

*Naturbruksskolenes Forening/EUROPEA Norway  
has the honour to invite you to Bergen, Norway, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2024  
to work with this topic:*

## Together we go further and faster

- *How can we develop our schools, staff, and students through cooperation and collaboration on international, national, and regional levels?*
- *What can creative people from EUROPEA do with support from Erasmus+ and similar fundings?*

### This course will focus on:

- getting knowledge, examples and inspiration on how we can develop schools, staff and students through collaboration and cooperation on international, national and regional levels
- sharing ideas for new collaboration
- carrying out workshops to develop new international activities for both students and staff, finding partners and developing new projects
- sharing examples and reflecting upon why we should, and how we can, cooperate locally and regionally
- visiting two different VET schools, our regional educational authorities, and Bergen: a World Heritage City. We hope to share the pleasure of seeing new landscapes, and learning from new colleagues and students, as a part of our work on the main topic: cooperation



### Venue: Bergen, Norway

We will stay at Hotell ZanderK <https://www.zanderk.no/en/> in Bergen city centre, and during the 3 days, our course will take place at 3 different sites in Bergen and nearby.



### Headlines from the program

**Monday 13.5.:** Travel Day. Registration at hotel. Dinner at hotel at 8 pm

**Tuesday 14.5.:** Walk from hotel to Vestlandshuset, where the Director of education and his staff will welcome us to their brand-new headquarters. Opening of the course, speeches, and workshops and reflection on our main topic: "Together we go further and faster. How can we help each other to develop our schools, staff, and students through cooperation on international, national, and regional levels?" Time to see Bergen in the afternoon. Dinner at Hotel ZanderK

**Wednesday 15.5.:** National Coordinators meeting in the morning, then we go by light rail and school busses to a green school: Stend Upper Secondary School <https://www.stend.vgs.no/>

We continue our work on the main topic (lectures and workshops), get to know the school, how collaboration is a part of the daily life at school, and meet colleagues and students in their practical training arenas. There might be a surprise for dinner....





**Thursday 16.5.:** We go by bus and ferry to a blue (fishery) school, Austevoll Upper Secondary School <https://www.austevoll.vgs.no/>

We get to know this school (also with a focus on collaboration), visit a fishing boat and other arenas for practical training, finish our workshops on the main topic and go back to Stend Upper Secondary School for General Assembly, and a break before the final dinner.

**Friday 17.5.:** Breakfast at hotel and leaving for home, or joining our national celebration of 17th of May in the morning and lunch at Tone's house in the afternoon (for an additional fee).

### Target group

Teachers, international coordinators, project leaders and school leaders from educational institutions in green and blue VET-sectors in Europe

### Price

- Accommodation and meals: 760 EUR/person in single room, 560 EUR/person in double room

We plan for 1 free person per country

- We intend to create the course so that it should be eligible for using Erasmus+ funding for courses (if you have this)

- If your sending organisation has money for the course fee from Erasmus+, we will ask you for a course fee of 80 EUR \*3 = 240 EUR in addition, as a contribution to our common budget

### How many participants per country?

We don't plan any specific limitations, except that we will reserve one room each for all countries till the deadline 1 April, to make sure that all countries are given an opportunity to participate (if they register before the deadline).

To get all the spots you want, we encourage you to register your participants as early as possible.



**Deadline for registration is 1 April, and deadline for payment 10 April 2024. You will get an invoice.**

**After 1 April, your registration is binding.** This means that you cannot cancel registration after 1.4.2024, but names of participants can be changed.

To register, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Z7HnFMq07E>

### We would be happy to know more about your expectations

Collaboration is a broad topic, and the participants of this course will have different backgrounds, experiences, and expectations. To be able to adapt the program to your needs, we will invite you to fill in another form where the main questions are: **What are hoping to get out of this course? What are your learning aims? We kindly ask you to fill in this form after having registered for the course:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/FENqXNtq9i>

After getting this input from you we will provide a more detailed program and describe the expected learning outcome.

## Some practical issues

### How to get to Bergen, Norway?

1. **Plane** to Bergen airport (BGO). Light rail (Bybanen) from Bergen Lufthavn (Bergen Airport) to Bergen city center.
2. **Bus** (eg Haukeliekspressen) from Oslo. Beautiful drive if you have time for it.
3. Bring your **car** by ferry from Hirtshals, Denmark, to Larvik, and drive to Bergen via Haukeli. Beautiful drive across the mountains and along the fjords. But it takes time; Norwegian roads are often beautiful, but in general narrow and winding.
4. **Train** from or via Oslo to Bergen: [www.Vy.no](http://www.Vy.no) If the weather is good, the trip is good too! 2 min walk from the railway station to hotel.
5. **Ferry** from Hirtshals to Bergen: <https://www.fjordline.com/en>. On this ferry you can also bring your car. The ferry arrives in Bergen around noon on Monday 13 May.

### Local transport

Our hotel is in the city centre, only 100 meters from the railway station and 200 meters from city rail.

<https://www.zanderk.no/en/>

From airport: Take light rail to Nonneseter light rail stop. Hotel is only a 3 minute walk away. The light rail runs from 5 till 00 every day, leaves every 5-10 minutes from the airport, takes 43 minutes and costs 3,5 EUR/pax.

<https://www.skyss.no/en/travel/timetables-and-maps/timetable-for-bergen-light-rail/>

Tickets at the station or via app: <https://www.skyss.no/en/travel/Skyss-travel-app/>

### Do you want to see what our constitutional day is like?

Then you need to take a flight at night or stay another night at the hotel. Check out options before you decide.

17 May is our Constitutional Day and will be celebrated in the city centre from early morning. You can expect to see people in national costumes carrying flags, hear music and watch the parade or join the parade yourself. After the parade, you are welcome to join an informal, but traditional lunch at around 2 or 3 pm in Tone's house and garden for a small additional fee.



**This course is also a result of a collaboration and will be organised with help from the Director of education and his staff in Vestland County, Austevoll Upper Secondary School, and Stend Upper Secondary School. Without you, we could not have done this. Thank you in advance!**

### We all really look forward to seeing you in Bergen!

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