



## Invitation

Erasmus+ Cross-sectoral Contact Seminar

### ENHANCING DIGITAL COMPETENCES IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Tallinn, Estonia, 11 – 14 September 2016

#### Host

The Estonian Erasmus+ National Agency in cooperation with the Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency is organising a cross-sectoral contact seminar open to all Erasmus+ programme countries. The seminar will be held in Tallinn, Estonia.

#### Theme

**Digital technologies** are key drivers of innovation, growth and job creation in a global world. Not everybody however, has the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be able to use digital technologies in a critical, collaborative and creative way. According to studies<sup>1</sup> 30% of all Europeans are digitally illiterate (older people, less educated youth, lower income families, migrants, at risk of social exclusion, etc.). The lack of digital competence of a large part of the EU population has dramatic repercussions on their employability perspective.<sup>2</sup> In the EU 42% of people with no core computer skills are inactive in the labour market. Digital competence is becoming a must for employability and active citizenship, especially as it is expected that 90% of jobs in the near future will require ICT skills of some level.

**Digital competence** refers to the ability to use digital technologies. It involves the confident and critical use of Information Society Technology (IST) for work, leisure and communication. It is underpinned by basic skills in ICT: the use of computers to retrieve, assess, store, produce, present and exchange information, and to communicate and participate in collaborative networks via the Internet.<sup>3</sup>

One of the main challenges that require actions from educational sector is how to prepare the population to constantly keep updating digital competences in order to adapt in technologically diverse environment. Transnational collaboration and exchange of innovative ideas between European educational institutions through Erasmus+ programme is an opportunity for tackling these issues.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://openeducationeuropa.eu/sites/default/files/DIGCOMP%20brochure%202014%20.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.telecentre-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/TE\\_DIGCOMP-policy-paper\\_FINAL\\_PDF.pdf](http://www.telecentre-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/TE_DIGCOMP-policy-paper_FINAL_PDF.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> European Parliament and the Council, 2006

## Aim

The overall idea of the contact seminar is **to find partners with similar interests** and develop ideas for **the new KA2 strategic partnerships** on the issue of ICT and digital skills. The seminar will also give an opportunity to share experience and discover new approaches in the field with the possibility to create cross sectoral and transversal collaborations.

## Target groups

The seminar is open to participants within the fields of **school education, vocational education and training, adult education and higher education**. The contact seminar is mainly targeted at representatives from schools, VET and higher education institutions, second chance schools, adult education centres, teacher training institutions, enterprises, research institutions and other organisations interested in the theme of the seminar and committed to develop Erasmus+ strategic partnership.

We welcome **up to 3 participants from each country**, with a maximum of 70 delegates altogether. National agency colleagues are most welcome as well.

## Date and venue

The seminar will start by dinner on the 11th of September and will finish by lunch on the 14th. The seminar will be held at the **Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel** in the city centre of Tallinn.

## Working language

The working language of the contact seminar will be **English**.

## Seminar cost

The seminar fee will be **700 euros** per participant. It includes accommodation in a single room for 3 nights, all meals, documentations, participation in cultural events. The seminar fee as well as the travel costs will be covered by the sending Erasmus+ national agencies by their TCA budgets.

## Registration

The national agencies are invited to send a pre-registration for the number of participants they wish to send **by 4 March 2016** to [tiina.lipp@archimedes.ee](mailto:tiina.lipp@archimedes.ee). We will then contact you in order to confirm the number of participants **on 11 March 2016**. The final deadline for sending us the contact details of participants is **1 May 2016**. This gives to national agencies approximately two months to carry out the TCA selection process.

## Further information

Further information will be soon available at the website of the contact seminar. The link to the website will be sent to the interested national agencies in the beginning of March.

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*Looking forward to welcome you in Tallinn in September 2016!*