

Take Action in Integration LTTA (Learning, Teaching, and Training Activities), Cork, Ireland

About

- Take Action in Integration is a project co-funded by the EU as part of the Erasmus+ programme. Its aim is to tackle the issues migrants face in integrating into their host societies via a detailed handbook and accompanying toolkit of useful activities.
- Eurospeak is an Irish company, initially founded in the UK in the 1990s as a language school, but evolving to encompass Erasmus+ in 2018 and becoming international in 2021.
- The purpose of this LTTA is to inform the creation of this project's results by getting advice direct both from those most experienced in teaching and working with migrants and migrants themselves.

Agenda

Sunday	Arrival of participants to Cork Airport		
	Morning Activity (10 a.m. to midday)		Afternoon Activity (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)
Monday	Learning about Cork's heritage through map-based activities	Lunch and break for participants (midday to 2 p.m.)	Exploring Cork
Tuesday	Guest speaker* and activities on effective teaching methods	Lunch and break for participants (midday to 2 p.m.)	Guest speaker* and activities on effective teaching methods
Wednesday	Guest speaker* and activities on organising trainings	Lunch and break for participants (midday to 2 p.m.)	Guest speaker* and activities on organising trainings
Thursday	Guest speaker* and activities on effective teaching methods	Lunch and break for participants (midday to 2 p.m.)	Guest speaker* and activities on effective teaching methods
Friday	Piloting toolkit best practice activities	Lunch and break for participants (midday to 2 p.m.)	Piloting toolkit best practice activities
Saturday	Departure of participants from Cork Airport		

*As a language school which has been participating in Erasmus+ projects since 2018, Eurospeak has many teachers and much experience both in teaching methods and in organising trainings. However, until closer to the time, we are unable to confirm which teachers and trainers will be available to attend this LTTA.

Arrival

- Upon arriving in Cork Airport, you will undoubtedly be pleased to hear that the hotel is but a 10-minute walk, with many other options available for those with alternative accessibility requirements.
- To get to Cork city centre, there is a 20-minute bus journey every half hour from the airport: the 225 Bus Éireann service on the hour and the 226 Bus Éireann service at half past the hour.

Cork city

- Cork city today is a university town which originated as a monastic settlement, expanded by the Vikings in 915 A.D. As such, there exists a rich heritage to tour amidst the verdant scenery common to all Ireland, like the city gaol, Blarney Castle, or Fitzgerald Gardens.
- There is a variety of cuisine available in Cork, from traditional Irish establishments, to its rich spattering of foreign foods. Traditional Irish food consists mainly of stews and roast assortments of beef and root vegetables.

Currency

- Ireland is part of the Eurozone and uses the Euro; you can check out currency conversion rates here: <https://www.xe.com/>
- Both cash and digital transactions are widespread in Ireland, so either will likely be acceptable.

Accommodation

Cork International Hotel is an internationally acclaimed establishment with beautiful grounds, only a 10-minute walk from the airport and 20 minutes by bus from Cork city centre.

Venue

Eurospeak does not typically have a fixed office in Ireland and utilises co-working spaces. Unfortunately, we have yet to confirm the venue of our meeting, but rest assured it will be within short distance either of the hotel or Cork city centre.

Weather

The weather in Ireland in autumn is often wet, windy, and cold, though in recent years the climate has been less consistent. It would be wise to prepare for a selection of weather conditions.