



## Natural Europe Summer School Crete, Greece 30/6-5/7/2012

### Description

#### Summer School for Development of learning design skills for enhancing students' key competencies

Our third Natural Europe Summer School will take place next July in Crete, Greece (30/6-5/7/2012). The initial description of the event can be found here:



<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=34967>

The course aims to train teachers on designing their own educational pathways/field trips based on inquiry-based learning approaches, and to strengthen the NHM-school partnership, which offers the potential to bridge the gap between formal and non-formal science education. Nowadays, formal education is facing novel challenges, due to which schools can no longer be considered as the exclusive providers of knowledge. Museums can provide efficient services that enhance science national curricula. To this line, the course will build upon the strengths of the non-formal learning taking place in natural history museums and environmental education centres, and will transfer them within the school environment. Museum staff, educators and policy makers will have the opportunity to strengthen their relations and cooperation in order to allow students to fully benefit from educational experiences. Based on the inquiry-based learning approach, the participants will actively decide on and develop a series of educational pathways' patterns to model the field trip experiences. In particular the training course aims, at first, to develop the technologies in modes and settings as diverse as a physical museum visit, a virtual tool and surfing over the web and then, to get familiar with specific issues related to their application to technology-enhanced science education. The course will also offer a practical approach to social tagging and to the development of learning objects aligned with educational metadata and stored to intuitive learning objects repositories.

Participation in this event is funded by the European Commission through the Comenius and Grundtvig programmes: therefore, interested teachers or trainers can simply contact their relevant National Agency. The list of eligible countries (EU-members plus Turkey, Croatia, FYROM) and the contact details of the National Agencies can be found here: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm).

The deadline for applications is January 16th, 2013. So we strongly suggest that:

(a) You ask the members of your teams that are working with the learning design and implementation of learning scenarios to apply for Comenius (for school staff) and Grundtvig (for university/adult training staff) funding through your National Agencies, so that they can participate in the Summer School.

(b) You forward this opportunity to contacts that could be interested (e.g. external institutions with which you are already working on learning design activities), letting them know about this training opportunity and inviting them to apply for funding. We would particularly encourage the participation of teachers/trainers that have been involved in the past in one or more of the project workshops.

For any further information please contact our colleagues from EA who are coordinating the organization of the event ([vmarkaki@ea.gr](mailto:vmarkaki@ea.gr)).

## Guidelines

Detailed Guidelines (from <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/instructions%20for%20applying-EN.doc>)

How to apply for a grant:

1. Contact your own National Agency to obtain information on the grant application procedures and to check the deadline for submitting your application. National Agency contact details can be found at: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html)
2. Once you have selected the training event <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=34967>, contact the training organizer to ensure that places are still available. You may need to enclose confirmation of your provisional registration for the training with your grant application.
3. Send your grant application form to your National Agency following the defined application procedure.
4. Your National Agency will inform you if you have been awarded a grant, normally 7-10 weeks after the application deadline.
5. You should then immediately contact the training provider to formally register for the course or to confirm your pre-registration. If you have not been awarded a grant but made a pre-registration, it is your responsibility to cancel this.
6. From the moment your National Agency confirms that you have been awarded a grant, you have responsibilities towards the training provider. If you cancel your attendance at the event, you will be responsible for paying any cancellation fees which the training provider may claim. Only in very exceptional cases of force majeure (e.g. serious illness or death of the grant applicant or a family member) may your National Agency pay cancellation fees using grant money.
7. If the training organizer cancels the training at short notice, you may ask him/her for compensation if you have already incurred costs. Neither your National Agency nor the European Commission can be liable. However, in justified cases your National Agency may decide to cover these costs using the grant awarded. If your training event is cancelled, your National Agency may give you the opportunity to select another one (contact your Agency for further details).
8. At the end of the training event, the organisers must hold an evaluation session. Your opinion on the quality of the training is important; training which is considered to be of poor quality can be further investigated by the National Agency.
9. At the end of the training event, the organisers should distribute a course attendance certificate, which is proof of having carried out the training activity.
10. Within 30 calendar days after the end of the activity you must send the Final Report to your Agency. Approval of the Final Report is the basis for formal settlement of the awarded grant. The Final Report form is downloadable from your Agency's website.

Should you need any further information this procedure, please contact your National Agency.



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