



## ERASMUS+ STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN THE FIELD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

### Contact Seminar: *Tackling early school leaving*

Málaga (Spain): 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Early school leaving** is linked to unemployment, social exclusion, and poverty. There are many reasons why some young people give up education and training prematurely: personal or family problems, learning difficulties, or a fragile socio-economic situation. The way the education system is set up and the environment in individual schools are also important factors.

Since there is not a single reason for early school leaving, there are no easy answers. The role of schools in developing innovative and motivating methodologies is crucial. The policy to reduce early school leaving must address a range of triggers and combine education and social issues, youth work and others.

The **Erasmus+ Programme** shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy, including the headline education target which is to reduce early school leaving to less than 10% and increase attainment in tertiary education to at least 40% by 2020. Thereby reducing early school leaving is one of the priorities of the Programme.

### WHAT IS A CONTACT SEMINAR?

A contact seminar is a networking event organized by a National Agency in collaboration with other National Agencies as a Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA). It aims at bringing together people from organizations which share common interests and would like to develop European cooperation projects/partnerships in the field of education and vocational training. It is a great “partner-finding” opportunity that will also allow to:

- Receive more information on the Erasmus+ Programme and the sector of interest;
- Receive information on good practice examples and meet people from organizations which have already developed European cooperation projects;
- Get to know suitable partner organizations;
- Take part in workshops in order to draft future project/partnership;
- Receive advice from NA staff and other experts on how to draft a successful grant application;

### KEY INFORMATION

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- Target group: school teachers and leaders and school authorities representatives. NA representatives in charge of Strategic partnerships in the school field are also welcome.
- Objectives: To develop Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships in the field of School Education for innovation and/or exchange of good practices around the idea of reduction of early school leaving.
- Málaga (Spain), 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. <https://goo.gl/maps/rRG7RRa79PA2>
- Working language: Spanish
- Contact Seminar fee (provisional, final price to be confirmed) 700€. The fee will cover costs of accommodation, meals, documentation and possible participation in organized cultural events.
- Number of places: 70

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR NATIONAL AGENCIES

- By **9<sup>th</sup> November** (sending NA): communication of the number of participants (up to 4 per NA)
- By **13<sup>th</sup> November** (host NA): ES NA confirms the total number of participants, the venue of the Seminar and the final fee.
- By **23<sup>th</sup> November** (sending NAs): selection of participants.

### MÁLAGA

Málaga is a lively city in Andalusia (Spain) that lies on the Costa del Sol (*Coast of the Sun*) of the Mediterranean. The international airport of the city connects Málaga daily with a lot of cities all around Europe.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### Sunday 13th December

16:00 – 18:00	Arrival and registration
18:00 – 19:00	Preparation of European fair
19:00: 20:00	Informal Welcome. Breaking the ice and getting know each other
20:00	Visit the European Fair and dinner

### Monday 14th December

09:30 – 10:00	Official opening of the Seminar
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary session. Introduction to Erasmus+ programme and Strategic Partnerships
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	Plenary session. Presentation of the application form and the application process. Key elements of a good project
14:00 – 16:00	Lunch
16:00 – 17:15	Working groups, Project planning I
17:15 – 17:45	Coffee break
17:45 – 18:30	Working groups, Project planning II
20:00	Dinner

### Tuesday 15th December

09:00 – 11:00	Workshops: discussions on the topic and subtopics on project ideas
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	Working groups, Project planning III
14:00 – 16:00	Lunch
16:00 – 17:15	Initial proposals – short introduction of project ideas. Question and answer session
17:15 – 17:45	Coffee break
17:30 – 18:30	Working groups, project planning IV
19:00	Cultural programme and Dinner

**Wednesday 16th December**

09:30 – 11:00	Evaluation and conclusions of the Seminar
	Coffee in between
11:00	Departure of participants