

## STUDY VISIT

# Learning cities: from theory to practice

*Cooperation between education and training in Institutions, enterprises and local communities*

**25th-27th September 2012**

**Udine, Italy**

### **Main objective:**

Encourage cooperation between the worlds of education, training and work

### **Keywords:**

- adult learning
- innovative approaches

### **Why ?**

A learning city is a big or small city or region able to mobilize and organize all its resources in various sectors, to develop and improve citizens' potential. It promotes personal growth, social cohesion, wellbeing and prosperity. It spreads the concept of learning in its wider meaning, develops local cooperation between different sectors and encourages citizens to take part in education. It involves economical, political, educational, cultural and environmental institutions, such as local authorities, educational bodies (schools or associations acting in formal and non-formal education fields), social services, enterprises or cultural associations. Key stakeholders (decision-makers, teachers and directors; universities and their research departments; private learning centres for adults, etc.) set aims, support initiatives, adapt methods and transform theory into practice.

### **What ?**

Participants will learn about:

- tools to encourage the community to become a learning community through participation of citizens;
- initiatives to get support from local industries and companies to increase quality of activities offered;
- research centres for lifelong learning in universities and lifelong learning centres (such as adult education providers, third age universities, civic centres, associations and libraries).

## How ?

Participants will:

- attend a conference on learning cities held by experts and researchers;
- visit different lifelong learning centres and innovative vocational institutions;
- meet local stakeholders and decision-makers involved in a wider project for transforming Udine into a learning city.

## For whom ?

- company training managers,
- directors of education and vocational training institutions, centres or providers,
- heads of departments,
- representatives of education and training networks and associations,
- representatives of local, regional and national authorities.

Working language: **English**

Number of places: **15**

Minimum required: **5**

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