



**TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITY**

**Exploring the wonders of science and nature (ECEC)**

**September 29 – October 2**

**Turku, Finland**

**Type of event:**

Contact Seminar

**Working language:**

English

**Number of Spanish participants:**

2 participants from the field of School Education

**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 an Erasmus+ Strategic partnership.

**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>

**Cost:**

**Meals and accommodation:** Meals and accommodation during the Seminar will be covered by the NA agency and it will cover accommodation and meals during the seminar.

**Travel costs:** SEPIE will contribute to the travel costs based on the table provided for TCAs. This financial support will be paid directly to the selected organisation by SEPIE in compliance with the procedures established by this agency (see information on the SEPIE website).

**Support for accommodation and meals not included in the activity programme:** SEPIE will contribute to these costs based on the table provided for TCAs. This financial support (up to 2 travel days) will be paid directly to the selected organisation by SEPIE in compliance with the procedures established by this agency (see information on the SEPIE website).

**Support for participants with special needs:** Applicants with special needs might apply for a reimbursement based on real costs. The reimbursement based on real costs will be granted only if it is clearly justified and requested in the application form, and once approved by the national agency (SEPIE). This financial support will be paid directly to the selected organisation by SEPIE in compliance with the procedures established by this agency (see information on the SEPIE website). By choosing this option, the participant will renounce to a reimbursement based on unit costs.