Innovative Practices in Adult Education

Study Visit



OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT

The study visit aims to provide participants with the opportunity to get to know and compare with own experience, the strategies and practices for the organization and management of adult education initiatives in Italy.

The specific objectives of the "Innovative Practices in Adult Education" Mobility Initiative is to give participants the opportunity to:

- Acquire a better understanding of the Italian and Tuscan Adult Education system
- Acquire knowledge about the current policies and strategies for the organisation and management of the Adult Education.
- Acquire information about how Adult Education is organised and managed in Italy and in Tuscany in particular
- Experience the delivery of Adult Education lectures
- Acquire information of the existing methods and experiences for the organisation and management of Adult Education initiatives
- Share best practices with Adult Education institutions both at public and private level
- Develop new contacts and explore opportunities of cooperation with public and private institutions operating in the field of Adult Education in Tuscany

EXPECTED RESULTS

The individuals who participate in the study visit will have the opportunity to get to know new methods, strategies and solutions for a successful management and development of Adult Education initiatives within the public and private Education and Training system in Italy and in Tuscany in particular.

Furthermore, the programme will give the participants the opportunity to meet with adult education institutions' directors and teachers, with managers of public and Adult Education institutions and with public key policy makers operating in the field of Adult Education and share with them experiences, problems and best practices.

THE PROGRAMME

WEEK 1

Day	Contents
DAY 0 Sunday	Arrival Transfer to the hotel to be organized directly and independently by the participants.
15 April	The average cost for the taxi ride from the airport of Florence to the hotel is 35 euro
	Relais Stibbert
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	Tel: (+39).055.4625052 Mobile telephone (+39).320.4629604
	Mail: info@soggiornostibbert.com Web Page: http://www.soggiornostibbert.com/
	The reservation is made for:
	- 3 rooms for 3 persons each. Every room with private bathroom.
	- 1 single room with private bathroom for Mrs Dencheva
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DAY 1 Monday 16 April	9.00 Pick up at the Hotel from Pixel tutor. Walk from the hotel to the site of Pixel 9.15 – 13.00 At Pixel Presentation of participants Presentation of Pixel Presentation of the Study Visit programme and of practical issues The Italian Adult Education and training systems Changes in the Italian Adult Education and training policies Antonio Giordano 14.00 Departure from Pixel with tutor. Walk from the Pixel to the city centre 14.30 – 15.30 Cultural visit of Florence Federico Fragasso
DAY 2 Tuesday 17 April	9.00 – 13.00 At Pixel European policies in the field of adult education and training Practical Training on European Cooperation opportunities and funding sources for Adult Education and Training initiatives and lifelong learning. Andrea Peraldo
DAY 3 Wednesday 18 April	9.00 – 13.00 At Pixel Practical Training on Planning and managing European cooperation initiatives in the field of Adult Education and Training . Andrea Peraldo
DAY 4 Thursday 19 April	9.00 – 13.00 At Pixel Practical Training on strategies for the organization of Grundtvig courses for European training of adults . Andrea Peraldo
DAY 5 Friday 20 April	9.00 Pick up at the Hotel from Pixel tutor. Travel via public transport to: Technical and Industrial Institute for Vocational Education Leonardo da Vinci http://www.isisdavinci.it/ Study Visit at the Technical and Industrial Institute, visit of the school . Meeting with the manager and discussion on current policies for the promotion of training. Mutual presentation of strategies and practices.
DAY 6 and 7 Saturday 21 and Sunday 22	Free Time

WEEK 2

Day	Contents
DAY 8 Monday 23 April	9.00 Pick up at the Hotel from Pixel tutor. Travel via public transport to: CIA Confederation of Italian Rural farms http://www.ciatoscana.org/ Study Visit at CIA, the Training Organization of the Confederation of Tuscan Rural Farms . Meeting with the manager and discussion on current policies for the promotion of training. Mutual presentation of strategies and practices.
DAY 9 Tuesday 24 April	9.00 – 13.00 At Pixel Presentation of successful projects and initiatives on the field of Adult Education and Training Lorenzo Martellini
DAY 10	Travel via public transport to: IAL Toscana http://www.ialtoscana.it/ Study Visit at IAL, the Training Agency of the Italian Trade Union CISL. Meeting with the manager and discussion on current policies for the promotion of training and adult education. Mutual presentation of strategies and practices. Cultural visits of the city.
DAY 10 Wednesday 25 April	Cultural visits of the city
DAY 11 Thursday 26 April	 10.30 Pick up at the Hotel from Pixel tutor. Travel via public transport to: Eurocentro http://www.ecfirenze.com/ Study Visit at the Eurocentro, Adult and Continuing Italian Language Education Centre for Professionals. Meeting with the Director and administrative staff. It will be possible to meet the staff so as to learn about their strategies and practices. 14.30 Centro Machiavelli http://www.centromachiavelli.it/ Study Visit at IAL, Adult and Continuing Italian Language Education Centre. Meeting with the Director and administrative staff. It will be possible to meet the staff so as to learn about their strategies and practices.
DAY 12 Friday 27 April	9.30 – 12.30 At Pixel Final assessment and evaluation of the mobility initiative

DAY 13	Departure
Saturday	
28 April	Transfer to the airport to be organized directly and independently by the participants. The average cost for the taxi ride to the airport of Florence from Hotel is 35 euro

GENERAL INFORMATION

Target Group	Experts, Professionals, Managers, Teachers and Trainers working in the field of Adult Education
Languages	The classroom based activities and study visits will be held in English
Location	The classroom based activities will be held at Pixel, in Florence (Italy).
	The study visits will be organized in Tuscany at the sites of organizations working in the field of vocational education and training.
Practical Support	The correct development of the Study visit programme will be monitored by the organizers of the initiative at Pixel, the host institution.
	A representative of Pixel will be accompanying the group during each visit to the institutions, giving assistance in the use of Public transports, moderating the visit and giving linguistic assistantship when necessary.
Dates	Arrival: 15 April 2012
	Departure: 27 April 2012
Total Days	Two weeks: 12 Days
Fee	Participation fee: 1.490 per person eur per person
	The participation fee includes: 13 nights stay in Florence hostel in bedrooms to be shared between 3-4 participants.
	12 breakfast at the hotel 10 buffet lunches at Pixel
	4 lunches with ticket restaurants
	• 13 dinners at the hotel.
	8 local travels, with public transport, for study visits
	The participation fees mentioned above do not include:
	 - Transport from and to the airport on the day of arrival and departure - Costs related to all activities carried out during the free time for cultural visits (i.e. costs incurred during Friday afternoon, Saturdays and Sundays)
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