

COMENIUS
in the
EU Lifelong Learning Programme
(2007-2013)



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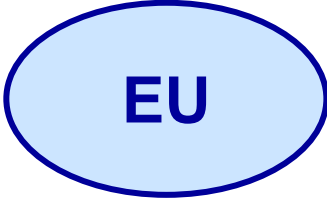


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Participating Countries

 	<p>Belgium Denmark Germany Greece Spain France Ireland Italy Luxembourg</p>	<p>Netherlands Austria Portugal Finland Sweden Slovenia Cyprus Malta Bulgaria</p>	<p>UK Czech Republic Estonia Hungary Latvia Lithuania Poland Slovakia Romania</p>
	<p>Liechtenstein</p>	<p>Norway</p>	<p>Iceland</p>
	<p>Turkey possibly others (eg Switzerland, Croatia)</p>		

Comenius

- **Comenius School Partnerships**
- **Comenius Professional Development**
- **Comenius Assistants**

Comenius School Partnerships

- **Multi-lateral projects –
cross curricular / school development**
- **Bilateral projects – language focus**
- **Contact Seminars and Preparatory Visits**

Looking for Partners

- **Contact Seminars**
- **Partner-finding web sites / eTwinning**
- **Colleagues abroad**
- **Local Authority or Institution links**
- **Town Twinning**

Comenius Contact Seminars

- **3 - 4 days duration**
- **Take place all over Europe**
- **Specific focus eg ICT, Citizenship, Special Needs, Vocational Education, Arts**
- **Unique opportunity for teachers to meet colleagues from other countries and form partnerships. Grants available to cover travel & seminar cost**

Useful Websites

- <http://comenius.eun.org>
- <http://www.globalgateway.org>
- <http://www.etwinning.net>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass>

Comenius Preparatory Visits

- **Meet partners in school/country**
- **Develop and finalise main application**
- **Up to 1 week during term time**
- **Must take place before main deadline**
- **100% travel costs + daily subsistence**

Multilateral Partnerships

- At least 3 schools from 3 different countries (aim for 5/6)
- 2 year project with lump-sum funding
- Collaborative curriculum or issues-based project (i.e. student- or teacher-based or a combination of the two)
- Any theme e.g. citizenship, the environment, tourism, the arts, intercultural education etc. Focus is on the process but usually results in products and/or teaching materials
- Try to bring in use of foreign languages where possible
- Mainly staff travel eg project meetings (can involve students), teacher exchanges, head-teacher visits etc.

Bi-lateral Projects with Language Focus

Aim: to improve pupils' motivation and capacity to communicate in foreign languages

- **2 schools/colleges working together on a common topic**
- **Reciprocal 10 day exchange for face-to-face project work**
- **Currently at least 10 students aged 12+**
- **Funded escorts on ratio of 1: 5**
- **Collaborative, cross-curricular student work before, during and after exchange**
- **20-40 hours tuition if the language is not taught in school**
- **Jointly produced end product - magazine, accredited piece of work, drama production etc**

Grants for Multi-lateral and Bilateral Projects

Projects will be classed as small, medium or large, depending on the number of mobilities per year (staff/pupil travel to partners)

- **Multi-lateral: 4-11 mobilities - €8,500**
- **Multi/bilateral: 12-24 - €16,000**
- **Bilateral only: 25+ - €22,000**

A successful partnership?

- **Genuine Partnership**
- **Planning - Achievable timetable and objectives**
- **Clear aims and objectives**
- **Included in the Curriculum/ life of school or college**
- **Good communication**
- **Staff and student commitment**
- **Senior Management Support**
- **Flexibility**
- **Evaluation from start**
- **Dissemination**

Benefits?

- **International dimension to the curriculum**
- **Learn different cultures and languages**
- **Discover new ideas and broaden horizons**
- **Share professional experience and practice**
- **Increase enthusiasm and confidence**
- **Meet new friends and have fun**

Comenius In-service Training

- all education staff
- one – six weeks
- focus on languages, general themes or subject area
- structured courses or job shadowing
- additional benefits: networking, partner-finding
- Grants of €1000 + depending on length of activity
- Apply by appropriate deadline for activity

Comenius In-service Training

3 fixed annual deadlines:

Training Period

- **30 March** (15 April – 30 September 2007)
- **31 May** (1 October 2007 – 31 January 2008)
- **31 October** (1 February – 31 May 2008)

Hosting a Comenius Assistant

- **Student teachers from 30 other European countries**
- **Work across the curriculum to provide cultural and linguistic experience**
- **3 -10 months/12-16 hours per week (including 2 hours native language teaching)**
- **At secondary level language must not be taught on curriculum**
- **Often offer more than one language**
- **Up to 3 schools can share**
- **Paid by sending country**

Comenius Assistantships

- **Never taught as a full-time teacher**
- **At least 2 years higher education**
- **Completed teacher training but not yet taught**
- **A national of one of the participating European countries**

Timetable of Deadlines

Comenius School Partnership projects: 30 March 2007

Comenius Assistants: 30 March 2007

Comenius Professional Development:

30 March 2007 (for training 15 April – 30 September 2007)

31 May 2007 (for training 1 October 2007 – 31 January 2008)

31 October 2007 (for training 1 February – 31 May 2008)

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