



TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITY

“Participating and Learning Child ”

7th to 10th October - Tampere - Finland

Type of event:

Contact Seminar

Working language:

English

Number of Spanish participants:

1-2 participants from the field of School Education

Profile of participants: The seminar is open to participants within the field of school education. The contact seminar is targeted especially at developers and representatives of pre-schools and primary education (the target group of the activities is children aged 3 to 8 years). We are looking for participants who are interested in the topic of the seminar and committed to develop a Erasmus+ Strategic partnership.

Themes and goals of the event: Enhancing children’s participation is one of the key objectives of future early childhood education. A participating child is a happy, active agent involved in planning and decision making and his or her own learning. Participation gives the child a sense of involvement through active interaction and possibilities for concrete suggestions – for instance trying a new game together or planning a theme day – as well as being heard and supported in daily activities and routines.

Child participation also means learning in social skills: all suggestions are negotiated and conflicts and disagreements solved together with fellow pupils and educators as a community. Educators work as pedagogical professionals, utilizing their knowledge to be active observers and supporters and giving every child the possibility to be heard, understood and involved. Active participation supports the child’s learning outcomes through gained interest and motivation and is also a factor for wellbeing.

In participatory pedagogy every child is given the possibility to be involved in their own individual way, whether it is choosing a song for a daily exercise or being able to observe and listen instead of participating in a game. In recent years children’s participation has taken a central role in Finnish Early Childhood Education. Various ways to support participation had been implemented in everyday life in kindergartens and children’s participatory is highlighted throughout Finnish National Curriculum for Early Childhood Education (2017).

The seminar gives educators an opportunity to share experiences, discuss challenges and find ways to enhance children's participation and learning in kindergarten everyday life.

The contact seminar brings together early childhood education and care professionals from different European countries, giving them the possibility to network and learn from the ideas and practices from the European colleagues. The seminar aims to produce project ideas and project proposals for the Erasmus+ KA2 strategic partnerships.

Cost:

Meals and accommodation: Meals and accommodation during the Seminar will be covered by the hosting NA agency and it will cover accommodation and meals during the seminar (3 nights).

Travel costs: SEPIE will contribute to the travel costs based on the table provided for TCAs. This financial support will be paid directly to the selected participant by SEPIE in compliance with the procedures established by this agency (see information on the SEPIE website).

Support for accommodation and meals not included in the activity programme: SEPIE will contribute to these costs based on the table provided for TCAs. This financial support (up to 2 travel days) will be paid directly to the selected participant by SEPIE in compliance with the procedures established by this agency (see information on the SEPIE website).

Support for participants with special needs: Applicants with special needs might apply for a reimbursement based on real costs. The reimbursement based on real costs will be granted only if it is clearly justified and requested in the application form, and once approved by the national agency (SEPIE). This financial support will be paid directly to the selected participant by SEPIE in compliance with the procedures established by this agency (see information on the SEPIE website). By choosing this option, the participant will renounce to a reimbursement based on unit costs.