

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS) – 2021-2027

This EPS covers activities regarding Erasmus key Action 1 (KA1) – Learning mobility for higher education students and staff

Instituto de Enseñanza Secundaria A Pinguela (I.E.S. A Pinguela) (<http://www.iesapinguela.es>) is a public College located in Monforte de Lemos, a town on the north-west of Spain (Galicia), that offers the following courses: secondary education (12-16 yo), bachillerato (16-18 yo) and Vocational Educational Training (high and medium level) on IT (Web Programming), Finance and Administration and Beauty and Hairdressing.

Although it is located in a rural area which is under-industrialised, we are committed to give to all our students the opportunity to experience mobility in Europe to improve their competences and employability.

As it is stated in IES A Pinguela institutional strategy (mission-vision document) (http://centros.edu.xunta.es/iesapinguela/area_priv/administracion/documentos/archivos/documento_1295.pdf), we participate in European projects to contribute to the normalization of a training stay abroad as a part of the Higher Vocational Educational Training curricula, and knowledge of foreign languages to help on building a European Education Area.

We are also committed to provide our students with the best class of quality education and reinforce their identity as European citizens encouraging them to start a European career

We will promote student mobility for training in companies abroad and staff mobility for training and job shadowing in companies abroad.

We expect from these actions:

- For our HVET students to improve their technical competences and language competences and employability
- For IES A Pinguela to reinforce a network of European partners and to enrich mobility offer to students and teachers
- For teachers to bring them up to date on latest market products and techniques to be incorporated into their teaching activities
- For host partners, training centers and companies, to benefit from participants culture and know-how.

IES A Pinguela has a network of partners to host outgoing students and staff, including companies and Colleges (letters of intent are included as annex):

- Istituto d'Istruzione Superiore Biagio Pascal: College located in Italy offering Business and administration HVET courses.

- VASS-IT (www.vassit.co.uk): IT company located in UK

- Version 1 (www.version1.com): IT company located in Ireland
- New Horizons Dublin (nhireland.ie): IT training centre located in Ireland
- Splashsalons.com (splashsalons.com): Chain of beauty and hairdressing in London (UK)

IES A Pinguela is a small College with around 25 last year HVET students. Therefore we plan to carry out 15 student mobilities in the period 2021-2027, for them to complete and validate the On the Job training module, about 10 weeks long.

For our VET students we will apply for KA102 projects targeting around 6 student mobilities per academic year for internships in companies about 10 weeks long.

In case we do not have enough participants we will offer grants to recent graduates.

Staff mobilities will be offered to teachers aiming to accomplish 3 to 5 mobilities within the period 2021-2027, targeted to keep up to date teachers in new systems and techniques from their area.

Student mobilities for internships in companies will be validated with the On the Job training period. Learning outcomes for the internship will be agreed between IES A Pinguela tutor and company tutor according to curricula and monitoring and assessment will be done both on the company and remotely by tutors. This will control the quality of the internship.

Participants and tutors in companies will also answer an evaluation questionnaire.

IES A Pinguela will reinforce its network of European partners to participate in Erasmus+ actions. Over the last two years we have been involved in three KA229 projects and we expect to continue working on this line.

Monforte de Lemos,

The principal.

