

# The Montessori Method to teach foreign languages to young Adults and Adults (14+)

**MMA**

*My vision of the future is of the individual passing from one stage of independence to a higher, by means of their own activity, through their own effort of will, which constitutes the inner evolution of the individual.*

Maria Montessori, 1996 [1948]

## From children to adults (14+)



*The course can be fully funded by ERASMUS + Mobility Program and any National and International education funds. For Italian teachers, by **Carta del Docente***

### Background:

Maria Montessori (1870-1952) is an Italian educator and pedagogist famous all over the world. Città di Castello (Italy) has a close connection with this Italian educationist and her revolutionary studies, because in Città di Castello she founded her first primary schools and experimented with the method, in Città di Castello she held the first teacher training course for teachers and in Città di Castello she printed her first book: “*Corso di Pedagogia Scientifica*”.

Montessori name is synonymous with high-quality education and, years ago, **Lingua Più**, began applying the Montessori principles in teaching adult learners, with the aim of improving the quality of its foreign language teaching methodology. **MMA** is a ground-breaking methodology: in 2017 we carried out researches in 9 EU countries that demonstrated that a structured application of the Montessori pedagogy to teach foreign languages does not exist anywhere else. The participation in EU projects improved the methodology.

Projects on the application of the Montessori Method in adult education and training:

“*FROJOL – Free Style Montessori on the Job Learning*” LLP Program, *Leonardo da Vinci Reansfer of Innovation*

“*MMLT - The Montessori Method in Language Training*” LLP Program, *funded by EACEA*

In both projects **Lingua Più** has been the core partner and writer of Manuals, addressed to teachers and stakeholders, of which **Lingua Più** has got the intellectual copyright.

*MMLT* has now two different branches to teach foreign languages: **MMA** - The Montessori Method to teach foreign languages to young Adults and Adults and **MMC** - The Montessori Method with Children in language learning.

Hundred teachers of foreign languages from all over the world have been trained by **Lingua Più** on **MMA** methodology.

### Target group:

- ⇒ Language teachers to adults and young adults (14+)
- ⇒ Teacher trainers
- ⇒ Students of foreign languages
- ⇒ The staff in the field of education (teaching and non-teaching): principals and vice-principals, management, middle management, heads of departments, coordinators, student guidance counsellors and centres for adult education and training for foreign languages.

**Language of the course:**

 English

**Objectives:**

**MMA** the Montessori Method to teach foreign languages to young adults and adults, can be defined as an activity-based approach, aimed at the development of each student's criticism towards foreign language studies and how to succeed. To reach this goal, most activities are **self-corrective, to encourage the autonomous learning**. The full application of these principles and, consequently, of the **MMA** methodology allows natural language learning among students 14+, by eliminating, or at least alleviating, the major causes of stress and inhibition (part of the training).

As **sub-objectives** participants:

- ⇒ acquire a common teaching/training method, to facilitate mobility and transnational exchanges
- ⇒ improve their professionalism, increasing their career opportunities on international level
- ⇒ get effective tools for raising the motivation of adults and young adults, for learning foreign languages, thanks to this accessible, adaptable and flexible method.

**Methodology:**

The course provides theoretical studies and practical application of the **MMA** methodology through the encounter of Montessori pedagogy in its traditional application with the application in foreign language teaching

**Extra activities – only for the in-site program:**

Guided tour of Città di Castello and neighbouring touristic villages and towns (not included in the price)

**Course place – only for the in-site program:**

**Città di Castello - Italy**

The gorgeous Città di Castello is situated on the northern fringes of Umbria, in the shadow of the Apennine Mountains. It sits in the fertile green valley of the River Tiber and is surrounded by verdant hills covered with olive groves, vineyards and pockets of wild untamed woodlands.

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It is one of the main towns in Umbria region with its 45,000 inhabitants. The town centre, with its architecture from medieval and Renaissance period, is still surrounded by the old medieval walls and its narrow-cobbled streets echo to the sounds of locals, as they go about their business.

There is such a lot to see in and around Citta di Castello, famous for the contemporary artist Alberto Burri one of the most important modern artists, whose collections is preserved in two one-artist museums. The Pinacoteca (National Museum), former Vitelli family's Palace, strikingly decorated by Giorgio Vasari, houses collection of some of the most important artists from Medieval and Renaissance ages - Raffaello, Rosso Fiorentino, Piero della Francesca, just to mention some. Citta di Castello is a tranquil and pleasant place to stay, with easy access to Perugia and Assisi, to the south, and Rome only a two-hour drive away. The Rimini coastline is just 70 Km east and Florence is an hour and a half north of this fabulously interesting tourist destination.

### Trainers:

#### The course is coordinated by:

**Mrs. Roberta Marsili**, expert linguist and director of the language centre for over 15 years. Mrs Marsili, after achieving several proficiency certificates in English and TEFL, received a certificate for Linguistics Teaching of Italian as a foreign language at the University for Foreigners of Perugia, and the certificate of Director of Language Institute issued by British Institutes.

She participated in many national and international conferences about modern methodologies in language teaching, as well as in seminars on "The Metacognition" organized by CEPU.

She wrote 2 manuals on the application of Montessori Method with Adults: "Free Style Montessori on the Job Learning – Frojol" and "Montessori Method on Language Training – MMLT".

#### The course will be held by:

**Mrs. Laura Gastaldi**, teacher of English as L2 and teacher of Italian for foreigners with over 10 years of experience. Mrs. Gastaldi wrote 2 manuals on the application of Montessori Method with Adults: "Free Style Montessori on the Job Learning – Frojol" and "Montessori Method on Language Training – MMLT".

### Follow-up

**Lingua Più** will open a dedicated platform since the week before the beginning of the course. It will be active for 1 week after the end of the course for any possible questions, notes and clarification (**for the in-site program**) . **Lingua Più's** trainers and coordinator will be available, to all participants, for an unlimited period, for suggestions, information and anything they may need on the application of **MMA** methodology

**Course fees (choose your favourite) :**

- ⇒ **a) Fully in-site course € 500,00:** 7 days of intensive course with theoretical studies, workshops for the application and practical activities.
- ⇒ **b) Fully asynchronous course € 280,00:** Theory: in self-learning with commented video – presentations (about 30 hours) and Practical application in self-learning with commented video – presentations (about 16 hours)
- ⇒ **c) In-depth live training € 115,00:** for clarification and possible further study of the practical application. It can **only** be combined with courses **a)** or **b)**

**Live sessions are organised with respect to the number of participants and can last up to 2 days:**

in individual session: 4 hours

in semi-individual session (2 - 4 participants): 6 hours

in group session (4+ participants): 8 hours

**Prices include:**

- ⇒ all didactic materials and the follow up, as in the program

**Prices don't include:**

- ⇒ accommodation, meals, trip costs and all personal costs (if applicable).

**How to enrol**

**Fully asynchronous course:** **1)** access the following link: <https://elearning.linguapiu.eu/>. Available for computer, tablet and mobile phone. **2)** choose the desired course by clicking on “**purchase MMA**” **3)** go through the whole payment procedure **4)** once you have received confirmation of the correct payment transaction, you will receive your login and password in your email inbox (check the SPAM folder) **5)** return to the link above and go to “**login**” by entering the credentials you received. At this point you can start following the course. *Please read carefully the information about the structure course structure as written in main page " MMA course”.*

**Fully in-site course and live sessions:** send an email to: [info@linguapiu.eu](mailto:info@linguapiu.eu)

### Cancellation terms:

In case of **cancellation before the enrolment deadline**, full reimbursement, deducted the possible bank fees and any other costs arisen by the money transfer and administrative costs.

For **cancellation after the enrolment deadline**, no reimbursement will be given. In case of cancellation of the course by **Lingua Più**, the participants are totally refunded for the mentioned course fee.

In case of cancellation of the course by **Lingua Più** or by the participant, no costs, for whatever purpose, can be charged to **Lingua Più Associazione Culturale**, such as, but not limited to, accommodation fees, journey fees and whatnot, considered those fees as part of the exclusive relationship between the participant and the service providers

### Type of Certification awarded

⇒ *Certificate of Attendance* including description of training, content and duration

### Notes:

- ❖ Min 3 - max 25 participants per session (**applicable only for in-site program a)**)
- ❖ Sessions with less than 3 participants are available, please ask for info (**applicable only for in-site program a)**)
- ❖ Participants with special needs are welcome

### Training sessions:

a) Fully in-site course.

▶ **On demand**

b) Asynchronous:

▶ **Always available in the app**

In-depth live training:

▶ **Available every first Wednesday of each month. Booking required at least 15 days in advance**

## MMA THEORETICAL STUDIES Programme

<b>Neuroscience</b>	
How children and adults learn a foreign language: differences	
<b>The Traditional Montessori Method</b>	
A glance to Maria Montessori's biography	
The Montessori pedagogy: the importance of the environment and materials	
The Absorbent mind	
Hand is a psychic organ	
The Montessori 3 period lesson	
The Montessori 4 learning periods	
The Montessori Teacher	
<b>The MMA theoretical part</b>	
What a foreign language is	
What foreign language learning is today	
Why the Montessori Method applied to language learning works	
The MMA teacher	
The 12 Montessori Principles applied in MMA	
The 10 most common stress causes in adults in a language learning: suggested activities.	
The 3 Montessori Maxims	
MMA teaching is ... The new role of the teacher	
Activities at the end of each video presentation	

## **MMA PRACTICAL APPLICATION** **Programme**

**General revision of the theoretical part – only in-site course**

**Examples on the practical application of the 12 Montessori Principles**

**Examples on the application of the Montessori 3 period lesson with adult students**

**Examples on the application of the isolated quality**

**How to prepare your own didactical materials in accordance with MMA**

**How to adapt and use existing didactical and realia materials in accordance with MMA**

**MMA teaching material developed by Lingua Più and its use**

**How to adapt MMA lessons and materials for the online live teaching only in-depth live training**

**Workshops and activities for participants**