



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

11-12 MAY 2023
Cervia



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PROGRAMME

DRAFT - 01/03/2023

Online registration will open on 1st March
Deadline for registration: 28th April

Venue:
Hotel Universal, Lungomare Grazia Deledda, 118, Cervia

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WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023

Arrival of the delegations in Cervia

17.00-18.30 Meeting of the SERN Board of Auditors (*only for the members of the Board of Auditors*)

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023

8.30 **Registration opens**

9.00 **Opening of the GA 2023**

9.15-11.00 **SEMINAR: UPSKILLING OF STAFF IN SCHOOL EDUCATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY**

The programme Erasmus+ offers an important opportunity to bring positive and long-lasting effects on primary and secondary school staff, Early Childhood Education and Care staff and pedagogical coordinators: the learning mobility of individuals. The variety of mobility activities, such as job-shadowing and participation in structured training courses, have the main objective to improve competences, to increase capacity to trigger changes in term of international opening within their educational organisation while fostering a better quality of teachers' work with children and pupils. The seminar will focus on successful strategies to effectively carry out different types of mobility activities abroad, also thanks to the testimonies and feedback from numerous SERN members who have actively participated in this activity.

LOCAL GREEN DEALS - CITY PLANNING AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION

City planning and climate adaptation are essential for creating more sustainable and resilient cities in the face of climate change. Local green deals can be a powerful tool for achieving these goals by promoting sustainable development, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing resilience to climate impacts. Through case studies/best practices, and group discussions, participants will gain a better understanding of the key strategies and principles involved in developing successful local green deals, and how to engage with communities and stakeholders to create lasting change.

11.00-11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15-13.00 **PROMOTING DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS - session I**

The seminar aims to explore the challenges and opportunities of ensuring that marginalised groups have equal access to digital technologies and services provided by public administrations. The seminar focuses on best practices already implemented by SERN members and Cypriot organisations in the framework of the Digital Trainers Project. Participants will be provided with practical examples and knowledge to promote new strategies in their community, contributing to a more equitable and inclusive society.

11.00-13.00 **INTERNATIONALISING SCHOOLS WITH ERASMUS+**

The workshop is designed to provide practical guidance and support to schools looking to boost their international dimension. This workshop aims to provide participants with the knowledge and tools to develop a successful international strategy and take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Erasmus+ Programme. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a better understanding of the key steps to develop an international strategy in schools/preschools and how to apply for and participate in Erasmus+ projects, thanks to the tools developed by the BE+ project.

11.00-13.00 **LOCAL GREEN DEALS - PLANNING LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS**

There is a pressing need to increase awareness of local and regional authorities, and other stakeholders about the potential of food and urban food systems in climate change adaptation and mitigation. The food value chain is strongly affected by the activities and policies of local public actors across its different stages: primary production, agro-food processing, distribution & retail, consumption and waste management. The seminar will provide an opportunity for reflection and discussions about how municipal departments can play a key role both as a stakeholder and driver through coordinated action.

13.00-13.45 **Lunch**

14.00-17.00 **STUDY VISIT - EDUCATION (in Cervia)**

STUDY VISIT - GREEN & SUSTAINABILITY (in Cervia)

STUDY VISIT - DIGITAL INCLUSION (in Ravenna)

17.30-18.30 **SERN EXECUTIVE BOARD**

18.00-19.00 **NETWORKING APERITIF**

The Secretariat will organise a "networking aperitif", a moment opens to all organisations with discussions on topics of common interest from which to gather inputs for future projects and collaborations among members. The session will be held in an informal context, with small groups discussing around possible future proposals. The networking aperitif will begin with presentations of project ideas from participants, then each project idea will be assigned a table where the discussion will continue more in depth. The participants can decide to present a project idea that they want to discuss with other organizations or join a table with the topic of their interest.

20.00 **Dinner**

FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

8.45-9.30 **Registration opens**

09.30-10.30 *Learning how to browsing the SERN Members' Area*

Introduction to Project Cycle Management

9.30 - 13.00 **IMPROVING QUALITY IN ECEC THROUGH PEDAGOGICAL INNOVATION**

When we look to innovate and increase quality in sectors like early education, where the challenges and demands are consistent over time, and the systems and structures are hard to shift, the focus will be especially on making changes in something established, especially by introducing new methods and ideas. Starting from this assumption, we want to present methodologies and methods developed in 4 different projects, which can provide teachers and educators with new tools to innovate and improve pre-school service. This session expects participants to reflect together with pedagogues and teachers directly involved in the project activities on:

- the narrative approach
- the role of the teachers in play activities
- the storytelling and digital learning
- the pedagogy of outdoor education

10.00 - 12.00 **PROMOTING DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS - session 2**

The second session of the seminar about digital inclusion, will focus on the analysis of strengths and replicability of the practices previously presented.

10.30 - 10.50 **Coffee break**

11.00 - 12.30 **LOCAL GREEN DEALS - SUSTAINABILITY IN TOURISM**

This workshop aims to provide public authorities with the knowledge and tools to promote sustainable tourism practices in their communities, with a focus on the concept of local green deals. The local green deal approach and sustainable tourism are closely related concepts that share a common goal of promoting sustainable development and reducing the environmental impact of tourism activities. When combined, the local green deal approach and sustainable tourism can help communities develop a sustainable tourism industry that benefits both the environment and local communities.

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 - 15.30 **GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRACTICES**

Municipalities can be driving actors in promoting circular economy practices among community actors and citizens. To what extent do they apply the principles of circular economy in their operations and in particular when it comes to procurement practices? The seminar will be looking at key challenges and emerging approaches in the field of public procurement at municipal level.

PROMOTING DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS - session 3

The third session of the seminar about digital inclusion will be focused on identifying possible topics of collaboration for future initiatives and projects in the network

15.30 - 18.00 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2023 SESSION**

- Opening speech, Chairman of the SERN Executive Board, Gert-Inge Andersson
- Opening of the Session and approval of the order of business
- Approval of the minutes of the 2022 session
- Keynote Speech of the Swedish Ambassador, Jan Björklund
- SERN Annual Report 2022
- Financial Report 2022
- Election of the SERN Executive Board and Board of Auditors
- Report of the Board of Auditors 2022
- Budget 2023
- Venue of the 2024 Session
- Closing Speech, Vice Chairman of the SERN Executive Board, Lubiano Montaguti
- Adjournment and closing of the Session

18.15 - 19.00 **SERN EXECUTIVE BOARD - CONSTITUTIVE SESSION**

20.00 **Dinner**