

European Funding for Professional Development: Study Visits

Grants are available under the **Transversal programme** to contribute to the professional development of professionals involved in education and work-based learning.

Two exciting programmes of Study Visits allow individuals to take part in a week-long programme of activities in another European country. Participants learn about education systems and practices and have the opportunity to visit schools and colleges, meet practitioners, and hear from employers, trade unions and sectoral bodies. You also have the opportunity to network with your European peers and form new links and partnerships for future collaboration.

Study Visits usually focus on a particular theme and topics for past visits have included:

- Encouraging youth entrepreneurship in the Netherlands
- Teaching autistic students in Slovenia
- Co-operation between education and industry in Iceland
- Ensuring access to IT for everyone in Spain
- Environmental education in schools in Italy

Participants and their organisations benefit from learning about new practices and approaches in education – visits offer the chance for you to share your own expertise with other professionals, and benefit from the different practices across Europe.

The Study Visits Programmes

There are two Study Visits programmes:

- Study Visits for Education Specialists & Decision-Makers; and
- Study Visits for Vocational Education & Training.

Please contact the Study Visits team to find out which programme would be suitable for you.

How can I apply?

The next application deadline for the programmes will be in October 2007.

Application forms and catalogues of visits will become available over the summer so please contact us to be put on our mailing list.

Where can I find out more?

For more information please contact ECOTEC on 0845 199 3939 or email studyvisits@ecotec.com.