CLIMATE EDUCATION IN PRACTICE: FROM LEARNING TO EMPOWERMENT

One-week Erasmus+ course for teachers and educators

CURRENTLY OFFERED DATES

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The course invites teachers and educators to explore how climate education can be made practical, meaningful, and inspiring. Through outdoor learning, inquiry-based methods and student-led projects, we will explore how to bring climate topics to life across subjects and real-world contexts.

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Erasmus+

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DURING THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Explore why and how to teach about climate change in an empowering, practical and interdisciplinary way
- Use relatable, real-life topics as starting points for teaching climate change
- Try playful and inquiry-based activities that connect science, daily life and climate systems
- Dive into student-led approaches to climate action, including project-based learning, entrepreneurship and real-world problem solving
- Experience practical lessons focused on adaptation, mitigation and student agency
- Visit educational gardens, inspiring schools and local organisations putting climate education into everyday practice
- Connect with international educators and bring home fresh inspiration

HOW WE WORK & WHAT TO EXPECT

- Active, participatory methods focused on fun, collaboration and learning by doing
- Strong emphasis on reflection, group atmosphere, feedback, and shared decision-making
- Support in developing your own personal action plan to apply new methods back home
- A positive and safe learning environment for cross-cultural dialogue and networking
- Pre-course tasks and post-course support to keep the inspiration going
- A mix of indoor and outdoor sessions, including excursions in Brno and the surrounding area

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Participants will:

- Gain practical outdoor teaching techniques and climate education strategies
- Learn how to engage and motivate students through real-world experiences
- Understand how to design safe and structured outdoor lessons
- Explore low-prep, high-impact indoor and outdoor activities
- Learn how to integrate sustainability or climate topics across subjects
- Use tools for reflection, cooperation and student participation
- Receive templates and ready-to-use materials for immediate classroom use

PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE HOME:

- 10–15 ready-to-use activities
- Lesson plans and worksheets
- Outdoor safety guidelines and climate communication guidelines
- Curriculum-mapping template for participants' national context
- Europass-compatible certificate of attendance
- Access to shared digital materials

HOW THIS COURSE SUPPORTS YOUR CURRICULUM?

The course aligns with European priorities in climate action (GreenComp, SDG 13, Erasmus+ green transition). Its content — climate science, resilience skills, student participation and project-based learning — fits naturally into geography, science, civic education and whole-school sustainability strategies. Teachers gain practical tools including ready-made lesson plans, discussion formats, simulations and guidelines for safe climate communication. These materials are suitable for primary and secondary schools and can be adapted to any national context. Schools can present this training as a contribution to environmental education, student wellbeing, 21st-century skills and community involvement.

ABOUT ORGANISERS:

Lipka is one of the Czech Republic's leading environmental education centres with 35 years of experience. It offers innovative courses, outdoor learning programmes, and supports teachers in bringing sustainability into everyday teaching. Joining a Lipka course means meeting passionate educators and discovering a hub of green inspiration!

TARGET GROUP:

This course is designed for primary and secondary school teachers, environmental education practitioners, adult educators, and anyone in formal and non-formal education interested in the course field.

LOCATION:

BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC

Brno is a modern and inspiring city in the heart of Europe, combining rich history with a progressive approach to sustainability. It's a place full of innovative ideas focused on climate protection, ecology, and environmental education — making it especially relevant for teachers. The city promotes green roofs, community gardens, smart transport, and the development of a circular economy. Brno serves as a vibrant living lab for sustainable development — an ideal place for educators to exchange ideas and gain fresh inspiration!

COURSE FEE:

EUR 560 per participant

The fee includes:

- Full programme, materials and equipment
- Visits to schools and local organisations
- Excursions, local transport and city tour
- Sunday welcome dinner, Saturday farewell breakfast, lunches and coffee breaks (Monday–Friday)
- Organisational support before, during and after the course
- Administration and certificate of participation

General terms and conditions are available on the web page.

DAILY PROGRAMME (OVERVIEW)

DAY 1: **Welcome dinner and introductory meeting** – a gentle introduction to the course and fellow participants, first shared space for meeting each other

DAY 2: **Deeper introduction** to the course, getting to know each other and setting shared expectations, introduction to climate change – why and how to teach about climate, programme overview and a practical demonstration with a site tour of Kamenná, international evening with cultural sharing and informal networking

DAY 3: **Deeper look at climate change** – causes and consequences, recognising emotions around climate change, personal actions to help reduce climate change, demonstration of an education programme for pupils focused on climate and food (Planet on a plate)
City tour (optional guided walk around Brno)

DAY 4: **Climate and water** – demonstrations from two education programmes focused on direct and virtual water use, urban adaptation measures, and climate actions in gardens; visit to the climate gardens in Brno

DAY 5: **Exploring climate change in the city** – inquiry-based learning activities in the city focused on climate change
Evening Session: South Moravia as a Wine Region

DAY 6: **Mini-projects and school visit** – examples of pupils' mini-projects – showcasing small, innovative initiatives; school visit – observing teaching practices and activities on site; participant sharing and good-practice examples – exchanging experiences and successful approaches
Feedback session – reflecting on the course and providing input

DAY 7: Farewell breakfast from local products, certificate ceremony, closing remarks

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brno, Czech Republic

COURSE VENUE: Lipka – Kamenná facility, Kamenná 20, Brno, Czech Republic

ACCOMMODATION: Participants arrange their own accommodation, we are happy to support you with recommendations

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES: Brno is a lively city, full of culture throughout the year and a popular destination for food lovers. Check out tips from Honest Guide's tips and another Brno gem (on YouTube). We will also give you up-to-date recommendations for the time of your visit.

MEALS: Sunday welcome dinner and Saturday farewell breakfast, lunches and coffee breaks are included

TRANSPORT: Nearest airports with direct transport to Brno: Brno, Vienna, Bratislava, Prague

LANGUAGE: English (comfortable for B1+)

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT: Participants are advised to bring:

- **Comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities**
- **Sturdy, comfortable shoes suitable for walking and outdoor learning**
- **A raincoat or waterproof jacket**
- **Layers for changing weather conditions**
- **A small backpack or day bag**
- **A reusable water bottle**
- **Sun protection (hat, sun cream, sunglasses – depending on the season)**
- **A notebook and pen (optional)**
- **A curious mind and willingness to explore** 🙂

CERTIFICATE: Europass-compatible certificate of attendance

GROUP SIZE: 8–20 participants

I not only gained inspiration, but also felt re-energised, and made new contacts with lovely people. I discovered great new information and tips on how to pass them on to children, and I really appreciate that we were able to experience the activities first-hand and reflect on them. I can't wait to try them out with the children. Thank you for the excellent care and for such a pleasant, well-spent and useful time.

One of the participants
of our Outdoor Education Summer School

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