

Blended Learning Structured Course

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

Madrid (Spain)

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 Spanish education system within the context of Spanish culture. Although the pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary, Secondary** and **Vocational** school 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 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, Secondary and Vocational 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.



HOW does this Blended Learning Structured course work?

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

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 Spain, where you will get first-hand experience of the Spanish 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 Spain from several enriching perspectives:

- The **1st 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 Spanish 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 **2nd stage** will allow you to enjoy an enriching **4-day mobility training period in Madrid** (Spain), where you will have the opportunity to expand your learning with closer experiences on Spanish Education and school system, as well as following cultural field projects “Contexts4Content” which will also help you to explore Spanish culture while enhancing your communication skills, adding perspective through interaction and dialogue with fellow participants and Spanish people.
- The **3rd 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 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 educational achievement. 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)

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.



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

Language of communication: **English**

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
Training period	4 Online live training sessions in October 2024 4 training days in Spain: 05-08 November 2024 1 Final online live training session in November 2024
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Note: The mobility training period in Spain may be subject to amendment, according to the information that authorities provide about the situation of Covid-19 in the country. Participants will be informed of changes in due course, if necessary.	

TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

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