

Course title	Interactive Italian language learning for teachers
Course code	068
Course category	Language learning and teaching
Course purpose and overview	<p>This exciting and intensive Italian language course is offered as a one-week full immersion in Italian language and culture.</p> <p>The course aims to improve fluency and accuracy in Italian through experiential language-learning methods and practice, as well as cultural immersion in Italy. You will build your first-person experience in a safe and supportive environment followed by observing, absorbing and activating authentic communication practices directly on the spot, supported by our local professional tutors.</p> <p>The course ensures the right balance between grammar topics and conversational activities. Our conversation labs and games will make learning easier, faster, stimulating and fun, and you will enjoy our roleplay simulations.</p> <p>Examples of interactive activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – cooking class – local school tours – visits to local companies – visits to local markets <p>Finally, you will take part in cultural activities, and go on guided tours and excursions showcasing Italian culture.</p> <p>The course is for teachers who have Intermediate (B1/B2) or Proficient (C1/C2) language levels.</p>
Course structure and content	<p>The course is designed to provide a dynamic and engaging experience, centred around experiential, participatory, interactive, and problem-based methods.</p> <p>Throughout the course, participants immerse themselves in an enriching journey to enhance their Italian language teaching skills and pedagogical approaches. The participants will carry with them not only an enriched understanding of Italian language and culture but also lasting memories and a drive for continued professional growth and collaboration.</p>
Duration	One week
Daily programme example	<p>Here is an example of the programme:</p> <p><i>Day 0</i> (usually Sunday) Arrival date</p> <p><i>Day 1</i> Welcome and introduction Ice breakers and team-building exercises Orientation and information about the venue and the city Competences ex-ante evaluation Project work, case scenarios and discussion/ sharing best practices Cultural and social activities Feedback day 1</p> <p><i>Day 2</i> Review and practice of relevant grammar topics at the respective language levels Engaging activities designed to improve conversational skills and fluency or Guest speaker on a selected topic Guided visit of Padova or Cooking class to experience authentic Italian cuisine and practice language in a real-life context</p> <p><i>Day 3</i></p>

	<p>Fun and interactive roleplay scenarios to reinforce language usage and communication skills Project work, case scenarios and discussion Cultural and social activities <i>Day 4</i> Continued review and practice of grammar concepts More conversational activities with a focus on specific language structures and expressions Observe and engage with Italian professionals in their workplace, using language relevant to the industry Cultural and social activities <i>Day 5</i> Continued conversational practice with an emphasis on spontaneous communication Discussion of future cooperation and planning follow-up activities / Brainstorming dissemination ideas Final feedback Validation of learning outcomes and a certification ceremony Cultural and social activities <i>Day 6</i> Social, cultural, and professional interactions between participants Sociocultural activities Exchanges of contacts and discussion of future cooperation <i>Day 7</i> Departure date</p> <p>Programme details may be subject to amendment based on trainer, participant needs and other factors such public holidays. Changes might be needed to make up for time lost due to unforeseen or changing circumstances which might be out of the reasonable control of the hosting organisation.</p>
Learning objectives	<p>Improve fluency and accuracy in Italian language. Identify and utilize experiential learning resources for classroom instruction. Enhance comfort in teaching Italian to non-native speakers. Learn about Italian culture and its various aspects. Acquire direct experience in reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Improve fluency and accuracy in Italian; Identify experiential learning resources to use in the classroom Become more comfortable with teaching in Italian to non-native Italian speakers; Learn about the Italian culture; Acquire direct experience of learning activities that involve the four basic skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking)</p>
Assessment and validation of learning outcomes	<p>Reflective journal -personal during each day Attendees will participate in communicative activities and peer learning.</p>
Target audience	<p>Teachers of Italian or of any other subject and school administrative staff</p>
Admission requirements for participants	<p>No specific requirements</p>
Language of delivery	<p>English, Italian</p>
Language level requirements for participants	<p>B1 or more</p>

Maximum number of participants	25
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Please note that the course outlined is intended as an example only and may not necessarily be fully executed in accordance with all its details. Our need analysis is primarily based on enrolment information, information shared at kick-off meetings, and pre-evaluation of competencies. As such, it is possible that the programme may be adjusted to better accommodate the diverse needs of participants.