

LEARNING IN ACTION: OUTDOOR AND INQUIRY-BASED EDUCATION IN CITIES

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One-week Erasmus+ course
for teachers and educators



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This hands-on course invites teachers and educators to discover inspiring ways of teaching outdoors – in school grounds, urban spaces and gardens. Through practical activities, site visits and engaging workshops, we'll explore how to spark curiosity, support inquiry-based learning, and connect different subjects through the local environment in a playful and meaningful way.



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DURING THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Learn how to explore urban nature through inquiry and outdoor learning
- Try creative ways to use your school grounds, local parks, or gardens to teach in an experiential and cross-curricular way
- Experience practical lessons and project-based activities on environmental and sustainability topics
- Visit educational gardens designed for outdoor teaching, inspiring schools, gardens and local organisations
- 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 inquiry-based activities
- 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
- Curriculum-mapping template for participants' national context
- Europass-compatible certificate of attendance
- Access to shared digital materials



HOW THIS COURSE SUPPORTS YOUR CURRICULUM?

This course is fully aligned with key European frameworks such as GreenComp (environmental and action competencies), the Key Competences for Lifelong Learning and the Erasmus+ priority of Environmental Sustainability. The methods practised during the course — outdoor exploration, hands-on science activities and inquiry-based learning — can be directly applied to science, geography, mathematics, language learning and cross-curricular projects in any national curriculum. Participants leave with detailed lesson plans, observation sheets and inquiry templates that support active learning, problem-solving, environmental literacy and student engagement. Schools can easily justify participation in the course as part of strategic goals in green education and modern teaching methods.

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 outdoor and inquiry-based learning in cities, international evening with cultural sharing and informal networking

DAY 3:

Experiential and sensory outdoor learning – sensory activities, inquiry-based tasks and field exploration to develop observation, focus and creativity, demonstration of an educational programme for pupils
City tour (optional guided walk around Brno)

DAY 4:

Urban nature and educational gardens – exploration of urban outdoor learning environments, sustainability, climate adaptation in cities and gardens, visit to the educational 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

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An amazing week with great people! The instructors were super, and the program was very creative and inspiring. I also loved the peer-to-peer sharing and appreciated the space we had for it. I can't wait to try out the new inquiry-based activities with the kids.

One of the participants
of our Outdoor Education Summer School

