

**SPECIAL NEEDS AND LEARNING DISABILITIES:  
HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM?  
THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES.**

## 1. Presentation

“Special needs” and “Learning Disabilities”: two important topics in nowadays schools. Italy and its inclusive schools system is a very innovative way of working in the educational system. This intensive course gives to educational figures the possibility to learn methodologies and tools to understand the way of working with students with these kind of difficulties, in a formal and informal way, having some practical experiences together with the theoretical part.

## 2. Programme

Arrival: Sunday

1° DAY (Monday)

Registration of participants

o Course "Special Needs and Learning Disabilities: how to deal with them? Theoretical and Practical experiences."

o Participants presentation

o Personal and professional expectation

o Progetto Crescere Presentation: a Social Cooperative and a model for inclusion

DAY 2

o Introduction about Italian Education Inclusion System: comparison between countries

o Capability approach: inclusion processes between school and extra-school.

o How a teacher/educator/psychologist or educational figure in general might work with special students

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES.

o Disabilities in school: inclusion steps for students with special needs

o Case study: meeting with a Special Teacher/Educator.

DAY 3

o Learning Disabilities: Definition. Tests for Diagnosis.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

o Compensatory and dispensatory instruments

o The Metacognitive Method: How to study. Strategies: to understand, to learn, to use knowledge, to create connection between knowledge, to communicate what person learn

o Metacognitive processes of control: Prevision, Planning, Supervising, Self-evaluation

#### DAY 4

##### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES.

Visit to Educational visit to Reggio Children Loris Malaguzzi International Center

#### DAY 5

o Comparison between Education System in Italy and participants' own countries; opportunity to exchange experiences.

o Final evaluation of the course and dissemination plan

Departure: Saturday

### 3. Objectives

This course gives useful instruments to everyone involved in adults training and educational staff: lecturers, teachers, trainers, Education staff and Youth workers. The well balanced programme between theoretical parts and practical experiences permits participants to be well prepared and informed about methods, techniques and instrument useful with people with Special Needs and Learning Disabilities.

The course wants, in particular, to reach some goals:

- to provide knowledge about the integration of children/students with special needs and to promote methods in inclusive education
- to describe and analyse Learning Disabilities (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia)
- to experiment Metacognitive methodology and instruments
- to create an occasion to exchange experiences and ideas about European situation of inclusive education
- to develop links with teachers, educators and social workers from different European countries
- to develop professional competences and skills.

### 4. Target

Teachers (pre-school, primary, secondary, vocational, adult, special needs), teacher trainers, careers officers, educational guides and counsellors, head teachers / principals / managers of schools / organizations offering adult education, HRM professionals, social workers, educators

### 5. Methodology

Interactive lessons

Active learning techniques

Case studies

Group discussions and reflections

### 6. Arrangement

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### The course

The course is organized in PROGETTO CRESCERE's meeting room (Via Kennedy, 17 – Reggio Emilia), easily reachable by feet or using public transports.

DISTANCE FROM PROGETTO CRESCERE TO THE CITY CENTRE: 1,1 km (13 minutes walking; 15 minutes by bus).

### Transports

Public transport and taxi provide fast connection from and to the city centre.

### Hotel

Reggio Emilia offers different possibilities. You can consult all opportunities here:

<http://turismo.comune.re.it/en/hotels-and-restaurants/where-to-stay>

We will be pleased to help you, in case of need.

## 7. When to apply?

Organizations are invited to submit applications on-line to the National Agency following the **deadline of the year**.

For further information about it, please **check Erasmus+ Official Website**:

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm)

## 8. Costs

**450,00 €** per participant for course fee and organizational costs.

### WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE COURSE FEE

- Accommodation and meals
- Travel costs from Your country to Italy
- Transports from and to the airport at home and in Italy
- Transports from the airport to the hotel and back
- Extras in general