Texts about...that you might find helpful:

**About Hiša eksperimentov:**

The Hiša eksperimentov (HE) is a "hands-on" science centre. The idea of establishing such centre started in 1994. HE was established as non-profit foundation in 1996. HE attracts yearly around 25.000 visitors.

It is a place where the enjoyment of learning, promoting of science and humour intertwine. In HE visitors can interact with over 50 "hands-on" exhibits with all being developed, designed and build in HE.

The statement "Learning is fun" describes HE main mission – promotion of the enjoyment in learning. It is obvious that learning by experimenting and testing yourself by yourself is the right way to obtain new knowledge and increase the desire to acquire even more.

From 2009 HE organises yearly event called Znanstival (Sciencetival) – an outdoors science festival consisting mainly of science shows, lectures... ([www.sciencetival.si](http://www.sciencetival.si)). In 2013 HE started INSPIRE (INternational »Science Performance Is Ready« Event) – workshop for creating and running science shows ([www.ispire.si](http://www.ispire.si)).

**About INSPIRE course:**

This year HE organises the fourth (INternational »Science Performance Is Ready« Event). During the five day workshop participants will very actively learn how to:

* Choose a topic for the science show,
* Start planning a science show,
* Add humour without being silly,
* Avoid mistakes and traps,
* Engage audience in active participation,
* Develop acting skills needed for successful performance,
* Communicate Science.

The organiser of the event is Hiša eksperimentov ( [www.he.si](http://www.he.si) ) – the Slovenian Science Centre. It is a nano Science Centre – small in size but powerful with activities. The Hiša's "specialities" are science shows (or Science Adventures) enriched with experiments, interaction and humour wrapped in stories. It takes some time and effort to build a science show and Hiša would like to share their experiences with others.

Hiša also organises “Sciencetival” - the annual four days Science Festival on the bridges, squares and streets of Ljubljana (capital of Slovenia)( [www.sciencetival.si](http://www.sciencetival.si) ). This year Sciencetival will partly overlap with the INSPIRE workshop providing a perfect environment for the participants to test their learned skills in front of public.

The INSPIRE workshop is designed for activity or education departments and individuals who would like to acquire useful knowledge from the field of creating and running science shows.

**How to prepare for the course?**

Participants are asked to prepare short demonstration/show to share with other participants and lay public in a busking manner.
Additionally they are asked to consider the theme of the show they want to build on and will fit their institution strategy.

Since the course is in English some language exercises can come in handy.

**What will you learn:**

During the INSPIRE course participants will gain knowledge about science communication through theory and practice. Five days training course is packed with different sessions about science communication, teaching methods, evaluation, acting, preforming on stage, interacting with visitors and building your own science show.

After the end of the training participants not only create their own science show, but also present the show at international science festival Sciencetival. Sciencetival is an additional opportunity for participants to learn from their peers and science show masters from all over the world.

**Key competences you will acquire:**

* Recognizing and using different teaching methods
* Science communication skills
* Non-formal education skills
* Stage performance skills
* Communicating with different audiences
* Story telling skills
* Inquiry based learning development

After the end of the training you will not only be capable of creating your own shows but you will also be able to disseminate and share acquired skills with your colleagues.

**How to calculate the costs:**

The budget of the mobility project must be drafted according to the following funding rules (in euro):

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| **Eligible cost** | **Financing mechanism** | **Amount** | **Rule of allocation** |
| **Travel** | Contribution to the travel costs of participants, including accompanying persons, from their place of origin. | Unit costs | Travel distance | Amount | Based on the travel distance per participant. Travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission The applicant must indicate the distance of a one-way travel to calculate the amount of the EU grant that will support the round trip.  |
| 100-499 km | 180 EUR per participant |
| 500-1999 km | 275 EUR per participant |
| 2000-2999 km | 360 EUR per participant |
| 3000-3999 km | 530 per participant |
| 4000-7999 km | 820 EUR per participant |
| 8000 km or more | 1100 EUR per participant |
| **Individual support** | Costs directly linked to the subsistence of participants, including accompanying persons, during the activity. | Unit costs | up to the 14thday of activity: A3.1per day per participant+between the 15th and 60th day of activity: 70% of A4.1 per day per participant. | Based on the duration of the stay per participant(if necessary, including also one travel day before the activity and one travel day following the activity. |
| **Course fees** | Costs directly linked to payment of fees for the enrolment in courses  | Unit costs | 70 EUR per participant per day Maximum of 700 EUR per participant in the mobility project | Conditional: the request for financial support to cover special needs support and exceptional costs must be motivated in the application form. |