

# ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT 2014-2020

## Introduction and Background

The Agricultural & Forestry School of Santa Coloma de Farners began its activity in 1984. Nowadays you can learn in this school subjects related with gardening, florist and forest by professional training or by continuous learning.

Since 1995 the professional training students have been abroad doing his traineeship in companies in some EU country, especially in Sweden, France, Holland, Portugal...

Our strategy has been to get in touch with other similar schools and to establish an interesting exchange for the two institutions at minimal cost of implementation for those interested (both students and teachers). We received groups of farmers, forest or gardeners, interested in learning about the region and the characteristics of professional sectors. We had contacts with schools from outside of EU countries such as Morocco. Some of our students have a training module of English.

## Internationalization strategy of the institution for the next years

For the next school years we commit to participate in the Erasmus project organized by the network of schools in the Agricultural Education Service and the Ministry of Education. Also we are ready to collaborate with exchange projects with schools in our specialty sector and other international initiatives.

## Election of members

The choice of our partners will be done by the responsible for programs through the International Agricultural Training Service. We are open to suggestions of other schools in order to make bilateral exchange of students stays in business.

## Geographic Area

The internationalization actions will be developed in the framework of the EU especially in Finland, Sweden, Holland and France who have already made some trips where we have already established contacts.

## Objectives

Within the internationalization policy of the center, the main objective is to allow students to perform practical experience in a company abroad to learn about other labor and social situations, and reinforce language skills. Moreover contact with schools, students, teachers and other countries will allow the center to be enriched with new knowledge and contacts with the aim of improving the quality of education.

Ultimately stays abroad can allow students to enjoy new job opportunities within the EU.

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