

**COMPARATIVE TABLE OF TRAINING SYSTEMS & QUALIFICATIONS
FOR TOURIST GUIDES IN THEIR COUNTRIES/AREAS/CITIES IN EUROPE**

COUNTRY	REGULATED BY LAW	TRAINING EXISTENCE	TRAINING HOURS	NATIONAL TRAINING	REGIONAL TRAINING	EXAMS	QUALIFICATION AWARD	TRAINING PROVIDER/S	ACCREDITING AUTHORITY/BODY
AUSTRIA	YES	YES COMPULSORY	~ 500-900 h	YES	YES	YES, COMPULSORY	CERTIFICATE	WIFI BFI	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BULGARIA	NO	NO	-	-	-	-	I.D. BADGE		TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATION
CROATIA	YES	NO	-	YES	-	YES- COMPULSORY	CERTIFICATE		TOURISM MINISTRY
CZECH REPUBLIC	NO	YES, NON- COMPULSORY + LONG DISTANCE	200-600 h	YES	YES	YES	CERTIFICATE		• MINISTRY OF EDUCATION- VOCATIONAL • MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT- LIFE-LONG
CYPRUS	YES	YES- COMPULSORY	693 h	YES	-	YES, COMPULSORY	DIPLOMA & I.D. BADGE		CYPRUS TOURISM ORGANISATION
DENMARK	NO	YES, NON- COMPULSORY	60 ETCS 1 YEAR FULL TIME 2 YEARS PART TIME	YES	NO	YES	DIPLOMA	UNIVERSITY ROSKILDE (RUC)	UNIVERSITY ROSKILDE (RUC)

FINLAND	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	1.5 YEARS, 900-1000 HOURS	YES	YES	YES, COMPULSORY	CERTIFICATE, ID-BADGE, BADGE	TRAINING INSTITUTES	TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATION
FRANCE	YES	YES COMPULSORY	300 h FOR LICENSE + 400 h TRAINING +150 HOURS MASTER (BACCALAUREAT + 5)	YES	YES NO (FROM 2012)	YES	DIPLOMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIPLOMA BY UNIVERSITIES OF FRANCE • I.D. PROFESSIONAL CARD BY PREFECTURES (MINISTRY OF INTERIOR)
GEORGIA	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	LEVELS FROM 5 DAYS – 2 MONTHS	-	YES	YES	I.D. BADGE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATIONAL TOURISM BOARD • PRIVATE TOURIST GUIDE SCHOOLS
GERMANY	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	600 h	YES	YES	YES	CERTIFICATE GIVEN LOCALLY, BY 215 LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS		TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATIONS

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GREECE	YES	YES, COMPULSORY	1.090 h + 110 FULL DAYS OF FIELD TRIPS IN GREECE OR UNIVERSITY DEGREE IN ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORY + 150 h FOR TG TRAINING COURSE	YES	-	YES, COMPULSORY	DIPLOMA & I.D. BADGE	SCHOOLS OF TOURIST GUIDES (TOURISM EDUCATION & TRAINING ORGANISATION-MINISTRY OF TOURISM) OR VARIOUS GREEK UNIVERSITIES	MINISTRY OF TOURISM, SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF TOURISM
HUNGARY	YES	YES, COMPULSORY	1) SCHOOL TOURIST GUIDES= 18 MONTHS 2) ADULT EDUCATION = 130 HOURS =6 MONTHS + 300 h LONG DISTANCE LEARNING	YES	-	YES	CERTIFICATE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS • NATIONAL TRADE LICENSE OFFICE

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ICELAND	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	?	YES	-	YES	CERTIFICATE & I.D. BADGE		TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATION
IRELAND	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	200 h in class + 400 h distance learning (6 months)	YES	YES	YES	CERTIFICATE & I.D. BADGE	PORTOBELLO COLLEGE, DUBLIN	NATIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FAILTE IRELAND)
ITALY	YES	YES, IN SOME REGIONS, NON-COMPULSARY	-	-	YES	YES, COMPULSARY	CERTIFICATE & I.D. BADGE		REGIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITIES
LUXEMBURG	YES	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	BASIC 40 HOURS + REGIONAL (? HOURS)	YES	YES	YES, COMPULSARY	DIPLOMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAMBER OF COMMERCE • MINISTRY OF TOURISM • MINISTRY OF CULTURE • REGIONAL OFFICES
NETHERLANDS	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	600 h (15 MONTHS)	YES	-	YES	CERTIFICATE + BADGE		TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATION (GUIDOR)
PORTUGAL	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	3 YEARS = 6 SEMESTERS = 165 ECTS	YES	YES	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	DIPLOMA & I.D. BADGE		UNIVERSITIES OF PORTUGAL

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SPAIN	YES, IN MOST REGIONS	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	690 h	-	YES	YES COMPULSORY, IN MOST REGIONS	DIPLOMA & I.D. BADGE		AUTONOMOUS SPANISH COMMUNITIES
SWEDEN	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	200 h	YES	YES	YES	I.D. BADGE		TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATION (SVEGUIDE)
TURKEY	YES	YES	1.200 h	YES	-	YES	DIPLOMA & LICENSE		MINISTRY OF CULTURE & TOURISM
UK	NO	YES, NON-COMPULSORY	LEVEL 1. (BLUE BADGE, FOR UK) = 600 h LEVEL 2. (GREEN BADGE, REGIONAL) = 240 h	YES	YES	YES	I.D. BADGE		-INSTITUTE OF TOURIST GUIDING -COLLEGES -PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES - TOURIST GUIDE ASSOCIATIONS

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