

'Creativity through Early Years Science Education' Erasmus+ Training Activity Marathon, Greece 10/7- 15/7 2016

Description

Creativity through Early Years Science Education

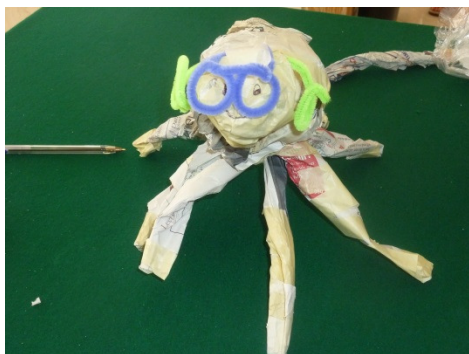
The Creativity through Early Years Science Education training course is a professional development and innovation course, addressed to teachers and school leaders. The aim of the course is to support classroom innovation and to train teachers and leaders of European schools to act as successful change agents in their schools in order to promote creative approaches, in both teaching and learning, to science learning in preschool and the first years of primary school. The training course is based on the teacher education curriculum design principles and guidelines formulated in the EU-funded project Creative Little Scientists (www.creative-little-scientists.eu), as well as the training approach and teaching materials created by the Erasmus+ project CEYS to promote creative approaches to science learning in preschool and the first years of primary school.



The course will leverage an inquiry-based creative approach through hands-on and reflection sessions to experience the principles of inquiry-based and creative science learning, while introducing the basics of curriculum design research and exploring teacher education curriculum design principles. The latter cover: learning activities, role of teacher educator, materials and resources, grouping, location, time; and assessment.

Finally, course participants will be introduced to a shared online space for collaborating with other course participants, creating and shearing their learning resources to promote creative science learning.

The training course overall comprises 10 hours of guided explorations, and 15 hours of hands-on workshops. All participants will have direct access to PCs (although participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops) as needed to enhance the hands-on activities. Visits to non-formal learning settings (such as the Museum of Acropolis and/or the Herakleidon museum) will introduce participants to ways of using informal settings with their students for fostering creative science teaching and learning.



Participation in this training activity is funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ programme under Key Action 1 (KA1): Learning Mobility of Individuals, and Activity: Mobility project for school education staff.

It should be noted that individuals cannot apply directly for grants and should, instead, contact their school/organisation. Interested schools/organisations providing preschool or primary education should apply to their relevant National Agencies. The list of eligible countries (the 28 EU member States, plus Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and FYROM) and the contact details of the National Agencies can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/national-agencies_en.htm.

The deadline for application is February 2, 2016 at 12:00 (noon), CET.

Guidelines

Information about the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and application procedure can be accessed at http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm.

- First contact us by e-mail (see contact details below) to express your interest in our course and if you need assistance with the application procedure. By doing so we will reserve places for your school/organisation.
- Register your school/organisation on the [European Commission Authentication Service \(ECAS\)](#), if not already registered
- Log in to the [Participant Portal](#) with your ECAS account details and register your organisation on the Unique Registration Facility (URF) to obtain your unique Participant Identification Code (PIC), if not already registered. The European Commission has produced a [Participant Portal User Manual](#) to help guide you through the process of registering on the portal. You may seek further assistance on this by contacting your National Agency
- Download the application form for School education staff mobility of the Erasmus+ Programme from the website of your National Agency.
- You will receive our application assistance form, giving useful guidelines on how to fill it in according to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide
- Fill in and submit the application form to your National Agency. The deadline is February 2, 2016, 12:00 (noon), Brussels time
- Do not forget to inform us as soon as you get notified from your National Agency whether your grant application is accepted or rejected
- After having submitted the funding application, fill in the [registration form to the Creativity in Early Years Science Education Summer School 2016](#) with your details. This is an individual registration form, so if there are more than one participants from the same school, each one will have to submit a separate registration form.

You can watch the [Webinar](#) we have realized two years ago with detailed instructions for the process in English. Please note that since it was released last year, dates do not apply to this year's procedure.

As mentioned above the deadline for this year is **February 2, 2016, 12:00 (noon), CET**.

The website of the training course is: <http://cls.ea.gr>

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