

Blended Learning Structured Course

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

Stockholm (Sweden)

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 Swedish education system within the context of Swedish 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, 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 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.



How does this Blended Learning Structured course work?

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

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 Sweden, where you will get first-hand experience of the Swedish 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 Sweden 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 Swedish 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 Stockholm** (Sweden), where you will have the opportunity to expand your learning with closer experiences on Swedish Education and school system, as well as following cultural field projects “Contexts4Content” which will also help you to explore Swedish culture while enhancing your communication skills, adding perspective through interaction and dialogue with fellow participants and Swedish 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 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 **Blended Learning Structured Course** (4 Online live sessions + 4 Training days in Sweden + 1 Final online live session)

**Reference programme:
Structured Course: “Structured Educational Visit to Schools & Training Seminars in Sweden”
Stockholm (Sweden)**

Blended Learning Structured Course
(4 Online + 4 days in Sweden + 1 Final Online)

I. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS (4 sessions):

Fundamentals.
Building your Learning Portfolio.
Education System in Sweden.
Guidelines for the training stage in Sweden.

II. MOBILITY TRAINING PERIOD IN SWEDEN (4 days):

Tuesday

Educational Visit to School I: Educational organisation & management of learning.
Feedback on Educational Visit to School.
Field project “Contexts4Content”.

Wednesday

Culture & Society in Sweden.
Field learning “Contexts4Content”.

Thursday

Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation & management of learning.
Feedback on Educational Visit to School.

Friday

Assessment of learning management in Sweden.
Field project “Contexts4Content”.

III. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSION ON PRESENTATION OF LEARNING & FEEDBACK (1 Final Session):

European Dimension & Dissemination strategies.
Reflection on Learning & Presentation of Portfolios.
Evaluation.

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

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

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
Training period	4 Online live training sessions in September 2024 4 training days in Sweden: 17-20 September 2024 1 Final online live training session in September 2024
Training period	4 Online live training sessions in February 2025 4 training days in Sweden: 11-14 March 2025 1 Final online live training session in April 2025
Training period	4 Online live training sessions in September 2025 4 training days in Sweden: 23-26 September 2025 1 Final online live training session October 2025
<p>Note: The mobility training period in Sweden 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.</p>	

TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

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