

Education in Finland and Estonia – Original Best Practices Benchmarking courses. Description of activities. General program 2019.

Sunday.

Cultural sightseeing. Meeting in public premises. Welcome dinner.

Tasks: Learn to know about Helsinki City. Become aware of organizational issues and make acquaintance with persons involved in the course.

Monday.

Morning: Daily program. Organizational. Introduction of program. Practical advice.

Topic 1: Innovation. Management. Guided tours in school premises. School lunch.

Afternoon: Classroom observation. Presentation about school and curriculum. Presentation about management. Workshop activities. Aims of course. Presentations of participants. Discussions.

Free workshop: Learning diary, notes and recommendations for your own school. Social media updates.

Tasks: Compare curriculum/syllabus/ development plan of your own school with findings in foreign schools. If you are a principal, focus on management issues too. Contribute to discussions. Learning diary, notes and recommendations for your own school.

Tuesday.

Morning: Daily program. Organizational. Feedback and feed forward.

Topic 2: Innovation, digital transformation. Presentation, demo. Classrooms observation. School lunch.

Afternoon: Classrooms observation. Coffee/tea break. Workshop activities. Presentations.

Discussions. Free workshop. Learning diary, notes and recommendations for your own school. Social media updates.

Tasks: Focus on challenges of innovation and digital transformation. Discuss about successful approaches.

Wednesday.

Morning: Daily program. Organizational. Feedback and feed forward.

Topic 3: Student in the center, presentation.

Classrooms observation. Learning diary. School lunch.

Afternoon: Meeting in Helsinki center. Cultural targets of Helsinki center. Transfer to harbor in the afternoon. Ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn (2 hrs).

Tasks: Observe differences in studying and learning practices of students. Reflect & discuss role of research and science in school education.

Thursday.

Tallinn. Morning: Daily program. Organizational. Feedback and feed forward.

Topic 4: Teacher in the center. Welcome in Tallinn school (1) Introduction.

Classrooms observation. School lunch.

Afternoon: Workshop on the daily topic. Presentations of participants. Discussions.

Free workshop: Learning diary, notes and recommendations for your own school. Social media updates.

Tasks: Learn to know how school promotes development. Observe classroom practices. Contribute to discussion about best practices in different countries.

Friday.

Morning: Welcome in Tallinn school (2). Introduction.

Topic 5: European development and school systems. Classrooms observations. Lunch

Afternoon: Discussion with teachers and students. Workshop on the daily topic. Final session.

Tasks: Learning diaries, feed forward. Filling in the online evaluation of the course. Follow-up.

Networking. Find examples and discuss about comparison of school systems. Finalize your notes

and recommendations. Discuss about how to start dissemination. Project collaboration. Fill in online evaluation form. Certificate.

Saturday.

Morning. Finalizing recommendations for report. Social media updates. Individual support on demand. Lunch.

Afternoon: Cultural and educational targets in Tallinn. Closure.

Tasks: Reflect on course results and discuss. Think about preparing personal development plan.

Confirm contacts with colleagues. Continuation of collaboration. Take part in a cultural farewell visit (optional).

NB! Final programs will be delivered by the main trainer of the course before the course with detailed information. The programs of sessions may be slightly different due to participants' profiles.