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Last opportunity to participate in study visits: apply by 15 October

The call for applications to participate in the study visits programme for education and vocational training decision-makers and specialists is [open now](#).

The visits, to take place between March and June 2014, are the last that were scheduled within the Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-13).

[144 study visits](#) will take place in 29 European countries. These will explore about 30 various topics, in line with the latest European priorities in education and training.

Topics include:

- Helping people acquire key competences (language teaching and learning, education for active citizenship and sustainable development, ICT use);
- Work-based learning and transition from education and training to the world of work;
- Cooperation between education and training institutions, companies and communities;
- Equal opportunities for disadvantaged groups;
- Measures to prevent early school leaving;
- Initial and continuing training of teachers, trainers and educational leaders.

'I learned so much during the study visit. Discussing in a group of open-minded and dedicated professionals who have the same objectives but work in a different context was challenging and stimulating. I brought back a lot of good ideas'.

Study visits are targeted to those responsible for educational and vocational training policies at local, regional and national levels, including directors of education and vocational training establishments, guidance centres and validation and accreditation centres; teacher trainers; education and training inspectors as well as representatives of employers' associations and trade unions. The [impact](#) of the study visits programme on education and training policy and practice in Europe is considerable.

Candidates should consult [national agencies](#) in their countries and submit their applications online at the [study visits webpages of the Cedefop web portal](#) by 12:00 noon Central European Time on **15 October 2013**.

The next phase of peer-learning activities in the world of education and training, Erasmus+, will be discussed at a conference to be held on 26 September 2013 in Thessaloniki.

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