The Regional Institute of European Studies in Friuli Venezia Giulia (IRSE) is organizing a summer course on tourism and cultural exchanges.

30 participants coming from EU countries as well as from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, the Balkan countries and others with specific economic or cultural contacts with the Friuli Venezia Giulia region or with the Province of Pordenone will be selected for participation.

Candidates have to meet the following prerequisites:

- age between 22 and 35;
- good knowledge of the Italian language (European Framework B2 level, preferably with certification);
- university student or university graduate;
- work experience, especially in the area of tourism and foreign cultural exchange with specific interest towards Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

The application forms must be completed and sent in before May 19th, 2012 by email to irse@centroculturapordenone.it or mail to: IRSE – Via Concordia 7 33170 PORDENONE – ITALIA.

The workshop lasts three-weeks and participation is full-time with more than 100 hours of lessons and activities (N.B. During the 3rd week the participants will take part in some job-experience in the Pordenone area).

Arrival: Sunday 9th September 2012; departure: Sunday 30th September 2012. Please note that full attendance is required.

Participants will take part in upper-intermediate Italian language lessons for professional communication purposes. Specific lessons on socio-economic and cultural subjects are given by University professors, professional figures and experts. Guided tours in the Region are included in the programme. The course is organized by the Regional Institute of European Studies in Friuli Venezia Giulia (IRSE). All the facilities of the cultural centre where IRSE is located (Centro Culturale Casa A. Zanussi, Via Concordia 7, Pordenone (www.centroculturapordenone.it) are open to the participants during the period of the lessons and seminars. These include: fully equipped classrooms, wi-fi areas, Auditorium, self-service restaurant, book and video libraries.

General expenses are paid by the promoters and consist of: Board and Lodging, all the teaching activities, day trips and guided tours. Overnight accommodation with breakfast is arranged in a hotel near the course centre. Midday meals (from Monday to Friday) at the self-service in the course centre, or during day trips. Not included: all evening meals and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Travelling expenses: all travelling expenses must be paid personally by participants, or by their promoters.

Health assistance: all participants must be in possession of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), or a similar health insurance policy.

Visa regulations: to be able to benefit from the grant, selected participant must apply to the Consular Italian Authority for a Visa, if requested for their countries. L'IRSE will provide necessary documentation upon request.