



PEER LEARNING STUDY VISIT IN SLOVENIA
LEADING FOR QUALITY IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND CARE
24 November 2019 – 30 November 2019
Ljubljana

Early learning matters for the general well-being of young children. Studies show relationships between early learning outcomes, experiences and outcomes for school-age children and adolescents, and outcomes in adulthood. Early learning makes it easier to acquire additional knowledge and skills in the future.

On the global scale, Slovenia has a long tradition and well-established system of early childhood care and education. According to Early Moments Matter For Every Child (Unicef Report) and Structural Indicators on Early Childhood Education and Care in Europe (EC 2016) Slovenia scores high and has excellent provisions for early childhood development.

Preschool education and care in Slovenia is aimed at children one to six or the starting age of compulsory primary education and is not compulsory. Despite the fact that is not compulsory the vast majority of children attend kindergartens, the proportion of five year olds who attend preschool education was at 92% in 2016/2017 and is among the highest in Europe. Regarding quality Slovenian kindergartens score amongst the highest especially in the following areas: open and flexible curriculum, integration of children with special needs into the regular programme, architectural design of kindergartens, nutrition and hygiene standards, support offered by the local community authorities, and many others.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT

The study visit is aimed at:

- ✓ getting an overview of the Slovenian education system and early childhood education as an integral part of it;
- ✓ offering opportunities to get an insight into different institutions supporting the quality of the Slovenian kindergartens (see programme in detail);
- ✓ guided visits of at least 3 kindergartens to get an up-close and personal life of daily life, education and learning (modus operandi) in the Slovenian kindergartens;

TARGET GROUP: pre-school/kindergarten headteachers and policy makers

DATES: 24 November 2019 – 30 November 2019

LOCATION: Ljubljana, Slovenia

STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME

<p>Sunday Arrival of the participants</p>
<p>Monday Morning: visit to kindergarten Afternoon: Introduction to the Slovenian education system and early childhood education as an integral part of it (Ministry of Education, Science and Sport)</p>
<p>Tuesday Morning: visit to kindergarten Afternoon: visit to Ljubljana Municipality – Pre-school Education and Schooling Department (Topic: The role and responsibilities of local authorities in pre-school education)</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning: visit to kindergarten Afternoon: visit to the National Education Institute (Topic: Pre-school education curriculum)</p>
<p>Thursday Morning: visit to the Faculty of Education (Topic: Pre-school Education Study Programme); visit to the Secondary Preschool Education and Gimnazija Ljubljana (Topic: Training for pre-school teacher) ; visit to the National School for Leadership in Education (Topic: Pre-school headteacher professional development) Afternoon: free</p>
<p>Friday Morning: visit to kindergarten Afternoon: presentation of the Slovenian Kindergarten Association</p>
<p>Saturday Departure of the participants</p>

HOSTING ORGANISATION

National School for Leadership in Education ([NSLE](#)) is a public institution established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, which specializes in training and professional development of headteachers and other leaders in education for more than 20 years. The staff and the trainers have years of experience in teaching and/or leadership in education, and work daily in close cooperation with headteachers from kindergartens, schools, associations, universities etc.



COSTS: 960 EUR (including: course fee, accommodation (single bedroom) in *City hotel Ljubljana* located in the heart of the city center, breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, local transportation for visits to kindergartens).

The costs do NOT include travel costs (e.g. plane/train/car; transportation from the airport to the hotel).

PAYMENT

Full payment will be due 2 months before the course begins. Cancellation charges apply.

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DEADLINE for registration 1. 9. 2019

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We are happy to welcoming you in Slovenia.

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