The course has several aims:

1) To improve fluency in conversations when participants are discussing their specialist fields with other experts.

2) To revise and consolidate specialist terms in the field of education and in participants’ own field of research and activity.

3) To improve presentation skills in English, with particular reference to internal meetings and external conferences.

4) To improve intercultural competence with particular reference to contacts with international researchers and academics.

How?

Aims should be achieved by carrying out a joint, negotiated syllabus (needs analysis of contents and methods); carrying out task-based activities to simulate situations participants find themselves in; mini-presentations of research findings and topics with feedback; general conversation throughout with teacher feedback to improve grammatical accuracy, pronunciation and correct use of lexis, both of a specialized and/or general nature; partner work.