



Youth Involvement in Europe

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 promotion of youth involvement initiatives at European level carried out in Italy.

The specific objectives of the Study Visit is to give participants the opportunity to:

- Acquire a better understanding of the Italian and Tuscan strategies for the promotion of youth involvement as European citizens
- Acquire knowledge about the current policies and strategies for the planning and organisation of initiatives to promote youth inclusion and involvement in European cooperation initiatives.
- Acquire information about how young people are supported Italy and in Tuscany in particular
- Acquire information of the existing methods and experiences for the organisation of youth involvement initiatives
- Share best practices with Youth organizations both at public and private level
- Develop new contacts and explore opportunities of cooperation with public and private institutions operating to provide support to young people

EXPECTED RESULTS

The individuals who participate in the study visit will have the opportunity to get to know new methods, strategies and solutions to provide support to young people put in place by public and private organizations in Italy and in Tuscany in particular.

Furthermore, the study visit will give the participants the opportunity to meet with youth organizations managers, with managers of public and private organizations having as their aim the promotion of initiatives to support youth and with public key policy makers operating in the field of youth and share with them experiences, problems and best practices.

RELEVANCE OF THE INITIATIVE

The Study Visit is relevant to respond to the needs of the participants involved because it will give them the opportunity to:

- Better understand the specific characteristics, strength and main challenges that young people are facing in Italy, and in Tuscany in particular, and get to know what the public bodies, as well as public and private institutions are doing in order to enhance the quality of services for young people.
- Get to know and understand, in a comparative approach, how initiatives addressed to young people – and specifically initiatives for their involvement in European cooperation initiatives - are organised and managed in Italy and in Tuscany in particular, in order to highlight the main differences and points in common with the own country system and to identify Best Practices to be shared.
- Have a direct contact and get to know the Italian youth initiatives through meetings with the key actors working in the field, both at Public and Private level, and therefore learning about different existing experiences and work methods of Italy.
- Share points of view with Italian colleagues, in order compare everyday challenges and common problems and share the most effective solutions adopted to face them effectively. This will give the participants involved the opportunity to develop a more aware and open minded point of view.
- Develop, during the visits to youth organizations and public bodies important contacts to be exploited in future cooperation initiatives and partnerships.

PREPARATION

The participants involved in the study visit, before the beginning of the mobility project will have to:

- Prepare a list of questions and topics of discussion that will be proposed to the representatives of each public and private institution they will meet with, during the study visit. The questions and topics of discussions will be shared with the hosting institutions and will then be proposed to each of the institutions visited so to foster the effectiveness of the meetings.
- Carry out a brief presentation of the own country's initiatives aiming at the involvement of youth in European cooperation to be presented to each of the institutions visited in order to enhance the sharing of mutual challenges and of best practices.



THE HOST ORGANIZATION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The mobility initiative is organized by Pixel.

The mission of Pixel is the promotion of internationalization and European Cooperation.

Pixel was established in Florence (Italy) in 1999 and has therefore over 10 years of experience in the following areas:

- Organization of international training initiatives
- Organization of international study visits, mobility and exchanges
- Organization of international conferences in the field of education and training
- Direct submission as a promoter or coordinator of European projects
- Organization of international conferences in the field of education and training

Pixel has developed cooperative agreements and partnerships throughout Europe with institutions operating in the field of youth in 30 different European countries.

In Italy, and in Tuscany in particular, Pixel cooperates with several youth organizations operating both at local and regional level as well as with public bodies in charge of designing strategies for youth involvement.

In Europe Pixel has several contacts with organizations working in the field of youth, and has participated in European projects in the field, specifically, two projects funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo da Vinci sub programme, for the training of youth workers.

Pixel is engaged in a constant improvement in the quality of the services performed. Pixel obtained quality certification according to UNI EN ISO 9001:2000. Pixel is accredited as an in-service education and training organization by the Ministry of Education. Pixel is accredited as a training agency by 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 18 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 participants, 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.

- Dr. Andrea Peraldo has 10 years of experience in the planning and management of international education and training events. He is in charge of 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

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THE STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME

Day	Time Table	Contents
DAY 1 Monday	Morning 9:00 – 13:30 Training in Pixel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of participants • Presentation of the Study Visit programme and of practical issues • Presentation of initiatives carried out in Italy for the involvement of youth in European cooperation
	Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural visit of Florence
DAY 2 Tuesday	Morning 9:00 – 13:00 Study Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Visit to Municipality of Florence – Social Policies Department. It will be possible to meet the manager in charge of youth policies and initiatives to learn about their experience and also investigate on possible cooperation.
	Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Time for visiting Florence and the surroundings
DAY 3 Wednesday	Morning 10:00 – 12:00 Study Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visit to the site of the Youth Internet Portal (PortaleGiovani). Meeting with the Web editor who will illustrate how the portal is organized and works as well as its impact on the youth community of Tuscany.
	Afternoon 15:00 – 17:00 Study Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Visit to the Youth Centre (Centro Giovani) of the biggest borough of Florence. It will be possible to meet the director so as to learn about their strategies and practices. It will also be possible to visit the centre and meet with the young people visiting the centre.
DAY 4 Thursday	Morning 10:00 – 12:00 Study Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Galileo 2 Multimedia Factory for youth inclusion and meeting with the director.
	Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visit at EnAIP, an Agency accredited by the Tuscany Region. It will be possible to meet the staff in charge of initiatives aiming at the European involvement of young people.
DAY 5 Friday	Morning 9:00 – 13:30 Training in Pixel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European policies in the field of youth • The European programmes funding youth related projects
	Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Time for visiting Florence and the surroundings

GENERAL INFORMATION

Target Group	Youth workers, Experts, Managers, Teachers and Trainers working in the field of youth inclusion
Languages	The Mobility Initiative will be held in English
Location	Florence (Italy)
Total Duration	1 week
Fees	<p>Option 1: € 1.200 per person. The fee includes an all inclusive package: Organizational costs: Implementation of the program locally: liaison with local bodies, preparation of the visits, tutoring during the visits, language assistance, monitoring and supervision etc. Accommodation for 6 nights (arrival on Sunday and departure on Saturday) in single rooms with private bathrooms Breakfasts, lunches, dinners.</p> <p>Option 2: € 1.050 per person. The fee includes an all inclusive package: Organizational costs: Implementation of the program locally: liaison with local bodies, preparation of the visits, tutoring during the visits, language assistance, monitoring and supervision etc. Accommodation for 6 nights (arrival on Sunday and departure on Saturday) in shared double rooms (for 2 people) with private bathrooms Breakfasts, lunches, dinners.</p> <p>Option 3: € 900 per person. The fee includes an all inclusive package: Organizational costs: Implementation of the program locally: liaison with local bodies, preparation of the visits, tutoring during the visits, language assistance, monitoring and supervision etc. Accommodation for 6 nights (arrival on Sunday and departure on Saturday) in shared rooms for 4 people with private bathrooms Breakfasts, lunches, dinners.</p> <p>Option 4: € 800 per person. The fee includes an all inclusive package: Organizational costs: Implementation of the program locally: liaison with local bodies, preparation of the visits, tutoring during the visits, language assistance, monitoring and supervision etc. Accommodation for 6 nights (arrival on Sunday and departure on Saturday) in shared rooms for 4 people with private bathrooms Breakfasts, lunches</p> <p><i>The fees are related to groups of minimum 12 participants. For smaller groups the price could be higher.</i></p>



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