



*The Learning Teacher Network welcomes you to an International Seminar on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Istanbul, Turkey on September 26-27, 2014.*

# ESD at the Crossroads

## International Seminar on Education for Sustainable Development Istanbul, Turkey on 26-27 September 2014

### Seminar venue

The seminar will be located to the five star Barceló Eresin Topkapi Hotel, which is centrally situated in the Old Town, in Istanbul's European quarter. The historic centre and the Grand Bazaar are only 10 min by tram which stops right in front of the hotel.

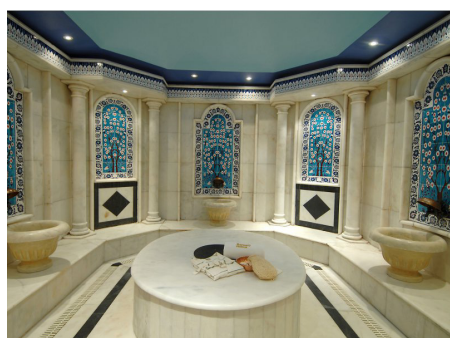
*Take the golden opportunity to combine this interesting seminar with a visit to Istanbul at the best time of the year, and to enjoy a high quality stay in the absolute centre of the city. Istanbul is a vibrant city with great cultural activity.*

This hotel in the Barceló Premium category boasts spacious, light-filled rooms, a fantastic health and wellness centre (1,000 m<sup>2</sup>) the U-Spa, a conference centre and free Wi-Fi connection in all the rooms and common areas. The hotel also boasts its own Hammam (Turkish bath) to help you discover the traditions of this fascinating country.



*The conference venue Barceló Eresin Topkapi Hotel*

The seminar will start on Friday 26th September 2014 at 09.00 and finish on Saturday 27th September at 16.30. The official working language of the seminar will be English.



*Turkish bath (hammam) at the hotel venue*

### Seminar programme

The seminar programme is described on next page.

### From experience or interest

The seminar targets and welcomes colleagues in education, training and youth who either have previous experience of or interest in elements of ESD in policy or their teaching and training practices.

### Seminar fee

The seminar fee includes three (3) nights of accommodation with breakfast at the hotel venue (arrival on Thursday 25 September and departure on Sunday 28 September); lunches and coffees; Friday evening dinner at a charming location; and materials.

The complete seminar package fee is € 530 (single room stay) or € 385 (shared double room stay), which is strongly discounted and very price competitive.

For participants from Turkey, who do not require accommodation at the venue, the seminar fee is € 185 (everything included except for accommodation).

**Information and on-line registration on**  
[www.learningteacher.eu/istanbul-seminar-2014](http://www.learningteacher.eu/istanbul-seminar-2014)

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### Registration

*NOTE: Due to high season in Istanbul in September, and for our booking of hotel rooms at the venue, the deadline for registration has been moved to an earlier date.*

We welcome you to register on-line on [www.learningteacher.eu/istanbul-seminar-2014](http://www.learningteacher.eu/istanbul-seminar-2014)

**Deadline for registration:**  
**Tuesday 15th April 2014**

PLEASE NOTE: You need to register also if you wait for funding for participation.

## Aim and scope

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) allows every human being to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to shape a sustainable future. ESD means including key sustainable development issues into teaching and learning. **Read more**

The overall goal of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) 2005-2014 has been to integrate the principles, values and practices of sustainable development into all aspects of education and learning. **Read more**

The World Conference on ESD in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan in November 2014 will outline the continuation of the Decade by a new Global Action Programme on ESD from 2015. Sustainability begins with education. **Read more**

The proposed Global Action Programme focuses on five priority action areas in order to enable strategic focus and stakeholder commitment:

- Policy support: Integrate ESD into international and national policies in education and sustainable development.
- Whole-institution approaches: Promote whole-institution approaches to ESD at all levels and in all settings.
- Educators: Strengthen the capacity of educators, trainers and other change agents to become learning facilitators for ESD.
- Youth: Support youth in their role as change agents for sustainable development through ESD.
- Local communities: Accelerate the search for sustainable development solutions at the local level through ESD.

The Istanbul Seminar aims to concretely discuss and conclude on four questions in order to highlight the practitioners' view on ESD and to deliver the seminar's conclusions prior to the World Conference.

Therefore the seminar discussions will have the following focal points:

- How can ESD update and improve educational purpose and outcomes?
- How can ESD help to improve and enrich school curriculum development?
- How can ESD promote innovation in the teaching-learning conceptual framework?
- How can ESD guide students to have the knowledge, skills and values to care for, and solve the sustainable development issues that will arise in their lifetime?

## Seminar programme

### Friday 26 September

Welcome and practical details  
Magnus Persson (LTN) and Pinar Akpinar (REC)

- 09.00 Plenary:  
The UNESCO global agenda
- 09.45 Coffee break
- 10.00 Plenary:  
The Gapminder perspective
- 11.00 How can ESD support whole-school perspectives?  
Moderated round table sessions  
Introduction by Mathias Bengtsson and Therese Almgren, SKF Competence Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden:  
*Sustainable future - A concept for school and enterprise*

12.30 Lunch

- 13.30 How can ESD update and improve educational purpose and outcomes?  
Moderated round table sessions  
Introduction by André de Hamer and Gerben de Vries, Duurzame PABO, the Netherlands: *An example from the Netherlands including Aruba*

15.00 Coffee break, followed by free time for sightseeing, partner finding and networking

Evening Evening dinner



### Saturday 27 September

08.30 How can ESD guide students to have the knowledge, skills and values to care for, and solve the sustainable development issues that will arise in their lifetime?

Moderated round table sessions  
Introduction by Birthe Witt Jason, Sabro Koresvejskolen, Denmark:  
*Sustainable living campaign through student council at school*

10.00 Coffee break

10.30 How can ESD promote innovation in the teaching-learning conceptual framework?

Moderated round table sessions  
Introduction by Dr. Martin Fitzgerald, LIT Tipperary, Ireland

12.00 Lunch

13.00 How can ESD help to improve and enrich school curriculum development?

Moderated round table sessions  
Introduction by Eija Liisa Sokka-Meaney, University of Eastern Finland, Finland: *ESD in crafts and creativity*

14.30 Plenary:  
Financial literacy

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Summing up in plenary -  
Chaired fish bowl session  
Conclusions to deliver

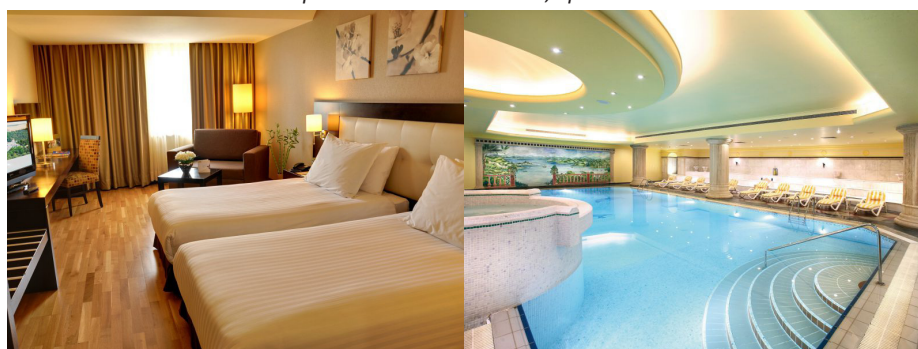
*Plenary speakers:*

UNESCO Chair: Prof. Charles Hopkins  
Gapminder: Name confirmed within short  
Financial Literacy: Name confirmed within short

*Presenters at sessions/moderators:*  
See programme above

By interactive discussions among the participants, the seminar will discuss key issues that bridge the soon ending Decade for Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 to UNESCO's forthcoming Global Action Programme from 2015 and onwards.

*Hotel photos: Deluxe bedroom; Spa-wellness*



Barceló Eresin Topkapi

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