



# “SPECIAL NEEDS AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE OF OVERCOMING SEGREGATION”

## TRAINING INTRODUCTION

“Inclusive education is not an optional extra; it is a basic necessity. We must put the most vulnerable at the heart of our actions to achieve a better life for all” said Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth. Statistics prove that students with learning disabilities in segregated schools catered for special education needs will be more likely to be earlier school drop-outs or to have fewer opportunities when entering the job market. Inclusion of students with special needs in mainstream schools is an important goal, and Italy has been a pioneer in this field and with only the 0,01% of students with special needs in segregated schools leads EU countries in inclusive education.

By participating in this course teachers and education staff will get to know and analyse the Italian model, discussing strategies, working methods and approaches to fight the segregation of students with special needs and to include them in mainstream education.

This training course is aimed at getting to know strategies, methodologies and tools to include all students in education and at learning how inclusive education in Italy works and how overcoming segregation of students with special needs is indeed possible.

The general aim of this course is to foster excellence and inclusion in education by providing teachers, headmasters, education staff and policy makers with knowledge and inspiration to make inclusive education a reality in their school.

Thanks to this course the participants will:

- Get to know the key principles, benefits and values of inclusive education;
- Learn about the Italian inclusive education model of overcoming segregation and including students with special needs in mainstream education;
- Get acquainted with ICT tools and platforms that support and ease the learning process of students with special needs;
- Get to know and discuss teaching strategies and practical activities to foster participation and enhance the learning of special needs students;
- Discover the power of peer-involvement and peer-education;
- Visit Italian schools and institutions active in the field of inclusive education and students with special needs;
- Exchange good practices and discuss challenges with Italian teachers as well as education staff from other EU countries participating in the training course.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



Arrival date:  
30/04/2023

Departure Date:  
06/05/2023

Language: English



# TRAINING SCHEDULE

The exact training schedule will be agreed on the first day together with all the participants, in order to match the needs of the group (i.e. starting time in the morning, length of lunch break, time for cultural activities, distribution of hours and subjects...). In this sense, the below-mentioned program might be subject to some variations.

Activities start generally at 8.00 and finish at 14.00, but the trainers will be as much flexible as possible. On Sunday the activities will be held during the afternoon only, on Saturday during the morning only: the exact time will be agreed with the participants depending on the time of their arrival and departure.

## **12:30 - 18:00**

- Participants arrival
- Welcoming and networking activities
- Walking tour in Bologna

## **9:00 - 14:00**

- Course introduction, team building exercises, needs and expectations evaluation
- Schools and participants' presentations
- Inclusive Education in Europe: basic concepts and current statistics
- From integration to inclusion: the benefits of inclusive education
- Sharing experiences and best practices in working with learners with learning disabilities

## **8:00 - 17:00**

- The Italian inclusive education model: how it works and which are its main actors, tools and approaches
- The personalized didactic plan and the inclusive annual plan
- Practical group work on inclusive annual plans
- Visit to a local school and discussion with local teachers on the challenges and best practice to include students with special needs
- Cultural activities in Bologna

## **8:00 - 12:00**

- Membership, relationship and skills: how to create an inclusive classroom
- The role of empathy in working with learners with special needs
- Practical group work: in the shoes of our learners
- Option cultural visit outside the venue's city (Florence)

## **8:00 - 14:00**

- Inclusive teaching methods: a new perspective on universal design for learning
- How to make learning resources more accessible
- Diversifying teaching methods to include all
- Co-teaching main approaches and the Italian experience
- Success case presentation: station rotation teaching to meet individual needs
- Visit to a local school working with young people with physical and learning disabilities and discussion on teaching methods, tools and approaches

## **8:00 - 14:00**

- Using ICT tools and platforms to support the learning process of learners with special needs
- Practical work on ICT tools
- Working with parents: challenges, benefits and best practices to involve and communicate with families
- Making inclusive education a reality
- Practical activity: what can I improve in my school?
- Farewell dinner

## **8:00 - 10:00**

- Space for discussion of future cooperation and planning follow up activities
- Course roundup and final evaluation
- Validation of learning outcomes and certification ceremony
- Additional training session tailored to specific needs (optional)
- Optional cultural activities in another major city (not included)
- Participants departure

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## WHAT TO BRING



- ✓ ID card or passport and visa (if required)
- ✓ PC (or tablet), Smartphone
- ✓ School presentation

## CONTACTS

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## TIPS: ITALIAN VOCABULARY



yes/no	si/no	left/right	destra/sinistra
thank you	grazie	straight on	dritto
you're welcome	prego	street	via/strada
excuse me	mi scusi	ticket	biglietto
please	per favore	I don't understand	non capisco
good morning	buon giorno	I don't speak Italian	non parlo italiano
good afternoon	buon pomeriggio	hot/cold	caldo/freddo
good night	buona notte	no problem	nessun problema
good-bye	arrivederci	hi	ciao
how much is it?	quanto costa?	where is?	dov'è?



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## TRAINING PROVIDER



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ELA offers a range of innovative and practice-driven courses tailored for educators, especially teachers. Our focus is on learning outside the classroom in a cooperative and international environment. The pedagogical methods that we use are based upon experiential training, learning-by-doing and best practices' exchange.

Our main headquarter is in Bologna, where most of our courses take place, and we organize as well courses in Sicily and in Tenerife. Feel welcome to read more about our locations and about the courses for teachers and educational staff that we organize by scanning the code above!



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## VENUE: BOLOGNA

Bologna is located in Emilia-Romagna, a region of Northern Italy. The city is one of the 9 provinces of the region. Bologna is the capital of this region. The city is famous for its arcades (more than 40 km in the entire city), its university (the oldest in Europe) and its food; the city is known as "Bologna la grassa" for this reason.

## LIVING CONDITIONS



### Accommodation, Meals & Course Venue

You will stay in the hotel **Campus Living Bononia** that is situated in Via Sante Vincenzi 49. You will enjoy all the services included in the reservation, including free Wi-Fi. The check-in in the rooms will be possible starting from 14:00. The reception offers a service of luggage storage in case you arrive earlier than check-in time or depart later than check-out time. Almost all of the meals will be provided in the hotel, while some dinners will be organised in local restaurants in the city. **The course will be held in a seminar room of the hotel Campus Living Bononia.**





# TRANSPORTATION

During the welcoming session the participants will receive a folder with the printed infosheet, some information about ELA and a bus ticket that can be used for **10 rides**. Each ride is **75 minutes** long since the first validation. It is possible to take more than one bus within the 75 minutes. Each time you change bus, you need to validate again the bus ticket in the machine aboard. From the hotel you can walk to the city centre (about 25 minutes) or you can reach it by bus:

1) **bus 37** leaving from bus stop “**Masia**” in Via Bentivogli, direction “Stazione Centrale”. The last stop is the train station; the nearest stop to the city centre is “Sferisterio”.

2) **bus 14** leaving from “**Rimesse Stazione**” in Via Massarenti, direction “Barca”. Your stop is “Due torri”, under the two towers. The bus time-table might be subjected to variations during festive days (Saturday and Sunday).



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## Travel directions from the airport till the accommodation

### Travel directions with taxi

The best way to go from the airport to the hotel Camplus Living Bononia is in taxi. The cost of the taxi from the airport to the Hotel Camplus Living Bononia is about 20€ and it takes about 15 minutes.

### Travel directions with public means of transportation

#### **From Bologna Airport to Bologna train station**

The Airport is about 6 Km far from Bologna city center. With **Marconi Express**, the connection between the airport and the city centre lasts 7.5 minutes. Single ticket costs 9,20€, return ticket costs 17,00€. Tickets can be purchased on Marconi Express website. Departures of trains is scheduled every 15 minutes. There are buses from 5.40 am until midnight.

More information here: <http://marconiexpress.it/en>

#### **From Bologna train station to the hotel**

From the train station you can take a regional train or a bus. The best and fastest way is to take a regional train to Ravenna or Prato Centrale and get down at the first stop “**Bologna S. Vitale**”. The journey in train takes 4 minutes. Please mind that not all the trains directed toward Ravenna and Prato Centrale stop in Bologna S. Vitale.

For the train you shall buy the ticket before getting on the train and it costs 1,30€.

The hotel is few minutes by foot from station “Bologna S. Vitale”



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## USEFUL CONTACTS

### HOTEL CAMPLUS LIVING BONONIA

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Medical Emergencies : 118