

## Blended Learning Structured Course

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

Oslo (Norway)

#### WHO is this course for?

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.

This structured course is designed for **teachers, head teachers, principals and other school staff** who would like to learn about the Norwegian education system within the context of Norwegian culture. Although the pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary and Secondary** 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 Structured Course in your Erasmus+ project.**

#### COURSE description

This **Blended learning structured course** combines pedagogic encounters with schools, workshops, seminars, and field projects “Contexts4Content”.

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 Norway.
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 Norwegian education system.
- Learn about examples of teaching practices in schools in Norway.
- Participate in lectures and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Norwegian 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.

## How does this Blended Learning Structured course work?

This **Blended Learning Structured course** provides an excellent opportunity to explore the Norwegian education system in a gradual way by combining virtual live sessions with a mobility training period in **Norway**.

The course is organised in two segments: during the **virtual segment** you will learn through interactive online live training sessions conducted by tutors and experts. During the **mobility segment**, you will spend an enriching training period in Norway, where you will get first-hand experience of the Norwegian education system.

The two segments of this blended course are structured in **three stages**: The efficient combination of these stages will help you build a holistic vision of education and culture in Norway from several enriching perspectives:

- The **1<sup>st</sup> stage** will be implemented during **4 interactive online live training sessions** by video conferencing seminars and workshops with tutors, experts, and course colleagues. This will help you to gain a general understanding of the Norwegian education system and its historical and cultural background. To add extra flexibility to your course, you will also have access to our dedicated virtual platform for autonomous learning if you wish to review or expand on content at your own pace.
- The **2<sup>nd</sup> stage** will allow you to enjoy an enriching **4-day mobility training period in Oslo** (Norway), where you will have the opportunity to expand your learning with closer experiences on Norwegian Education and school system, as well as following cultural field projects “Contexts4Content” which will also help you to explore Norwegian culture while enhancing your communication skills, adding perspective through interaction and dialogue with fellow participants and Norwegian people.
- The **3<sup>rd</sup> stage** will conclude the course with a **final online live training session** for presentation of participants’ portfolios, feedback and reflection about the learning achieved, dissemination strategies and European Dimension.

## A NOTE on the Norwegian education system

**Norway** is considered to have a higher level of general education than the European average. Norwegian children and young people have the right and the obligation to complete lower secondary school. Today, almost one in three people in Norway has reached a higher education level. This is because the entire Norwegian education system is backed by the state, including higher education. Although having a common National Curriculum for Primary and Secondary education, the municipal and county authorities, schools, and teachers can influence the implementation of education and training in order to achieve an inclusive education system, based on the conception of a unified school that provides equal and adapted education for all.

## LOCATION of the course: Oslo (NORWAY)

**Norway** is counted among the richest countries as its welfare system is considered one of the best in the world. **Oslo** is a capital city located along a picturesque fjord and surrounded by forested hills. The main reference spots in the city are the Royal Palace at the end of Oslo's main street, the Oslo City Hall which houses the presentation of the Nobel Peace Prize every year, the Gustav Vigeland Sculpture Park, the impressive Opera building designed by the Norwegian architecture studio Snøhetta, which received the World Architecture Prize for the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt and the Oslo Opera House and, last but not least, the number of popular coffee shops which would make you think how much Norwegians love their coffee. Outside the city centre, the Holmenkollen ski jump offers a wonderful view of Oslo.



## STRUCTURE of the course

In the table below, you can see the display of our **Blended Learning Structured Course** (4 Online live sessions + 4 Training days in Norway + 1 Final online live session), compared to our **7-day Structured Course** (also available), both with similar objectives, themes, and activities.

Reference programme: Structured Course: “Structured Educational Visit to Schools & Training Seminars in Norway” Oslo (Norway)	
Blended Learning Structured Course (4 Online + 4 days in Norway + 1 Final Online)	7-day Structured Course in Norway (from Sunday to Saturday)
<p><b>I. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS (4 sessions):</b></p> <p>Fundamentals. Building your Learning Portfolio. Education System in Norway. Guidelines for the training stage in Norway.</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> Registration. Fundamentals. Building your Learning Portfolio. Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools.</p>
<p><b>II. MOBILITY TRAINING PERIOD IN NORWAY (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 project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Culture &amp; Society in Norway. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Assessment of learning management in Norway. Field project “Contexts4Content”</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> Education System in Norway. Field Project “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> Culture &amp; Society in Norway. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation &amp; management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Assessment of management of learning in Norway. Field project “Contexts4Content”.</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> European Dimension &amp; Dissemination strategies. Reflection on Learning &amp; Presentation of Portfolios. Evaluation.</p>
<p><b>III. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSION ON PRESENTATION OF LEARNING &amp; FEEDBACK (1 Final Session):</b></p> <p>European Dimension &amp; Dissemination strategies. Reflection on Learning &amp; Presentation of 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

### Blended Learning Structured Course

Duration: **4 Online live training sessions + 4 Training days in Norway + 1 Final online live training session**  
Language of communication: **English**

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online live training sessions in April 2023 4 training days in <b>Norway: 9-12 May 2023</b> 1 Final online live training session in May 2023
<i>Note: The mobility training period in Norway may be subject to amendment, according to the information that that authorities provide about the situation of Covid-19 in the country. Participants will be informed of changes in due course, if necessary.</i>	

## TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

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