

2 D Erasmus Policy Statement Overall Strategy by INS Miquel Biada. Mataró (Barcelona Area)

Our High School has organized many student exchanges with schools throughout Europe for over 20 years, but we have had no experience in this kind of mobility project so far.

Our experience in international exchanges has been with different European High Schools and Technical Colleges: Liceo Giambattista Vico (Corsico, Italy), Lycée Leon Blume Créteil (Paris, France), Chesterfield College (Chesterfield, UK), Brookfield Community College (Chesterfield, UK), Karola Miarki Gymnasium (Zory, Poland), and Mercantec Karriere center.midt (Viborg, Denmark).

The goals for carrying out these exchanges have varied depending on the school we were cooperating with. They were mostly language-oriented with Italy, France, and the UK; whereas they were music-oriented with Poland, and Business & Finance- oriented with Denmark.

The students who were enrolled in these projects were at the end of their secondary education (equivalent to GCSE), post-compulsory education (equivalent to A Levels), and/or Business Administration and Finance Higher Education.

In the short run, we would like to participate in new mobility exchanges focused on training in a foreign country, but, in the long run, we are also seeking the internationalization of our students studying Vocational Studies or HE abroad. Furthermore, we aim to improve our teachers' teaching skills by offering them the possibility of job shadowing and/or training out of the country.

Therefore, we would like to focus on the guidelines below:

- Contact local companies we already cooperate with which have subsidiaries in foreign countries.
- Ask the schools mentioned above if they would like to collaborate with us by contacting local companies in their countries
- Look for new schools and colleges abroad which may be willing to cooperate with us.
- Create a network amongst companies and schools of different European members.
- Translate our international projects and activities into English to be posted on our website.
- Write the goals of our current Management Project, which implies writing our Erasmus Project in order to enrol our school in different European projects.

Our aims are:

- Encourage our students to participate in the experience.

- Persuade our staff to become part of this project.
- Make our school a well-known centre which could become a reference within our business area.
- Have at least six HE students who apply for the training abroad in the near future, as well as some VET students.

To achieve these aims, we are going to work on the following strategies:

- Appoint the international activities coordinator for the next school year.
- Get in touch with the schools mentioned above, and new ones, to explain our project.
- Contact domestic companies that have subsidiaries in Europe in order to introduce our project and cooperate with them.
- Present our project to our students during the school year 2014 - 2015.
- Create a commission to establish the requirements that our students should meet to enrol with us in the programme. Focus on achieving our students' mobility.

The evaluation of the project will be carried out by each and every one of the members participating:

- companies
- enrolled students
- students' tutors
- committee members
- Satisfaction survey of all the participants in the project plus the students' families.

Improvement and adequate changes should be brought off after the evaluation.

This project will be available for our educational community to see on our platform Clickedu and on our website (Documents Tap).

We are just beginning our Erasmus Project; thus, we are interested in applying for :

Key Action 1. Learning mobility of Individuals.

- Mobility projects in the field of education, training and youth.
- Mobility for higher education students and staff.
- Mobility for school education staff.
- Mobility for young people and youth workers.

Key Action 2. Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices:

- Strategic Partnerships in the field of Education training and youth.

At the moment, we are planning our strategies to implement cooperation projects. Plus, we have our international activities coordinator working on it, and we have the idea of officially presenting the project to the rest of teachers next June.

The aims/objectives of our participation in this project are:

- Increase the English level of our students and staff.
- Improve their level in social and communicative skills.
- Improve the quality of our Higher Education as well as our Vocational Studies.
- Promote the mobility of our youngsters, so that they get to know different countries and different ways of working, which directly contribute to their open-mindedness.