



Erasmus+

SALA SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE IMPLEMENTING THE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY KA1 FOR SCHOOL SECTOR

Sala Secondary School activities are focused on the task of creating the school as an educational institution for the 21st Century, which offers quality in education for the preparation of students for further education and competitiveness in the labour market. The school supports and stimulates teachers' professional competencies, ICT and language skills. Teaching staff systematically participates in professional development projects, thus contributing to the progress of teaching and learning at school. Teachers learn the tools necessary to engage in international projects.

The school has its own site www.salas.lv, which is reflected all the information and school activities.

One of the directions of the school development plan is a successful implementation of inclusive education and improvement of teachers' competence in dealing with different intellectual levels of learners.

When planning participation in the courses were developed the selection criteria of potential course participants. Selected 3 teachers are responsible to represent their school and the country as well as; one of the selection criteria was English language knowledge, because it is the working language. Entrants must be ready for a positive open minded communication, discussions.

Objectives of the courses '*New ways of creating the curriculum in your classroom*'

- *provide practical ideas for classroom
- *improve foreign language competences;
- *provide teachers with a bank of ready-to-use materials;
- *familiarize teachers with innovative approaches to teaching;
- *improve teachers' confidence in using modern methods and techniques;
- *bring positive and long-lasting effects on the trainees involved;
- *provide several applications to use in the classroom (also for special needs students);
- *Examine new methodologies of teaching that have arisen in recent years, such as task-based learning;
- *Summative Assessment vs Formative Assessment,
- *Alternative Formative Assessment;
- *Experience the use of an innovation technique based on the Khan Academy;
- *Giving a space for exchange of experiences and good practices among people coming from different countries who work in the same field;
- *Provide teachers with an insight into Portuguese culture in the historical cities of Évora and Beja.

The planned Erasmus + project for teacher training will strengthen the school diversity of European dimension of international cooperation and facilitate the participation of teachers' professional development, motivate to learn foreign languages and strengthen intercultural understanding.

Today's teachers need to follow cross-border perspective, openness and sensitivity to cultural differences, openness to new ideas, ability to adapt changes. We hope that this opportunity will be the driving force for our school teachers to continue the international cooperation because some of them this is the first experience.

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