



# Open Discovery Space

## Winter School

### Vilnius, Lithuania

#### 28<sup>th</sup> January-1<sup>st</sup> February, 2013



## Description

### Winter School for Competence-Based Training for school Teachers

Our second Open Discovery Space Winter School entitled "Competence-Based Training for school Teachers" will take place the upcoming January-February in Vilnius, Lithuania (28<sup>th</sup> January-1<sup>st</sup> February, 2013). The initial description of the event can be found here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=34358>

The aim of the course taking place in the context of the project "Open Discovery Space: A socially-powered and multilingual open learning infrastructure to boost the adoption of eLearning resources" ([www.opendiscoveryspace.eu](http://www.opendiscoveryspace.eu)) is to provide support to the teachers in finding educational resources on the web, Classroom management and curriculum organisation, Differentiated instruction, Collaboration – Community building and Professional development. More precisely, participants will get the theoretical knowledge and also the practical aspect by having the opportunity to put into practice what has been learnt in the course.

The course will include presentations and practical sessions (workshops) on web-based educational uses for teachers; introduction to the concepts of learning-design; classroom management and curriculum organisation; introduction to learning repositories; introduction to preparing, uploading and sharing learning resources; the characterisation of learning objects with educational metadata, presentation of popular social software and web 2.0 tools; technology enhanced learning scenarios for use in the classroom; best practices of using digital teaching & learning resources in classroom; and hands-on sessions working on resources related to problem solving and collaboration. Participants will have the opportunity to be exposed to a number of training techniques such as: lectures, discussion, project teams, brainstorming, role playing, case studies and presentation of participants' work enabling them to collaborate and learn from each other.

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

The deadline for applications is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. 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 Winter 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 Metis Baltic who are coordinating the organisation of the event ([urte@metisbaltic.lt](mailto:urte@metisbaltic.lt)).



## 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](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=34358> , 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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