

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

11-12 MAY 2023 Cervia



PROGRAMME

UPDATED VERSION- 28/04/2023

Deadline for registration: 28th April Venue:Hotel Universal, Lungomare Grazia Deledda, 118, Cervia

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023

Arrival of the delegations in Cervia

17.00-18.30 Meeting of the SERN Board of Auditors (only for the members of the Board of Auditors)

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023

8.30 Registration opens

9.00 Opening of the GA 2023

- Massimo Medri Mayor of Cervia Municipality
- Gert-Inge Andersson Chairman of the SERN Executive Board, City of Trollättan

9.15-11.00 UPSKILLING IN SCHOOL EDUCATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

The programme Erasmus+ offers an important opportunity to bring positive and long-lasting effects on primary and secondary school staff and students, Early Childhood Education and Care staff and pedagogical coordinators: the learning mobility of individuals. The variety of mobility activities, such as job-shadowing and participation in structured training courses, have the main objective to improve competences, to increase capacity to trigger changes in term of international opening within their educational organisation while fostering a better quality of teachers' work with children and pupils. The seminar will focus on successful strategies to effectively carry out different types of mobility activities abroad, also thanks to the testimonies and feedback from numerous SERN members who have actively participated in this activity.

UPSKILLING OF SCHOOL STAFF THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

- Laura Avanzi, SERN Secretariat
- Federica Gravina, SERN Secretariat
- Municipality of Imola

UPSKILLING OF STUDENTS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

- Roberto Rossi, Liceo Moro Reggio Emilia
- Maria Rita Ferretti, Istituto Superiore Gobetti Scandiano

9.15-11.00 LOCAL GREEN DEALS -CITY PLANNING AND CLIMATE ADATAPTION

City planning and climate adaptation are essential for creating more sustainable and resilient cities in the face of climate change. Local green deals can be a powerful tool for achieving these goals by promoting sustainable development, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing resilience to climate impacts. Through case studies/best practices, and group discussions, participants will gain a better understanding of the key strategies and principles involved in developing successful local green deals, and how to engage with communities and stakeholders to create lasting change.

Speakers:

- Nicola Catellani, SERN
- Cornelia Sörman, Municipality of Vänersborg
- Caterina Girelli and Daniele Capitani, Municipality of Cervia
- Daniele Capitani and Stefano Ravaioli, Municipality of Ravenna
- Elisa Spada, Municipality of Imola



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11.15-13.00 PROMOTING DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS - session 1 of 3

The seminar aims to explore the challenges and opportunities of ensuring that marginalised groups have equal access to digital technologies and services provided by public administrations. The seminar focuses on best practices already implemented by SERN members and Cypriot organisations in the framework of the Digital Trainers Project. Participants will be provided with practical examples and knowledge to promote new strategies in their community, contributing to a more equitable and inclusive society.

11.15-13.00 INTERNATIONALISING SCHOOLS WITH ERASMUS+

The workshop is designed to provide practical guidance and support to schools looking to boost their international dimension. This workshop aims to provide participants with the knowledge and tools to develop a successful international strategy and take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Erasmus+ Programme. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a better understanding of the key steps to develop an international strategy in schools/preschools and how to apply for and participate in Erasmus+ projects, thanks to the tools developed by the BE+ project.

Speakers:

- Nicola Catellani, SERN Secretariat
- Joakim Hellgren, Municipality of Luleå

11.15-13.00 LOCAL GREEN DEALS - PLANNING LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

There is a pressing need to increase awareness of local and regional authorities, and other stakeholders about the potential of food and urban food systems in climate change adaptation and mitigation. The food value chain is strongly affected by the activities and policies of local public actors across its different stages: primary production, agro-food processing, distribution & retail, consumption and waste management. The seminar will provide an opportunity for reflection and discussions about how municipal departments can play a key role both as a stakeholder and driver through coordinated action.

Speakers:

- Eva Rådander, Municipality Mjölby
- Annarita Sicuri, Parma Food Farm 4.0
- Merja Willman, Norrköping Municipality

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.15-17.15 STUDY VISIT - EDUCATION (in Cervia)

Participants will visit schools of different grades. Among them, is the Buonarroti Primary School, where it is possible to visit the didactic garden and where Pacifico, a small ginkgo biloba born from the seeds of a tree that survived the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, is located. It is the only Italian school that is carrying out meetings between pupils and bomb survivors and won a prize in the Comuni Fioriti competition in 2021. Participants also have the opportunity to attend the closing presentation of the activities of the Girls' and Boys' Municipal Council (Lower Middle School) in the Municipal Council Hall.









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14.15-17.15 STUDY VISIT - GREEN AND SUSTAINABILITY (in Cervia)

The visit will focus on a series of interventions related to urban regeneration and climate change adaptation actions, which are closely linked to the guiding planning tools. Participants will visit the urban regeneration project of Piazza Premi Nobel in Pinarella and climate walks implemented thanks to the Adriadapt Ita-Cro project; the new Milano Marittima promenade, viale Matteotti and the rain gardens.

14.15-17.15 STUDY VISIT - DIGITAL INCLUSION (in Ravenna)

The Municipality of Ravenna has carried out an Urban Innovative Action, the DARE project: a highly innovative urban project in the field of Digital transition. DARE started-up a new approach to urban regeneration based on digital participatory tools, and digital storytelling, in order to accelerate the regeneration of the Darsena district, based on a multi-stakeholder collaborative platform. During the study visit we plan to show the participants the fascinating neighbourhood of the Darsena, and explain the participation activities carried out and the DARE project results. Moreover participants will be directly involved in the youth participation activity with teenagers and youth, that have started -up and are implementing a podcasting platform based on inclusion and multiculturalism.

SERN EXECUTIVE BOARD 17.30-18.30

18.00-19.00 NETWORKING APERITIF

The Secretariat will organise a "networking aperitif", a moment opens to all organisations with discussions on topics of common interest from which to gather inputs for future projects and collaborations among members. The session will be held in an informal context, with small groups discussing around possible future proposals. The networking aperitif will begin with presentations of project ideas from participants, then each project idea will be assigned a table where the discussion will continue more in depth. The participants can decide to present a project idea that they want to discuss with other organizations or join a table with the topic of their interest.

20.00 Dinner

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FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

8.45-9.30 **Registration opens**

09.30-10.30 Learning how to browse the SERN Members' Area

Introduction to Project Cycle Management

9.30 - 13.00 IMPROVING QUALITY IN ECEC THROUGH PEDAGOGICAL INNOVATION

When we look to innovate and increase quality in sectors like early education, where the challenges and demands are consistent over time, and the systems and structures are hard to shift, the focus will be especially on making changes in something established, especially by introducing new methods and ideas. Starting from this assumption, we want to present methods and methodologies developed in 4 different projects sharing the concept of cooperative learning, unpredictability of play based learning, which can provide teachers and educators with new tools to innovate and improve pre-school services. This session expects participants to reflect together with pedagogues and teachers directly involved in the project activities on: the narrative approach, the role of the teachers in play activities; the storytelling and digital learning; the pedagogy of outdoor education.

Speakers/Facilitators:

- Géraldine Libreau, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission
- Daniele Chitti, Municipality of Imola
- Francesca Tarantola, Parma Municipality
- Francesca Lanzoni, Unione Terre d'Argine
- Elisabetta Nasuti, Municipality of Parma
- Ida Dahlqvist, Municipality of Linköping
- Pia Mattson, Municipality of Vänersborg
- Fabiola Crudeli, Municipality of Meldola
- Ginevra Roli, SERN Secretariat
- Laura Avanzi, SERN Secretariat

10.00 - 12.00 PROMOTING DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS - session 2 of 3

The second session of the seminar about digital inclusion, will focus on the analysis of strengths and replicability of the practices previously presented.

11.00 - 12.30 LOCAL GREEN DEALS - SUSTAINABILITY IN TOURISM

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This workshop aims to provide public authorities with the knowledge and tools to promote sustainable tourism practices in their communities, with a focus on the concept of local green deals. The local green deal approach and sustainable tourism are closely related concepts that share a common goal of promoting sustainable development and reducing the environmental impact of tourism activities. When combined, the local green deal approach and sustainable tourism industry that benefits both the environment and local communities.

Speakers:

- Maria Pia Pagliarusco, Municipality of Cervia
- Johan Olofsson, Svensk Destinationsutveckling
- Torbjörn Nilsson, City of Trollhättan





14.00 - 15.30 PROMOTING DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS - session 3 of 3

The third session of the seminar about digital inclusion will be focused on identifying possible topics of collaboration for future initiatives and projects in the network

14.00 - 15.30 SHOWCASING

The European Union has declared 2023 as the "EU Year of Skills" to promote and support the development of skills and competencies necessary for an innovative and competitive Europe. The session aims to showcasing Members' best practices related to the European Year of Skills, Members will have the opportunity to get to know new practices and make them known.

- Community Education Pact a document indicating the projects and activities carried out within the school and promoted by subjects in the 'educating community': the municipality, associations, informal groups, sports clubs and businesses in the area that are interested in the future of the children of Cavriago. Municipality of Cavriago
- Evikomp a model for competence development for staff in health and social care with workplace learning as a method. Evikomp thus aims at skills development for staff in health and social care. The model also contributes to meeting current and future needs for expertise in health and social care activities. Municipality of Linköping.

15.30 - 18.00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2023 SESSION

- Opening of the Session and approval of the order of business
- Institutional greetings, Mayor of Cervia Municipality, Massimo Medri
- Opening speech, Chairman of the SERN Executive Board, Gert-Inge Andersson
- Approval of the minutes of the 2022 session
- Speech of the Swedish Ambassador, Jan Björklund
- Speech of the Councilor for Tourism, Emilia-Romagna Region, Andrea Corsini
- SERN Annual Report 2022
- Financial Report 2022
- Report of the Board of Auditors 2022
- Budget 2023
- Election of the SERN Executive Board 2023-2025
- Election of the SERN Board of Auditors 2023-2025
- Venue of the 2024 Session
- Closing Speech, Vice Chairman of the SERN Executive Board, Lubiano Montaguti
- Adjournment and closing of the Session

18.15 - 19.00 SERN EXECUTIVE BOARD - CONSTITUTIVE SESSION

20.00 **Dinner**









