The international education centre **LINGVO CENTER / Finland** invites school leaders, teachers and early childhood educators to take part in the study visit programme "Benchmarking visit"

"THE FINNISH EDUCATION SYSTEM: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES AND FUNDING"

During the programme you will learn how new educational programmes are developed and introduced in Finnish kindergartens and schools, and how innovative projects are developed and carried out. You will get to know teachers' own original developments, teaching methods and technologies, talk with the leaders and teachers of Finnish institutions, visit a research institute, and share your own professional experience.

The programme includes working workshops held at educational institutions, where you will be introduced to the ethnolinguistic and cultural immersion method and to the use of information and communication technology (ICT), as well as round tables with teachers and representatives of the education authorities.

Main topics covered during the programme:

1. European education quality management. The modern Finnish education system and educational technologies.
2. Professional development for school leaders and teaching staff.
3. Quality and design of educational programmes.
4. An individual approach to learning and ways to raise a child's motivation and success.
5. The teacher's work in a multicultural school.
6. Methods of teaching and learning foreign languages.
7. Working with parents in modern society. Preserving traditions, culture and the mother tongue in Finnish schools.
8. Children with special educational needs. An individual approach and the support system.
9. ICT and innovation in the educational process.
10. Education funding in Finland.

PROGRAMME

The programme is subject to change: the order of events, visit times and the institutions visited are confirmed when the programme is finalised and may be adjusted by the organiser. Topic numbers refer to the list on the first page.

DAY 1 Helsinki

- Arrival in Helsinki, check-in at President Hotel Helsinki 4* in the city centre
- **14:00–15:00** City of Helsinki Education Division: presentation of the city's education system
- **15:15–17:00** School: arrival, guided tour and talk by the principal

12:00–13:00 – lunch

17:00 – free time, dinner on your own

Topics of the day: 1, 10

DAY 2 Helsinki → Jyväskylä

- **09:00–12:00** Observation of lessons at an upper secondary school
- **13:00–15:30** Round table with teachers, workshop "ICT in the educational process", school tour
- **16:00** Departure from Helsinki to Jyväskylä (about 4 hours on the road)

12:00–13:00 – lunch at the school

20:30 – arrival at Cumulus Resort Laajavuori 4*

Dinner at the hotel (included), free time, hotel spa

Topics of the day: 4, 5, 6, 9

DAY 3 Jyväskylä

- **09:30–12:00** Visit to the Finnish Institute for Educational Research
- **14:00–16:30** Visit to a kindergarten and guided tour of the institution

12:00–13:00 – lunch

16:30–18:00 – free time

18:00–20:00 – dinner at the hotel (included)

Topics of the day: 1, 3, 4, 8

DAY 4 Jyväskylä → Helsinki

- **09:00–12:00** Observation of lessons at an upper secondary school
- **13:30–15:30** Round table, workshop "Ethnolinguistic and cultural immersion method"
- **16:00** Departure from Jyväskylä to Helsinki

12:00–13:00 – lunch at the school

Dinner on the road as agreed with the group (extra charge)

21:30 – arrival in Helsinki, check-in at Scandic 4* (subject to prior agreement)

Topics of the day: 2, 6, 7

DAY 5 Helsinki, Espoo	
• **10:00–12:00** Tour of a leading Finnish school (Espoo) • **14:00–16:00** Round table at the City of Helsinki Education Division: questions and answers, education funding • **16:30–18:00** Programme wrap-up and presentation of certificates	12:00–13:00 – lunch at the school 19:00–20:00 – farewell dinner (included)
Topics of the day: 1, 3, 10	

DAY 6 Departure	
• Transfer to the airport (time depends on the group's flights)	Breakfast at the hotel

PROGRAMME FEE

EUR 1,350 per participant

Included in the fee

- ✓ training seminars, workshops and working meetings;
- ✓ international certificate of completion (78 academic hours, 3 credits);
- ✓ conference room rental for training sessions and workshops;
- ✓ accommodation in 4* hotels with breakfast (5 nights);
- ✓ lunches as per programme and 3 dinners as per programme (days 2, 3 and 5);
- ✓ transfers and transport as per programme;
- ✓ professional interpreting (Russian – Finnish – English) and an education specialist accompanying the group.

Not included (extra charge)

- single room supplement: EUR 90–130 per night;
- tickets to museums and science centres outside the programme (optional);
- additional hotel services (spa etc., unless stated otherwise);
- dinners not listed in the programme (days 1 and 4);
- travel to and from Finland;
- visa and travel insurance.

NB! A valid Schengen visa is required to enter Finland (if required for the participant's nationality).

We provide an invitation letter for the Finnish visa application.

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