

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT 2021-2027

Introduction and background

The Agricultural School of Empordà is located in the municipality of Monells, in the middle of a rural environment within the Agro-Food Campus of the University of Girona. Our school is part of the 14 Agro-VET public schools network of Catalonia, coordinated by the Agricultural Education and Training Service (SFA) of the Department of Climate Action, Food and Rural Agenda (DACC).

The school is specialised in food industry education, both in terms of lifelong education and VET degrees. The school began his activity in the food sector in 1999 with the initial VET course of Butchery. Later, was added the high VET course of Processes and Quality in Food Industries. This course is currently given in a DUAL format, what means that is carried out in alternation between the educational centre and the internship company, combining the learning in the classroom with the practical activity in the work centre.

Internationalisation strategy and objectives of the institution for the next years

Our first step will be the implementation of an internationalization department. Our first objective is to build the necessary infrastructure, in terms of staff, allowing us to send our students abroad and receiving students from other countries. In this sense, the SFA already have an International Coordinator, who have the mission to help us with the implementation of this department and with the implementation of the Erasmus+ programme in the school.

Secondly, we will sign inter-institutional agreements between other centres with similar interests to ours. For this, we will also use the figure of the International Coordinator of the SFA.

We are also on a registration process in to the e-twinning platform, from where we are planning to contact with other schools around Europe.

Finally, once the internationalization system is implemented we will establish corrective actions and reviews at the end of each course in order to improve the detected weakness.

Geographic area

The internationalisation actions will be developed in the framework of the EU especially France and Belgium who have already made some trips where we have already stablished contacts.

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