceland”

Reykjavik (Iceland)

LOCATION: 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. Reykjavik, on the south-west coast of Iceland, is the country's capital and largest city.

Icelandic Education System is built around fundamental pillars such as literacy in the widest sense, education towards sustainability, health and welfare, democracy and human rights, equality, and creativity.

TARGET AUDIENCE - Who is this course for?

This structured 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 visits to schools are focused on Primary and Secondary levels, other educational levels may also benefit from the general approach of this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This structured course combines pedagogic visits to schools, workshops, seminars, and field projects “Contexts4Content”. This programme is implemented during the academic term, when schools can show their daily life and operation.

Please note that this programme should be included as a Structured Course in your Erasmus+ project.

English Matters will select educational institutions related to Primary and Secondary school levels. Each participant will benefit from pedagogic visits 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. Educational visits to schools to learn about their 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 richness of Europe.

OBJECTIVES:

- Become familiar with relevant aspects of the Icelandic Education System.
- Observe examples of teaching practices in schools in Iceland.
- Participate in lectures 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 and discuss dissemination strategies.

TYPES OF COURSES FOR THIS MOBILITY - Which course is better for me?

Participants have the option of participating in either **Course A (7-day Structured Course)** or **Course B (Blended Learning Structured Course)**, depending on their preferences or circumstances:

A) 7-day Structured Course in Iceland (7 Training days in Iceland)

This **7-Day Structured 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.

Our 7-Day Structured Course is for those who want to learn about Icelandic education and culture through a combination of seminars, workshops, pedagogic visits to schools and field projects “Contexts4Content”. Allowing yourself to spend enriching days in full contact with Icelandic society and culture, and combining this with pedagogic visits to schools to learn about their educational organisation and management of learning, 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.

B) Blended Learning Structured Course (Online sessions + 4 Training days in Iceland)

Our **Blended Learning Structured Course** is best suited for participants who want greater flexibility of time, place, and pace, due to personal, professional, or international circumstances.

During the first stage of the course, participants will benefit from online live sessions through our dedicated virtual learning environment, allowing them to learn from home. During the second stage of the course participants will enjoy an enriching 4-day training period in Iceland.

This **Blended Learning** course provides an excellent opportunity to explore the Icelandic educational system little by little. During the online stage at home, you will gain a general understanding of the Icelandic educational system and its historical and cultural background through online live seminars and workshops, and online content to support your learning. During the 4 days training in Iceland, you will have the opportunity to contrast the concepts learned, with real experiences on educational visits to schools and field projects “Contexts4Content”. This combination of elements will help build a holistic vision of education and culture in Iceland from several enriching perspectives.

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Blended Learning Structured Course	7-day Structured Course in Iceland
<p>I. STRUCTURED TRAINING ONLINE (4 sessions): Online Training module: Fundamentals. Building your Learning Portfolio. Online Training module: Education System in Iceland. Online Training module: Preparation for Educational visits to schools.</p>	<p>Sunday Registration. Seminar: Fundamentals. Building your Learning Portfolio. Seminar: Preparation for Educational visits to schools.</p> <p>Monday Seminar: Education System in Iceland. Field Project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p>Tuesday Educational Visit to School I: Educational organization and management of learning. Feedback on Educational Visit to School.</p> <p>Wednesday Educational Visit to School II: Educational organization and management of learning. Feedback on Educational Visit to School. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p>Thursday Educational Visit to School III: Educational organization and management of learning. Feedback on Educational Visit to School.</p> <p>Friday Seminar: Feedback on Educational Visits to Schools. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p>Saturday Seminar: European Dimension & Discussing dissemination strategies. Seminar: Reflection on Learning and Presentation of Learning Portfolios. Evaluation.</p>
<p>II. STRUCTURED TRAINING IN ICELAND (4 days):</p> <p>Tuesday Educational Visit to School I: Educational organization and management of learning. Feedback on Educational Visit to School. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p>Wednesday Educational Visit to School II: Educational organization and management of learning. Feedback on Educational Visit to School. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p>Thursday Educational Visit to School III: Educational organization and management of learning. Feedback on Educational Visit to School.</p> <p>Friday Seminar: Feedback on Educational Visits to Schools. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p>	
<p>III. FEEDBACK & PRESENTATION OF LEARNING ONLINE (1 session): Online Training module: European Dimension & Discussing dissemination strategies. Online Training module: Reflection on Learning and Presentation of Learning Portfolios. Evaluation.</p>	

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.



DATES

A) 7-day Structured Course in Iceland (7 Training days in Iceland)

Place: **Reykjavík (Iceland)**

Language of communication: **English**

Duration (days): **7 training days in Iceland**

Course starts on Sunday evening (16:00) and finishes on Saturday noon (12:30 approximately).

Dates in 2021	Dates in 2022
7 - 13 March Reykjavík · 7 training days	20 - 26 March Reykjavík · 7 training days
11 - 17 April Reykjavík · 7 training days	09 - 15 October Reykjavík · 7 training days
10 - 16 October Reykjavík · 7 training days	
<p>Note: Dates above may be subject to amendment according to the school calendar year of the country visited. Participants will be informed of changes, if necessary, before the course confirmation.</p>	

B) Blended Learning Structured Course (Online sessions + 4 Training days in Iceland)

Duration (days): **Online sessions + 4 training days in Iceland**

Language of communication: **English**

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
Option 1	3 Online sessions in November 2020 1 Online session in February 2021 4 training days in Iceland: 9 - 12 March 2021 1 Online final session in March 2021
Option 2	3 Online sessions in January 2021 1 Online session in February 2021 4 training days in Iceland: 9 - 12 March 2021 1 Online final session in March 2021
Option 5	4 Online sessions in September 2021 4 training days in Iceland: 12-15 October 2021 1 Online final session in November 2021
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TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

Europass and Certificate of attendance with description of training content and time input (40 hours).