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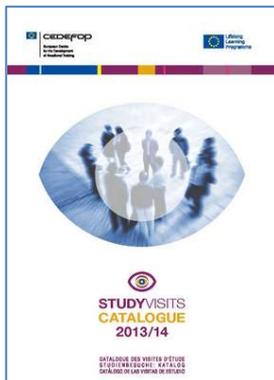
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Study visit grants for education and training specialists - Application deadline: 28 March 2013

Education and training specialists are invited to apply for the next round of the study visits programme, comprising [119 study visits](#) in 28 countries between September 2013 and February 2014. Participants – policy-makers and other specialists from education, training and the social partners - will receive an EU grant covering expenses.



The three-to-five day visits will explore about **thirty different topics** on European education and training, such as

- the acquisition of key competences (language teaching and learning, education for active citizenship, ICT use, etc.);
- work-based learning and moving from education and training to the world of work;
- cooperation between schools and training institutions, companies and local communities;
- equal opportunities for disadvantaged groups;
- initial and continuing training of teachers, trainers and educational leaders.

Who can benefit?

Policy-makers in the education and training field – local, regional or national; representatives **of employers' associations and trade unions**; **directors** of schools, training centres, guidance services, and validation and accreditation centres; **teacher trainers**; education and training **inspectors**.

Interested candidates should consult [national agencies](#) in their countries and submit their applications online at the [study visits website](#) by 12 noon CET on **28 March 2013**.

Background

The study visits programme, coordinated by Cedefop, is part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme which comes to an end in 2013. This is the penultimate round for applications.

Between 2008 and 2012, 10 063 people from 33 countries received a grant from the EU to take part in 934 study visits organised in 30 countries. The visits were hosted by more than 600 education and training institutions and organisations. 97 % of participants and 96 % of organisers report being satisfied or very satisfied with their study visit experience.

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