

Erasmus Policy Statement | 2021 - 2027

Internationalization strategy

The most important objectives outlined in the EPS are:

- a) Integration in the unique European Union.
- b) Ease to find a job once the students come back to Spain.
- c) Opportunity to learn from other cultures and from their working methods.
- d) Get to know key companies in the European Union.
- e) Promote integration.
- f) Enhance language development.

These objectives have been met and exceeded by participating in the programme. Students and staff from the three training fields in the Centre (Administration and Management, Healthcare and Community and Social Services) have been able to participate in mobility activities in several institutions allowing them to gain a high personal and professional development, increase employment opportunities, promote synergies, establish contacts, be aware of the value of other cultures and the membership to the UE and enhance foreign language competence. With staff mobility, teaching has been favoured contributing to the improvement of the teaching quality and the internationalisation of the training provided in the Education Centre.

The continuity in the participation in the programme will contribute to the maintenance of the beforementioned objectives and to improve them, above all, in everything related to the institution modernisation. At present, the following higher studies are taught in the Centre: Administration and Finance, Management Assistance, Clinical and Biomedical Laboratory, Pathological Anatomy and Cytodiagnosis, Social Integration and Pre-primary Education; we aim to promote the participation in the programme from every field and with different European institutions: research centres, hospitals, schools, social work centres, companies, etc, boost digital skills and enhancement of language development.

We also aim greater participation in European and international contact networks which promote the sharing of experience among professional training centres and companies, in order to enhance training and employability.

Erasmus actions implementation and contribution to the institution

Our institution wants to continue taking part in student mobilities and promoting staff mobilities. So as to reach and develop knowledge associations among higher education centres and businesses, we consider it as necessary to boost and promote staff mobilities as an important element for professional training quality and promotion. Through the collaboration between the education and business sectors, we will boost the training of more qualified professionals for the real labour market demand. By means of training stays, working visits, exchange of ideas, we would like to carry on innovation projects focused on innovative techniques and strategies for each vocational training course, increase the proper use of ICTs, bearing in mind the needs in each sector, and improve the students' responses.

Targets, expected impact and monitoring

With the aim of maintaining contact with the real labour market we establish agreements with different institutions adapted to our training fields: research centres, hospitals, universities, social work and educational businesses, producing companies... by means of preparatory visits, contact seminars, training stays for both teachers and students, teamwork through contact networks. We believe that all this will allow to train students in a practical way from the beginning and will promote the modernisation and internationalisation of higher education in the partner countries and in our own institution.

Before and during the participation in mobilities, there is a continuous review of the implementation quality and there is a continuous and direct contact with the participants. Agreeing with the stated objectives and once the mobilities are finished, we analyse, by means of questionnaires and interviews, the students' improvement in professional and personal competences, practical skills, learning through examples of good practice and improvement in the use of languages. We also analyse the participation in any activities resulting in the creation of a product or innovative discovery and the participation in conferences and congresses as a complement to their training during the stays.

The mobilities allow to keep contacts and even expand them with more applications in future projects. Several students succeed in entering the labour market and many continue their studies at a university level. They describe their experience to the rest of the education community through videos and interviews, and in the case of the staff, sessions and meetings with the participants are held, enriching the immediate environment and improving the international vision and the quality of the vocational training.

Videos and information material regarding the projects and experiences are created and they are transmitted in annual briefing sessions, preparatory sessions for the participants and in different events where the academic community, businesses and authorities participate. The experience is communicated through the web, social networks and publication of press articles; experiences with other vocational training centres are also communicated.

The envisaged impact on our institution and in line with our institutional strategies, the EPS policy and modernisation is:

- More cooperation with institutions at a European level.
- Establishment of future collaboration links.
- Information feedback: ideas and good practice exchange.
- Approach to technical knowledge which modernise the education we teach.
- Approach to the real business world: practical training adapted to reality.
- Improvement in teaching quality.
- Teaching internationalisation.
- Improvement in the use of other languages.
- Use of innovative techniques.
- Improvement in the use of digital skills.