

Training course – Study visit

„Early childhood education in Italy“ (Vicenza, Venice and Verona/Padua)

Course dates

19th March 2023 – 25th March 2023

16th April 2023 – 22nd April 2023

14th May 2023 – 20th May 2023

28th May 2023 – 03rd June 2023 Inclusion in early childhood education

15th October 2023 – 21st October 2023



Early childhood education in Italy

*"It is universally recognised that **early childhood care and education** is more than preparation for primary school. It aims at the holistic development of a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs and it is one of the **best investments** a country can make to promote human resource development, gender equality and social cohesion, and to reduce the costs for later remedial programmes". (UNESCO)*



Italian culture has had a leading role in recognising and promoting early childhood education: Italian pedagogies such as **Montessori** and **Reggio** are well known and adopted all over the world.

Despite this, the circumstances of our actual society present many challenges and also Italian educational institutions make constantly a lot of efforts in finding **innovation, new skills** and **abilities** to adapt to the lack of public funding, the demographic decline, the increasing number of children with non-Italian background or with physical or learning difficulties and the lack of parental competence in education.

The program of the study visit is organized **according to the needs** of the participants (kindergarten teachers, school managers, trainers) and gives a comprehensive overview of the Italian situation. The study visit can also be an excellent **opportunity to establish contacts** with teachers and school managers to start a transnational cooperation.

The possible topics covered during the study visit are:

- The structure of childhood education
- Organization, funding and legislation
- Inclusion of children with disabilities or special needs
- Intercultural education
- The Reggio Emilia Approach
- The implementation of the Montessori
- The implementation of the Steiner (Waldorf) method
- Involvement and cooperation with parents
- Pet therapy in day care centres and kindergartens
- Psychomotricity in day care centres and kindergartens
- Nutritional education
- Furniture and equipment in day care centres and kindergartens
- Staff initial and continuous training

The study tour includes visits to **municipal and private crèches**, kindergartens and centres providing **educational and therapeutic activities** for children. Meetings with childhood **policy makers**, managers of public and private institutions and **experts** on growth and children's difficulties complete the programme.



Vicenza: the perfect place for a training course

**Palladio's masterpiece:
since 1994
UNESCO
World Heritage Site**



Villa Capra – La Rotonda

**small big city:
111.000
inhabitants**

**dynamic city:
over 84.000
companies**

**living city: Jazz music
festival, street
Chocolate fair,
Vicenza half marathon
and much more!**

**international city:
more than 130
nationalities**

**Italian lifestyle
"Dolce vita"**

**exhibition centre:
third most important
Gold fair in the world**

**perfect starting
point to Verona,
Venice, Milan,
Lake Garda...**

From the airport to Vicenza

- Venice: 1,5 hours
- Verona: 1 hour
- Treviso: 1,5 hours
- Bergamo: 2 hours



1 programme-day in Venice

Programme information

Training course Early childhood education in Italy 5-days programme	715,00 €
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The training course can also be carried out within the framework of already approved or newly applied Erasmus+ programmes (KA1 Staff Mobility). Self-payment or other grants/funding are also possible.

Included in price:

- Programme from Monday to Friday with visits to institutions, discussions with experts and practical workshops
- Guided city tours in Vicenza, Venice and Verona or Padua
- 1 lunch or packed-lunch
- Travel costs during the programme
- Certification with Europass (in case of Erasmus+ grant) and certificate of attendance

All programme items will be conducted or translated into English.

- **Lecturers and qualified experts in:** Education (Reggio, Steiner, Montessori), Pedagogy (inclusion, gender), Psychology (parental work, psychomotricity), Dance Therapy, Music et al.
- **Professional support:** Bernd Faas (degree in Adult Education) and Alessandra Novello (VET-Trainer)

Not included: travel costs to and from Italy (Erasmus+ grants give a support to travel costs), accommodation, board and any and all other services and costs not listed above.

Information about **Hotels** in Vicenza on request.

If interested, please fill in the [registration form](#).

Minimum number of participants: 8

Groups of more than 8 participants: ask for a custom-made date

Terms of payment: a deposit of 200,00 € is paid upon the signing of the contract. The balance is due 2 weeks before the start of the training course.

The final programme will be confirmed 4 weeks before the beginning of the course.

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Vicenza, 5-days programme (+2 travel days)

Day	Time	Activity	Place
Sunday		<i>Arrival</i>	Vicenza
Monday	MORNING	Welcome, programme and participants' presentation	Vicenza
		<i>LECTURE</i> Early childhood education in Italy	
	AFTERNOON	<i>VISIT AND DISCUSSION</i> Municipal day care centres and kindergartens	
		Guided city tour	
Tuesday	MORNING	<i>LECTURE</i> Montessori pedagogy today (with visit to an institution)	Surroundings of Vicenza
	AFTERNOON	<i>SEMINAR</i> Psychomotricity in early childhood	
Wednesday	MORNING	<i>LECTURE</i> Gender equality and professional ambitions since the early childhood	Venice
	AFTERNOON	<i>DIDACTIC GUIDED CITY TOUR</i> Venice from children's point of view	
Thursday	MORNING	<i>LECTURE</i> Inclusion in day care centres and kindergartens	Vicenza
	AFTERNOON	<i>SEMINAR</i> Parental competence and pedagogical institutions	
Friday	MORNING	<i>LECTURE</i> The early childhood of „Digital Natives“	Vicenza
	AFTERNOON	Evaluation meeting	Verona/ Padova
		Guided city tour	
Saturday		<i>Departure</i>	