



Digi-Skills Summer School

Crete, Greece 30/6-5/7/2013

Description

Summer School for Enhancement of Digital Competence Skills

Our first Digi-Skills Summer School will take place next June - July in Crete, Greece (30/6-5/7/2013). The initial description of the event can be found here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=35027>



The aims of this course is to bring together and further develop content, services, pedagogies and practices for lifelong learning in school, formulating specific scenarios of use of learning tools and platforms. Additionally it aims at exploring and promoting the contribution of ICT and digital media in supporting the development of learning to learn competencies in lifelong learning transitions. This way, the summer school aspires to address the necessity to develop an integrative approach in collecting and disseminating best practices that promote ICT enabled learning using innovative teaching and learning practices. To this end, a European network of all relevant actors shall be formed and motivated through specific educational actions, contests, conferences and summer schools, to develop the competencies necessary in order to properly educate in digital competence and learning to learn skills and thus supporting the transition of Europe to a leading knowledge based economy. The resources to be used have proven their efficiency and efficacy in promoting inquiry based-education. These resources do not impose a fixed curriculum but support the development of a model that can be customised to reflect location and culture as well as cross-disciplinary situations where the curricular areas that might be applicable are not and thus are ideal to be used in the European context. Moreover, since these best practices provide a “window” to live scientific experiments, ongoing research, their use can only strengthen the course’s socially cohesive and Europe-wide dimension. At the same time, participants will develop their learning-design skills by creating learning activities into a workflow and a vehicle for the sharing and re-use of learning design patterns in schools. In addition, teachers will be trained to select appropriate learning-design ICT tools that suit their own needs in terms of planning, implementing and sharing pedagogical ideas.

Participation in this event is funded by the European Commission through the Comenius and Grundtvig programmes: therefore interested teachers or trainers can simply contact their relevant National Agency. The list of eligible countries (EU ones plus Turkey, Croatia, FYROM) and the contact details of the National Agencies can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm.

The deadline for applications is January 16th, 2013. So we strongly suggest that:

(a) You ask the members of your teams that are working with the learning design and implementation of learning scenarios to apply for Comenius (for school staff) and Grundtvig (for university/adult training staff) funding through your National Agencies, so that they can participate in the Summer School.

(b) You forward this opportunity to contacts that could be interested (e.g. external institutions with which you are already working on learning design activities), letting them know about this training opportunity and inviting them to apply for funding. We would particularly encourage the participation of teachers/trainers that have been involved in the past in one or more of the project workshops.

For any further information please contact our colleagues from EA who are coordinating the organisation of the event (chelioti@ea.gr), together with the local hosts from Crete (neofotistos@physics.uoc.gr).

Guidelines

Detailed Guidelines (from <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/instructions%20for%20applying-EN.doc>)

How to apply for a grant:

1. Contact your own National Agency to obtain information on the grant application procedures and to check the deadline for submitting your application. National Agency contact details can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html
2. Once you have selected the training event <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=31638>, contact the training organiser to check that places are still available. You may need to enclose confirmation of your provisional registration for the training with your grant application.
3. Send your grant application form to your National Agency following the defined application procedure.
4. Your National Agency will inform you if you have been awarded a grant, normally 7-10 weeks after the application deadline.
5. You should then immediately contact the training provider to formally register for the course or to confirm your pre-registration. If you have not been awarded a grant but made a pre-registration, it is your responsibility to cancel this.
6. From the moment your National Agency confirms that you have been awarded a grant, you have responsibilities towards the training provider. If you cancel your attendance at the event, you will be responsible for paying any cancellation fees which the training provider may claim. Only in very exceptional cases of force majeure (e.g. serious illness or death of the grant applicant or a family member) may your National Agency pay cancellation fees using grant money.
7. If the training organiser cancels the training at short notice, you may ask him/her for compensation if you have already incurred costs. Neither your National Agency nor the European Commission can be liable. However, in justified cases your National Agency may decide to cover these costs using the grant awarded. If your training event is cancelled, your National Agency may give you the opportunity to select another one (contact your Agency for further details).
8. At the end of the training event, the organisers must hold an evaluation session. Your opinion on the quality of the training is important; training which is considered to be of poor quality can be further investigated by the National Agency.
9. At the end of the training event, the organisers should distribute a course attendance certificate, which is proof of having carried out the training activity.
10. Within 30 calendar days after the end of the activity you must send the Final Report to your Agency. Approval of the Final Report is the basis for formal settlement of the awarded grant. The Final Report form is downloadable from your Agency's website.

Should you need any further information, please contact your National Agency.



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