

Study Visits

30 September, 2010 the European Commission published the next call for application of Study Visits in education and vocational training for specialists and decision makers. The main objective of this action is to support policy development and cooperation in lifelong learning. In study visits can participate specialists and decision makers from the EUø, EFTA and candidates countries.

The program is addressed to different groups of education and training stakeholder:

- *Directors of education and vocational training*
- *Guidance, validation and accreditation centers*
- *Teacher trainers*
- *Representatives of employers association and trade unions.*

*Therefore **Agder** can participate in Study Visits Program. The **deadline is 15 October 2010** to apply for a grant.*

Background

A Study Visits Program is a part of EUø Lifelong Learning Program (LLP 2007-2013). It is coordinated both at the national level by the national agencies (in Norway - SIU) and at the European level by Cedefop¹. A group of 10-15 education and vocational training specialists and decision makers can stay in a host country for 3-5 days. A study visits offer presentations and visits to ministries, educational and training institutions etc. It is a good possibility to establish contacts for future cooperation and exchanges.

Who can apply?

All nationals and residents from 27 EU- Member States as well as EFTA countries and candidate countries participate in Study Visits. The program is addressed to:

- Directors of education and vocational training establishments, guidance centers and validation and accreditation centers
- teacher trainers
- education and training inspectors

¹ European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training www.cedefop.europa.eu

- and representatives of employers associations and trade unions

The visits are organized locally or regionally.

Agder can take part in Study Visits Program, because:

- It is a good chance for various groups of education and vocational training stakeholders
- Regional stakeholders have an opportunity to establish professional contacts which can be used to develop new projects and create networks.
- The study visits provide a forum for discussion, exchange and mutual learning on themes of common interest and of European and national priorities.

Program offers 145 study visits in 29 European countries. The **deadline is 15 October 2010** for the EU grant to participate in study visit between March and June 2011. Those who are selected by the national agency can get grant which covers travel and subsistence expenses.

If you are interests in rules, financial support, important dates, selection criteria and process in Norway you should contact your national agency www.siu.no (contact person: Arne Aarseth).

More information:

- <http://studyvisits.cedefop.europa.eu/>
- http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2562_en.htm#
- National Agency in Norway www.siu.no
- Cedefop www.cedefop.europa.eu
- How to apply?
<http://studyvisits.cedefop.europa.eu/index.asp?cid=2&artid=7194&scid=74&lang=EN>
- List of visits
http://studyvisits.cedefop.europa.eu/list/default.asp?cmd=11&per_id=45