



Teaching Adults Environmental Sustainable Development

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Dates and location of the training events

Training events that will take place in **Brussels**-Belgium:
21/05/2012 – 25/05/2012

And in **Oderzo**-Italy (50Km from Venice):
09/07/2013– 13/07/2013

Deadline for the grant request: 16 January 2013

Brussels-Belgium:
21/10/2013– 25/10/2013

Oderzo-Italy:
18/11/2013 – 22/11/2013

Deadline for the grant request: 30 April 2013

Brussels-Belgium:
14/04/2014 – 18/04/2014

Deadline for the grant request: 17 September 2013

Participation fee : 750€

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Why this course

In the knowledge surveys done on energetic consumption, the quality of water, the waste disposal it has been noticed that there is a difference on competencies and perception of problems depending on the age of persons with a decrease among adults that seem to consider of less importance issues concerning environment protection. This lack of information and knowledge often leads to behaviors that are not environment-friendly. Thus, education on environmental sustainability as to be creatively incorporated into the curriculum in each phase of learning, adult learning included.

The final objective of the course is to develop the competences of operators working in the field of education and training in order to enable them to transfer key-concepts on environment sustainable development in their Country of origin and encouraging adults learners in adopting environment-friendly behaviors and in participating actively as informed citizens in the local communities' debate on environmental subjects.

Objectives

The main objective of the course is to give participants practical skills and basic knowledge on the concept of sustainable development in the environment sector. At the end of the course learners will be able to transfer those competences in their Country of origin as well as developing cooperation initiatives at European level involving the organisation they work for and the community they belong to.

In particular learners will get knowledge on the following subjects: the concept of environment sustainable development, renewable energies and intelligent use of natural resources, environment certifications and labels, the every-day behaviours for environment protection.

Methodologies

The teaching method chosen is both theoretical-oriented and practical- oriented in order to encourage participants to a close interaction with teachers and the other classmates. The final part of the practical sessions will be devoted to networking activities among participants in order to allow them to confront their experiences and to evaluate future collaborations. In particular, as one of the main aim of the course consists in creating some "European Training Laboratories" on strategic international issues in order to further new operative initiatives.

To this scope during the course participants will be encouraged to confront their experiences and to evaluate future collaborations. Moreover Consulmarc Sviluppo, as well as European Academy Network, benefits from the expertise of high profile trainers, having diversified experiences at European level. This element gives our courses the possibility of reaching excellent results in fulfilling participants' expectations.

Please note that each course session will be realized only if the minimum number of **15 participants** is reached. In case of cancellation of the session, all registered participants will be completely refunded.



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Competences required to attend the course :

- Degree and at least two-years working experience in the adults' training sector
- Knowledge of English
- Knowledge of main PC programmes
- Use of Internet
- Basic knowledge of the European Union functioning and EU energy and environment policies

Follow up

Ex-post evaluation questionnaire

This questionnaire will be given to participants the last day of the course and it will be aimed at collecting participants' opinions on course's contents, the logistic organisation, the teaching methods, the material provided and their suggestions for the future editions.

One-year after questionnaire

This questionnaire will be distributed via e-mail in order to assess how the participants have put into practice what they have learned during the course and how useful it has been in facilitating in promoting European projects and collaborations.

Moreover, initiatives aimed at maintaining and developing knowledge are scheduled. In order not to lose what they have learnt during the course and to be constantly updated, the former participants will be offered the following services/ opportunities:- Upon request they will receive a Newsletter on issues related to European initiatives in the field of education and training. Learners will also have access to a reserved "on-line platform" conceived to share documents, doubts and cooperation proposals with former participants. Following EAN mission participants will be invited to become part of the network EAN created in order to multiply and improve training activities.

Preparation

Consulmarc will provide future participants with some information about the subject such as a general introduction on sustainable development, the main relevant official documents of the European Commission and a Glossary in English on the subject. At the pre-enrolling stage, participants will be asked to fill-in a self-evaluation questionnaire in order to have an overview of their competences and personal interests and to assess their initial level. This will allow the organizers and the teachers to adapt the contents of the course to the their knowledge and expectations.

Type of certification awarded

Participants will receive a certificate of attendance that will prove their attendance to the lessons and the guided visit to EU Institutions.

Teachers

The teachers will be officers of the European Commission, of the European Parliament and professionals working in the European Programmes for sustainable development in the environment field.



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MODULES

DAY 1

- **MODULE 0 - OPENING SESSION**

Presentation of Consulmarc and European Academy Network main aims and activities as well as the course's objectives and structure.

DAY 2

- **MODULE 1 - EU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES**

Overview of the main principles on the basis of the EU policies and programmes and in particular on EU's sustainable development strategy: renewed EU Sustainable Development Strategy for the environment sector, New Energy Policy for Europe Action Plan. Brief overview on EU funding programmes supporting environment sustainable development (LIFE+, EIE etc).

- **MODULE 2 - MICRO-LEXICON ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Overview on key-concepts of EU's strategy on sustainable development in the environment sector (i.e. clean and renewable energies, sustainable transports, sustainable consumption and production).

DAY 3

- **MODULE 3 - FIND THE INFORMATION SOURCES**

Participants will be given practical indications on where to find:

1. EU Institutions communication and decisions
2. Information about EU environment related programmes
3. Best practices dossiers

- **MODULE 4 - ENERGY SAVING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Overview on the concepts of energy efficiency, sustainable energy use and how community energy projects play an important role in the local sustainable dev.

- **MODULE 5 - SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION**

Overview about the products "environment-friendly": the product lifecycle management, the labelling system for consumer products (i.e. Ecolabel), the labelling for energy efficiency products.

DAY 4

- **MODULE 6 - TRAINING METHODOLOGIES**

Analysis on methodologies used to teach adults about environment-related issues with particular attention to those developing participants' creativity and initiative through the use of ICT instruments in order to make the subject more attractive to adults.

DAY 5

- **MODULE 8 - BEST PRACTICES**

Study of a best practice in training adults on environmental subjects.

EXTRA CLASS ACTIVITIES

- **DAY 4 – MODULE 7: VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION PARLIAMENT**

This will allow participants to discuss with an official of the EP on how European Institutions work and what are their general decision-making process.