

IES PÉREZ GALDÓS ERASMUS POLICY ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Our institution has two Vocational Training Departments, belonging to two different Vocational Training Families (Commerce and Sociocultural and Community Services) which provide three Short Cycles of degree. These are the following:

- Socio-Cultural Animation and Tourism Management.
- Sales and Commercial Spaces
- Early Childhood Education.

Each department defines and structures the professional skills, develops strategies for the students to acquire professional and human qualities and designs the activities students have to perform while the different mobilities take place, in order to achieve the best final result and future projection.

The Department of International Relations is responsible for managing and organizing the mobility of students, teachers and staff.

The choice of partners begins with the publication of the list of Erasmus Charter Centers in Europe and countries outside the European Union, selecting those that meet or impart the teachings related to those of our institution. Then, students are asked for their geographical preferences. From that moment onwards, first and subsequent bilateral communications are hold.

Our mobilities are addressed to:

- STUDENTS attending Short Cycles on Early Childhood Education, Socio-cultural Animation and Tourism Management or Sales and Commercial Spaces.
- TEACHERS AND STAFF at Higher Education Institutions or other organizations from participating and non-participating countries, both for teaching and / or for training. Enterprises or companies staff can also participate by means of organizing Training Courses or Workshops at institutions of higher education in the partner countries.

Under the program, the following types of individual mobility can be financed:

- Mobilities for students attending Short Cycles (Higher Level Training, Professional Art Education and Sports Education Advanced Level), Art Education Higher and University Education Degree, Masters and Doctorate among participating countries (EU), and to and from non-participating countries (non-EU), for studies and / or internships.
- Mobilities for teachers and staff, working in Higher Education Institutions, to other Higher Education Institutions or other organizations from participating and non-participating countries, both for teaching and / or for training. Enterprises or companies

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- Masters of Excellence, joint, double or multiple offered by consortia of Higher Education Institutions belonging to participating countries (with possible involvement of non-participating institutions) in order to promote the mobility of students and attract the best students to Europe.

Our center will promote the following types of international cooperation projects (within and outside the EU):

- Strategic partnerships to foster intense, structured and long term cooperation amongst Higher Education Institutions with key partners (i.e companies, especially SMEs local / regional ones, educational authorities and other research institutions, social partners, youth organizations and other relevant organizations) to help achieve the goals of the Agenda for the modernization of higher education systems in Europe and promote crossed-cooperation with other educational sectors.

In order to achieve it, we will encourage the following:

- The increase of higher education graduates
- The quality and relevance improvement of teaching processes and researcher trainings to equip graduates with the knowledge and transferable core competencies they need to succeed in high-skilled occupations.
- The offer of more opportunities for students to acquire additional skills through study or training abroad, and to encourage cross-border cooperation to enhance performance of higher education.
- The strengthening of the "knowledge triangle" linking education, researching and business.
- The creation of effective governance and funding mechanisms to support excellence.
- Partnerships for knowledge acquisition between Higher Education Institutions and businesses to promote creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship, providing relevant learning opportunities.
- International cooperation and capacity-building projects between higher education institutions in the participating countries and partner countries (third countries) in order to support the modernization and internationalization of higher education in the partner countries.

We hope that the impact of these actions encourage and achieve the following aims:

- To increase the number of higher education graduates: Our center will encourage the students enrollment in our selection of studies providing them published brochures with all the needed information and by offering complete details trough our web page. Every department will display information. Moreover, local and regional media will be used to advertise our international projects and their actions.
- To improve the quality and long life training processes of our teachers through specific courses and workshops which will benefit our graduates eventually.
- To enlarge students opportunities by means of having Erasmus mobilities abroad, allowing them to acquire new skills and develop international cooperation, improving thereby Higher Education.
- To amplify the bond we have with local partner companies and foreign Higher Education Institutions creating the triangle of knowledge in which our students are trained to go abroad with the best chances, with an update in knowledge, practice and attitudes Europe today and the future one requires.
- To support excellence, to foster innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship.
- To evaluate continuously in order to achieve better quality standards.