

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

LOCATION: Stockholm (SWEDEN)

Stockholm is the cultural, political, and economic centre of Sweden and the most populated urban area in the country and in all of Scandinavia.

The **Swedish Education System** is considered one of the most interesting in Europe. The system stands out for its focus on freedom, diversity, equality, and sustainability, and is based on the idea of making opportunities for success more equitable for students, regardless of gender or socio-cultural background.

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 Swedish education system within the context of Swedish 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 application to Erasmus+

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 Sweden.
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 Swedish Education System.
- Observe examples of teaching practices in schools in Sweden.
- Participate in lectures and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Swedish 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 Sweden (7 Training days in Sweden)

This **7-Day Structured Course in Sweden** 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 Swedish 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 Swedish 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 Swedish 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 Sweden)

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 Sweden.

This **Blended Learning** course provides an excellent opportunity to explore the Swedish educational system little by little. During the online stage at home, you will gain a general understanding of the Swedish 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 Sweden, 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 Sweden from several enriching perspectives.

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Blended Learning Structured Course	7-day Structured Course in Sweden
<p>I. STRUCTURED TRAINING ONLINE (4 sessions): Online Training module: Fundamentals. Building your Learning Portfolio. Online Training module: Education System in Sweden. 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 Sweden. 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 SWEDEN (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 Sweden (7 Training days in Sweden)

Place: **Stockholm (Sweden)**

Language of communication: **English**

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

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

Dates in 2021	Dates in 2022
14 - 20 March Stockholm · 7 training days	27 March - 2 April Stockholm · 7 training days
19 - 25 September Stockholm · 7 training days	18 - 24 September Stockholm · 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 Sweden)

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

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 Sweden: 16-19 March 2021 1 Online final session in March 2021
Option 2	4 Online sessions in February 2021 4 training days in Sweden: 16-19 March 2021 1 Online final session in March 2021
Option 3	4 Online sessions in September 2021 4 training days in Sweden: 21-24 September 2021 1 Online final session in October 2021
<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>	

TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

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