

## 7-day Course in SWEDEN

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

#### Stockholm (Sweden)

#### 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 pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary** and **Secondary** levels, other educational levels 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 Course** is for those who want to learn about Swedish 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 and Secondary 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 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 socio-cultural richness of Europe.

#### Objectives:

- Become familiar with relevant aspects of the Swedish education system.
- Learn about 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.



This **7-Day 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.

Allowing yourself to spend enriching days in full contact with Swedish society and culture, and combining this with pedagogic encounters with schools, 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.

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

### A NOTE on the Swedish education system

The **Swedish education system** is committed to the purpose of educating young people to become citizens. This is observable in the way students work and participate in activities, and how schools foster an interest in democracy and citizenship. This idea has influenced education in Sweden for many years and has produced a system which stands out for its focus on freedom, democracy, 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. In the Swedish education system, both the public and private sectors receive the same budget and students can choose any public or private school at no cost for them. Highly qualified teachers make a difference, and it is generally accepted that the chances of students being successful in school are more equal in Sweden than elsewhere.

### LOCATION of the course: Stockholm (SWEDEN)

**Stockholm** is a beautiful city which stands virtually on water (the city is often called the Venice of the North because of its canals). The City of Stockholm is formed by an archipelago comprising 14 islands that connect to the Baltic Sea through Lake Mälaren. The city has a rich history visible in its architecture, museums, Royal Palace and the medieval quarter of Gamla Stan. Bridges connect the different islands of Stockholm, making the city a joy to walk. Stockholm is the cultural, political, and economic capital city of Sweden and the most populated urban area in the country and in all of Scandinavia.

## STRUCTURE of the course

In the table below, you can see the display of our **7-day Course** compared to our **Blended Learning Course** (also available), both with similar objectives, themes, and activities.

Course: "Structured Educational Visit to Schools & Training Seminars in Sweden" Stockholm (Sweden)	
7-day Course in Sweden (from Sunday to Saturday)	Blended Learning Course (4 Online + 4 days in Sweden + 1 Final Online)
<p><b>Sunday</b> Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning &amp; Professional Development Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach European Dimension Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools.</p> <p><b>Monday</b> Education System in Sweden. Field learning "Contexts4Content".</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Educational Visit to School I: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. Field learning "Contexts4Content".</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Educational Visit to School III: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Assessment of learning management in Sweden. Field learning "Contexts4Content".</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme</p>	<p><b>I. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS (4 sessions):</b> Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning &amp; Professional Development Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach European Dimension Education System in Sweden. Guidelines for the training stage in Sweden.</p> <p><b>II. MOBILITY TRAINING PERIOD IN SWEDEN (4 days):</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Educational Visit to School I: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. Field learning "Contexts4Content".</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. Field learning "Contexts4Content".</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Educational Visit to School III: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Assessment of learning management in Sweden. Field learning "Contexts4Content".</p> <p><b>III. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSION ON PRESENTATION OF LEARNING &amp; FEEDBACK (1 Final Session):</b> Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme.</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.



## 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

### 7-day Course in Sweden

Place: **Stockholm (Sweden)**

Language of communication: **English**

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

Dates in 2021	Dates in 2022	Dates in 2023
19 - 25 September Stockholm · 7 training days	27 March - 2 April Stockholm · 7 training days	23-29 April Stockholm · 7 training days
	18 - 24 September Stockholm · 7 training days	17-23 September Stockholm · 7 training days

**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.