

Template for Transnational Cooperation Activities**Type of event:**

Transnational training, support and contact seminars of potential programme participants

For which sector(s): School Education Vocational Education and Training Higher Education Adult Education Youth**Key action(s) targeted:** KA1 KA2 KA3**Budgetary year:** 2019**Hosting country:** FI**Coordinating National Agency** (use full name and abbreviation): **FI01 Finnish Erasmus+ Agency, Finnish National Agency for Education****Partner National Agency(s)** (if applicable, use full name and abbreviation):**Title of event:** Exploring the wonders of science and nature (ECEC)**Starting date of the event:** 29/09/2019**Ending date of the event:** 02/10/2019**Event venue (city, country):** Turku, Finland**Working language:** English**Number of places in total:** 50**Profile of participants:**

The seminar is open to participants within the field of school education. The contact seminar is targeted especially at developers and representatives of primary education, pre-schools and day-care centers (the target group of the activities is children aged 3 to 8 years). We are looking for participants who are interested in the topic of the seminar and committed to develop a Erasmus+ Strategic partnership.

Context: Early Childhood Education and Care**Themes and goals of the event:**

Why do shadows change their length? How do plants drink water and what do they need in order to grow? Where does water disappear after rain? Children are genuine researchers, and their interest in natural phenomena opens endless opportunities to investigate their immediate environment and embark on an adventure to the world of natural sciences.

How can learning environments support and encourage this learning and strengthen the value of natural sciences from an early age? Early childhood education should give children the skills to observe, structure and understand their surroundings. Teaching methods should promote play, creativity and joyful learning.

The world of science offers countless possibilities for different pedagogical activities. Also, the possibility to use digital methods makes learning visible and interactive, and at the same time children can strengthen their skill to use digital tools.

This contact seminar gives educators an opportunity to learn, share experiences, discuss challenges and find alternative ways to increase natural sciences teaching in kindergartens and first years of school. The seminar brings together early childhood education and care professionals from different European countries, giving them the possibility to network and learn from the ideas and practices from the European colleagues. The seminar aims to produce project ideas and project proposals for the Erasmus+ KA2 strategic partnerships.

Event's webpage: <https://erasmus-tca.wixsite.com/fi-ecec-2019>

Programme of event: available at <https://erasmus-tca.wixsite.com/fi-ecec-2019/programme> and at the end of this document

Travel information: From Helsinki to Turku (distance 170 km): by plane, train or bus.

Event fee (amount in EUR): Not applicable. Hosting costs (seminar and cultural programme, all meals during the seminar, accommodation in a single room for 3 nights) of the selected participants will be financed by the Finnish NA.

Travel costs (who covers the travel costs): to be covered by the sending NA

Registration (if applicable): registration link will be sent to the nominated participants after 31 July 2019

Is National Agencies staff welcome? yes

If yes, what is role and rules of participation of NA staff in event (eg. limit of number of persons in general, from one country, financial rules, deadline for registration etc.): to be agreed

Programme of event:

Programme (draft) of the event:

Sunday 29.9.2019	Monday 30.9.2019	Tuesday 1.10.2019	Wednesday 2.10.2019
	9.00 Official opening of the seminar	9:00	9:00
	Setting the scene	Study visits to local kindergartens	
	Key note		Finalization of projects and presentations
Individual arrivals	Coffee break		Coffee break
Checking in at the hotel	Introduction to Erasmus+ Project Presentations KA201 KA229 (KA219) eTwinning	Study visits to local kindergartens Presentation of project ideas and results from working groups	Short presentations of results and project ideas The seminar closure
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch 13.00-14.00
	The Finnish Early Childhood Education and care How to organize a Strategic partnership project Discussion of possible themes Formation of working groups	How to fill in an application form for KA2 projects Working groups	Individual departures
	Coffee break	Coffee break	
	Discussion in working groups	Working groups	
17.00 Registration of participants	Cultural programme		
Dinner 18.00 - 21.00	Dinner	Dinner	
Welcome European fair, informal drink and food			