

7-day Course in SPAIN

“Structured Educational Visit to Schools & Training Seminars in Spain”

Madrid (Spain) or Málaga (Spain)

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 Spanish education system within the context of Spanish culture. Although the pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary, Secondary** and **Vocational** levels, other educational sectors may also benefit from the general approach of this course.

Language of communication: **English**

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Our **7-Day Structured Course** is for those who want to learn about Spanish education and culture through a combination of pedagogic encounters with schools, seminars, field projects “Contexts4Content”, and workshops.

English Matters will select educational institutions related to Primary, Secondary and Vocational school levels. Participants will learn about educational organisation and management of learning 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. Pedagogic encounters with schools to learn about educational organisation and management of learning.
2. Seminars and workshops to explore specific aspects of the education system and culture of Spain.
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 socio-cultural richness of Europe.

Objectives:

- Become familiar with relevant aspects of the Spanish education system.
- Learn about examples of teaching practices in schools in Spain.
- Participate in lectures and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Spanish 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.



This **7-Day Structured Course in Spain** will allow you to experience the authenticity of the country and its people from the very moment you step foot in the airport.

Allowing yourself to spend enriching days in full contact with Spanish society and culture and combining this with pedagogic encounters with schools, will bring you an in-depth understanding of the Spanish 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.

This combination of elements will help build a holistic vision of education and culture in Spain from several enriching perspectives.

A NOTE on the Spanish education system

The elegance, passion and history present in the art, literature, architecture, and people of Spain filters through all levels of their culture, including the **Spanish education system**. Spain is always creating, adapting, and looking for inspiration to produce a deep curriculum balancing content, humanity, and variety. The OECD reports highlight the good atmosphere of cordiality in Spanish schools. Spanish students' sense of belonging is one of the highest among PISA-participating countries. The closeness and friendly relationship between teachers and students, and the commendable work of teachers are key to improving academic results. Vocational Training offers enormous quality with excellent plans increasingly oriented to the needs of the present and future labour market. Many Primary and Secondary schools accredit also quality bilingual teaching. Spain is also one of the preferred destinations for foreign students.

LOCATION of the course: Madrid (SPAIN) / Jaén (SPAIN)

Madrid is the second largest city in the European Union and has some of the most visited museums in the world: the Prado Museum, the Reina Sofía National Art Centre, and the Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum form a wonderful triangle of universal art. The *Barrio de las Letras* (Writers' Quarter) housed the most famous writers of the Spanish Golden Age (Cervantes, Lope de Vega, Quevedo, Góngora...). In the 20th Century, the *Residencia de Estudiantes* brought together and cemented the friendship of the poet Federico García Lorca, the painter Salvador Dalí and the filmmaker Luis Buñuel.

Jaén, SPAIN, is a land of mountains and unending pointillist rows of olive trees groves which have made Jaén the world capital of olive oil. For centuries, Jaén was the border between the Christian kingdoms of Castile and the Moorish rulers, due to its strategic position between Andalusia and Castile. This historical heritage has left a suggestive old town, with its narrow and cobbled streets, its famous cathedral that houses "the Holy Face", the imprint of the face of Christ which, according to tradition, bears his image of imprinted after Saint Veronica used it to clean Jesus's head on his way to Calvary, and its imposing castle of "Santa Catalina", which never was conquered. Jaén is also known for the Renaissance architecture of its capital and province: two cities recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites, Úbeda and Baeza, in the center of the province, are probably unique places to find the probably most beautiful Renaissance architecture outside of Italy.

STRUCTURE of the course

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7-day Course in Spain (from Sunday to Saturday)

Sunday

Registration.

Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework

Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development

Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach

European Dimension

Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools.

Monday

Education System in Spain.

Field Learning “Contexts4Content”.

Tuesday

Educational Visit to School: Educational organisation & management of learning.

Feedback on educational visit to school.

Wednesday

Culture & Society in Spain.

Field Learning “Contexts4Content”.

Thursday

Educational Visit to School: Educational organisation & management of learning.

Feedback on educational visit to school.

Friday

Assessment of learning management in Spain.

Field Learning “Contexts4Content”.

Saturday

Presentation of participants' learning portfolios

Final reflection on learning acquired

Reflection about Dissemination Strategies

Evaluation of the programme

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.



DURATION OF THE COURSE

7-day course: **40 hours**.

Our **7-day course**, starting on Sunday and finishing on Saturday, is a very efficient way to implement your mobility by integrating your learning while saving time and expenses. The **40 hours** duration of the course is applied on average considering all training days of the course, for the implementation of the objectives and lessons, in connection with the “Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1”

CERTIFICATION AWARDED

Certification of learning outcomes in connection with the “Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1”: Europass and Certificate of Attendance which include the name of the participant, description of the course and its learning outcomes, dates, venues, the name of the host organisation and course director.

DATES

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Place: **Madrid or Málaga (Spain)**

Language of communication: **English**

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

Dates in 2022	Dates in 2023
06 - 12 November 7 training days	05 - 11 March 7 training days
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Note: Dates may be subject to amendment according to school calendar year of the country visited. This change, if necessary, will be informed to participant before the course confirmation.