

# Course and contact seminar focusing on the Estonian school success and European school cooperation



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Class/pupil exchanges, job-shadowing, Erasmus+ and Nordplus  
within lower secondary school education – pupils age 15-17.

## Place

Tallinn

## Date

2nd-4th November 2026

## Purpose

The purpose of the course and the contact seminar is to learn from the Estonian school success and for the participants to find future partners for class exchanges. What lies behind Estonia's success in PISA? Strengths of Estonian education – school autonomy, equity and well-trained teachers. Can some elements of Estonia's educational system be implemented in other countries?

## Content

There will be plenty of opportunities for the personal meeting between the individual teachers from other European countries. The course will focus on best practice in relation to travel and online collaboration as part of the students' teaching. In addition, the participants will gain broad knowledge of how to apply for funding for European cooperation. There will be plenty of partners from schools across Europe for all participants – including 20 schools from Denmark.

## Participants

European lower secondary school teachers and leaders [pupils age 15-17]

02.11.2026

09.00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>
09.10	<b>Introduction of participants and specific interests</b>
10.00	<b>Estonian Education: Excellence in PISA, looking to reinforce success</b> Speaker from Tallinn University, School of Educational Sciences What lies behind Estonia's success in PISA? Strengths of Estonian education – school autonomy, equity and well-trained teachers. Can some elements of Estonia's educational system be implemented in other countries? Uncovering the driving principles and investments behind Estonia's PISA success story. Exploring the Estonian education reform journey. Identifying how Estonia is encouraging stakeholder engagement and collective efficacy. Revealing mechanisms used to support teachers and schools in building their own capacity to cooperate in delivering high quality education. Reviewing current challenges faced by Estonian education, and how the government is working with stakeholders to address these.
11.00	Break
11.15	<b>Workshop: What did you learn from the presentation about Estonian school system?</b>
11.30	<b>Workshop: Best practices of class exchanges/pupil mobilities</b>
12.00	Lunch
13.00	<b>School visit – Tallinna Pelgulinna State Gymnasium</b> In 2023, the educational building at Pelgulinna State Gymnasium won both the Wooden Building of the Year and the Capital of Culture Architecture Award. The principles of sustainable architecture, the needs of high school students and the well-being of people have been taken into account when creating the school building. A distinctive feature of the building is the spatial grid made of glued laminated timber, which gives the facade a three-dimensional appearance. The Gymnasium is more than just a school building; it is an educational, cultural, and community center where people work together flexibly.
14.30	<b>Workshop in smaller groups - find partners for:</b> 1. Erasmus+ pupil mobilities 2. Nordplus Junior mobilities 3. Online cooperation
18.30	<b>Dinner and cultural event</b>

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09.00	<b>Future School – evidence-driven change management for collaborative school culture</b> Speaker from Tallinn University, School of Educational Sciences
10.00	Break
10.20	<b>The different opportunities for schools in the Erasmus+ program and Nordplus</b> - Erasmus Accreditation - Erasmus KA122: Group mobility of school pupils' [2-30 days] / Short-term learning mobility of pupils' [10-29 days] - Erasmus Cooperation Partnerships / Small-scale Partnerships - Nordplus Junior: Class exchange
11.00	<b>Workshop: Best practices of Job-shadowing/ Small-scale Partnerships / Cooperation Partnerships</b>
11.20	Break
11.30	<b>Workshop: Best practices of class exchanges / pupil mobilities</b>
11.50	<b>Workshop in smaller groups - find partners for:</b> 1. Erasmus+ KA122 - group mobilities / short-term learning mobility 2. Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnerships / Erasmus+ Small-scale Partnerships 3. Class Exchanges [Erasmus, Nordplus Junior or self funded]
12.20	Lunch
13.20	<b>Workshop in smaller groups - find partners for:</b> 1. Erasmus+ KA122 - group mobilities / short-term learning mobility 2. Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnerships / Erasmus+ Small-scale Partnerships 3. Class Exchanges [Erasmus, Nordplus Junior or self funded]
14.00	<b>Agree on your future cooperation with your new partners</b>
15.30	End of program

# Program

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8.45	We meet outside the school – participants can at the seminar choose what school they prefer to visit
9.00-12.00	<b>School visit 1: Bilingual public school</b> Pupils apply the content and language learning (CLIL) methodology from Year 1 and teach all languages (Estonian, Russian, English) and subjects using CLIL methods and language immersion principles. Pupils with Estonian and Russian home languages learn together as a group throughout the day or most of the day, based on the principles of CLIL, so that pupils learn the different languages in a meaningful context in their everyday communication and in relation to their subject knowledge.
9.00-12.00	<b>School visit 2: Normal public school</b> Description will come later
	<b>End of program</b>

# Practical information

Overblik	
Kursussted	Conference room at Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel Tallinn, Toompuiestee 27/Paldiski mnt. 4, 10149 Tallinn, Estonia
Dato	02-04.11.2026 [hotel bestilt fra 1/11-4/11]
Tilmeldingsfrist	15.09.2026
Deltagerpris	Gratis for skoler, der er med i Efterskoleforeningens Erasmus+ aktiviteter 2025 eller 2026. Kursusafgift, hotel samt bespisning er inkluderet. Deltagerne sørger selv for rejseforsikring samt transport til og fra Tallinn. Transporten refunderes med 1.500kr. for fly. Grøn transport refunderes med 2.500kr. Pris, for deltagere fra skoler der ikke er med i Efterskoleforeningens Erasmus+, er 3.500 kr.+ transport. Det er op til den enkelte deltager hvornår man rejser ud og hjem. Vi skal bo på dobbeltværelser. Der er egenbetaling på 1.500 kr. for enkeltværelse. Hotellet er booket fra 1-4/11.
Deltagerantal	20 deltagere fra efterskoler [+ 30 europæiske lærere fra skoler med elever i alderen 15-17år] 2 deltagere per skole [deltager nr. 2 fra de sidst tilmeldte skoler kommer på venteliste, hvis kurset fyldes]
Betaling	Der fremsendes en faktura i forbindelse med tilmelding
Framelding	Framelding efter 1. oktober koster 2.500 kr. – gælder alle deltagere
Kursusleder	Jakob Clausager Jensen, jcj@efterskolerne.dk, +45 22361153
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