



# Education Management Practices

Study Visit for  
In Service Staff





## OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT

The objectives of the study visit is to give school directors and education authorities management staff the opportunity to get to know education management strategies applied in Italy.

The study visit will give a group of education managers the opportunity to:

- Get to know the European educational sector
- Acquire information on the Italian education management and school administration practice
- Improve English language skills
- Learn in a different country
- Get to know a number of other schools and educational authorities
- Get to know a number of teachers training centres and their working practices

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Target Group</b>	A group of education managers
<b>Languages</b>	The study visit will be held in English
<b>Location</b>	The study visits will be organized in Florence and Tuscany
<b>Dates</b>	To decide
<b>Price</b>	Study visit fee: € 700 Accommodation and subsistence: € 500 Total: € 1.200 The accommodation package offered by Pixel includes 6 night accommodation (arrival on Sunday and departure on Saturday) at a 3 star hotel in Florence and all meals.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY VISIT

<b>Objectives</b>	The study visit aims to give education managers an overview of the Italian strategies and practices in the field of education and school management through meetings with the relevant actors.
<b>Methodology</b>	The study visit will be structured as follows: an in service training course organized in 10 hours of classroom based learning in Florence, organization of selected study visits. The complete study visit will last one week. The course will be held in the multimedia laboratory of Pixel.
<b>Certification</b>	All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.



# THE HOST ORGANIZATION

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The study visit is organized by Pixel, an education and training institution based in Florence (Italy). Pixel was created in 1999 and now has a permanent staff of 15 people and a network of about 100 external experts and trainers that cooperate with them on specific activities.

Pixel has over 10 years of experience in the following areas:

- **In Service Training** addressed to Public Authorities, Universities, Schools, Training Institution, Cultural Associations.
- **Initial Vocational Training**, addressed to persons undergoing education and vocational training, to support the acquisition of transversal skills to support their insertion in the labour market.
- **European Projects.** 60 projects were carried out to date in the field of education, training and culture.
- **Projects funded by the European Social Fund.** 40 projects carried out to date in Tuscany in the fields of initial vocational training and in service training.

Pixel has developed cooperative agreements and partnerships throughout Europe with over 400 institutions. Pixel's European partners are: ministries, universities, schools, regions, provinces, municipalities, training institutions, research centres, cultural institutions, schools, hospitals etc. in 30 different European countries. Pixel is engaged in a constant improvement in the quality of training and consulting services performed. Pixel obtained quality certification according to UNI EN ISO 9001:2000. Pixel is accredited as a training agency in the Ministry of Education. Pixel is accredited as a training agency in the region of Tuscany.

More information on the expertise of Pixel can be found at: <http://www.pixel-online.net>.

## STAFF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

The study visit, at Pixel, is organized by:

- Dr. Elisabetta Delle Donne has over 15 years of experience in the planning and management of international education and training events. She is in charge of the creation of the programme for the group of students, of the identification of the trainers and experts who deliver the practical course, who are chosen among the network of about 100 experts who continuously cooperate with Pixel.

The trainers involved in the delivery of the classroom based part of the study visit have a long experience in delivering courses for in service teachers training, they adopt a very practical approach for the training, based on the constant integration between theory and practice and speak a very good and clear English.

- Dr. Andrea Peraldo has 10 years of experience in the organization of international training events. He is in charge of the contacts with the local bodies who are actively involved in the study visit (i.e. schools, educational bodies etc). He organizes all activities related to in company training and study visits.

- Dr. Stefano Zanini has a 3 year experience in the support to the organization of international training initiatives. He is in charge of tutoring the group of students and is with them from their arrival until their departure. He organizes the cultural visits and social events.



## THE STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME

Training Modules	Contents
<b>DAY 1 (Morning): The Italian education system</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of participants</li> <li>• The Italian education sector</li> <li>• The school system in Italy</li> <li>• Changes in the Italian education policies</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 2 (Morning): STUDY VISIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study visit at the Education Board. It will be possible to meet the staff in charge of educational planning and management learn about their strategies and practices.</li> <li>• Study Visit at Galileo Galilei secondary school. It will be possible to meet the school director and learn about their strategies and practices. It will also be possible to visit the school classrooms and laboratories. A meeting with the staff will also be organized in order to learn about their experience and also investigate on possible cooperation.</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 3 (Morning):: European funding opportunities in the field of Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European policies in the field of education</li> <li>• The European programmes funding education initiatives</li> <li>• Information sources</li> <li>• Finding and analyzing the information</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 3 (Afternoon):: STUDY VISIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study visit at IRRE Toscana, the Regional Institute for Research on Education. It will be possible to meet the staff in charge of educational research and learn about their strategies, it will also be possible to meet the staff to learn about their experience.</li> <li>• Study Visit at Cipat. A Regional Consortium of Public Secondary Schools representing over 40 public schools. It will be possible to meet the director of the consortium to learn about their experience in assisting the schools in management issues. A meeting with the staff will also be organized in order to learn about their experience and also investigate on possible cooperation.</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 4 (Morning):: Transnational projects in the field of education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European and national Projects carried out in the field of education</li> <li>• Identification of best practices</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 5 (All Day) STUDY VISITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study visit at Technical and Industrial Institute "Leonardo da Vinci" of Florence. It will be possible to meet the school director and learn about their strategies and practices. It will also be possible to visit the school classrooms and laboratories. A meeting with the staff will also be organized in order to learn about their experience and also investigate on possible cooperation.</li> <li>• Study Visit at Liceo Michelangelo secondary school . It will be possible to meet the school director and learn about their strategies and practices. It will also be possible to visit the school classrooms and laboratories. A meeting with the staff will also be organized in order to learn about their experience and also investigate on possible cooperation.</li> </ul>

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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