

Inclusive Education in Early Childhood: Approaches and Best Practices for Preschool Teachers and educators

Organisation Name: Erasmus Learning Academy (ELA)

- **Role in the Programme:** Hosting organisation and course provider
- **Background and Expertise:** ELA is a training centre that strongly supports and believes in the innovation, modernisation, and internationalisation of education. Our mission is to foster excellence and quality improvements in education and training. We design and deliver training courses and structured training events for teachers, trainers, headmasters, and other education staff, supporting them in participating in learning mobility experiences to enhance their competences and the quality of education.
- **Support and Resources Provided:** Our standard option costs includes course fee, accommodation in single room, tourist tax, 2 coffee breaks per day, all the meals from Sunday lunch to Saturday lunch, 2 walking tours, support for additional cultural activities, support for dissemination of your Erasmus+ project, support for the recognition and validation of the learning outcomes, certification fee and additional mentoring and support upon request. We provide participants with comprehensive access to all slides and supporting materials used during the course, ensuring you can fully grasp the content, share valuable insights with your colleagues, and replicate the activities and exercises back at your own institution. To capture the essence of your learning experience, we share a selection of photos taken during the course. Additionally, we produce a **video** highlighting the key moments, which will be shared with you and can be used for dissemination. We generally write and publish an article about each course on our [blog](#), showcasing the insights gained and the collaborative spirit of the participants.

Training Course Summary

- **Structure and Duration:** 7-day programme (Day 1: welcome and networking, Days 2–6: training sessions, Day 7: wrap-up and follow-up)
- **Key Topics and Skills:**
 - Key principles and benefits of inclusive education in early childhood
 - Designing inclusive classrooms that promote empathy and participation
 - Use of the Index for Inclusion to plan inclusive strategies
 - Socio-emotional learning and supporting children with special needs
 - Engaging families as active partners in the educational process
 - Creative, non-formal, and play-based learning approaches
 - Best practices from different European contexts

- **Methodology and Approach:**
 - Experiential and participatory methods (learning-by-doing, group work, simulations, peer learning)
 - Real-world exposure: school visits and discussions with local educators
 - Daily wrap-up and flexible adaptation to participants' needs
 - Intercultural and international environment fostering cooperation and exchange

Training Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, participants will:

- Understand the foundations and benefits of inclusive early childhood education
- Learn how to foster inclusive environments where all children can thrive
- Be able to apply the Index for Inclusion in preschool settings
- Create socio-emotional learning activities tailored to children with special needs
- Design and implement family engagement strategies
- Gain confidence in using non-formal and creative approaches
- Share and collect best practices through a European network of peers

Participants' Requirements

- **Target Group:** Teachers, trainers, educational counsellors, school psychologists, headmasters, school staff from all education levels and types of institutions
- **Prerequisites:** none
- **Technical Specifications/Equipment Needed:** smartphone/laptop
- **Recommended Background Knowledge or Experience:** none

Validation

- **Assessment Criteria and Methods:** Informal group discussion and participant reflection; summary of the week's activities
- **Recognition of Learning Achievements:**
 - Certificate of Participation
 - Europass Mobility Document
 - Declaration of Attendance
- **Feedback and Evaluation Opportunities:** Daily debriefings and final course evaluation session