

Open Discovery Space Academy 2016



Join us this summer in Budapest, Hungary, to bring and sustain innovation in your school during our dedicated summer course on 17-19 June 2016

The Open Discovery Space Academy, exploiting and expanding the outputs, experiences and heritage of the Open Discovery Space (ODS) project, offers a multitude of courses to school leaders, teachers acting as change agents in their schools and teachers with a newly acquired taste for innovative practices from all over Europe. The summer course intentionally coincides with the [25th Anniversary Conference](#) of EDEN, the [European Distance and E-Learning Network](#), to extend the selection of professional services the educational community can benefit from during the course of this memorable week.

Participants will exploit the experiences and lessons learnt from the largest European network of pilot schools (2500) that are involved in Open Discovery Space. Participants will have the chance to test and use the school innovation toolkit that was designed based on empirical research and data from actual school settings across Europe. The toolkit offers a unique guide to facilitate the introduction of innovation in school settings.

School innovation that corresponds to your school's needs

The programme include presentations of actual experiences, lectures, interviews, group-work, observations and hands-on activities aimed at stimulating innovative uses of contemporary methodologies, best practices, ICT tools, game based learning, school leadership techniques and Teacher/Learning (T/L) communities of practice. Throughout the programme, participants are encouraged and guided to monitor and evaluate the current context, the prevailing culture and attitudes in their school towards change, innovation, leadership, and uses of ICT as well as to identify the real needs and identify priorities.

What will I learn at the ODS Academy 2016?

At the end of this 2-day event the participants are expected to:

- Understand how to use the Open Discovery Space school innovation tool-kit in order to implement an innovation strategy in their schools.
- Have a clear picture of their own professional competences and their role as change agents in their schools.
- Improve their leadership and change management skills.
- Network with teachers from European countries, share ideas and successful practices and be empowered by a collaborating group of peers that will be engaged in follow-up interactions after the completion of the course.
- Have experienced a creative and inspired working atmosphere as well as a culture of collaboration among teachers of different science disciplines in organizing multidisciplinary activities to commonly develop ideas for Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships.

Funding by Erasmus+

Your participation in any ODS Academy 2016 course can be funded by the **Erasmus+ Programme** (Key Action 1, Mobility project for school education staff). Teachers interested in the ODS Summer Academy 2016 can apply

to their National Agencies for an Erasmus+ funding. The applications are submitted by the schools, and no individual personal applications can be submitted. The deadline for funding applications is **February 2nd, 2016, 12:00 (noon) CET**. Eligible countries for Erasmus+ funding are the 28 EU member States, plus Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and FYROM.

How to apply for funding?

The steps to follow to apply for an Erasmus+ (School Education Staff Mobility) grant are:

- Contact your [National Agency](#) to obtain information on the grant application procedures in your country.
- Contact us by [e-mail](#) (see contact details) to express your interest in our courses and if you need assistance with the application procedure. By doing so we will reserve places for your school/organization.
- Register your school/organization on the [European Commission Authentication Service \(ECAS\)](#) if not already registered.
- Log in to the [Participant Portal](#) with your ECAS account details and register your organization to obtain your unique Participant Identification Code (PIC), if not already registered.
- Download the application form for School education staff mobility of the Erasmus+ Programme from the website of your [National Agency](#).
- You will receive our application assistance form, giving useful guidelines on how to fill it in.
- Fill in and submit the application form to your [National Agency](#). The deadline is **February 2, 2016, 12:00 (noon) Brussels time**.
- Do not forget to inform us as soon as you get notified from your National Agency whether your grant application is accepted or rejected.
- After having submitted the funding application, fill in the registration form to the ODS Summer Academy 2016 with your details. This is an individual registration form, so if there is more than one participant from the same school, each one will have to submit a separate registration form.

Questions, comments, ideas? Contact us:

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