

Erasmus policy statement – IES Juan Rubio Ortiz

The IES "Juan Rubio Ortiz" is located in the north of the province of Almeria, specifically in the marble region. The main economic engines of the area are the marble industry and rural tourism.

For both sectors it is essential that the students of the educational centres in this area increase their linguistic skills as well as their knowledge of other cultures. Without these skills, many young people will have no chance of finding work.

The IES Juan Rubio Ortiz, aware of its environment and the needs it presents, has been working for years to open the centre to the outside world, participating in different conferences, events and making an important commitment to the Erasmus+ Projects in which it has participated since 2017.

In addition, the management team is committed to carrying out two essential teaching objectives:

- 1) Improvement of languages (mainly English and French)
- 2) Responsible use of Information and Communication Technologies.

Indispensable and primordial objectives if we take into account the current society marked by globalization, mobility and interculturality, objectives also included in the internationalization strategy of the institution and in its Centre Plan.

In this sense, work is being done on the possibility of converting the Centre into a bilingual centre. At the moment, a Higher Level Training Course in International Bilingual Commerce is already being taught, and it is hoped that in the next few years the Centre will be completely bilingual.

In accordance with the above, we consider that **our needs are the following:**

1. To acquire and apply innovative methodological strategies and to improve the teaching skills of our staff.
2. To improve the teaching of DUAL Vocational Training, through the knowledge of methodologies used in other countries that are working very well.
3. To expand and improve the curricular skills in foreign languages of both students and teachers.
4. To open the mind and improve the civic and social awareness of our staff and students.
5. To participate in and develop international projects with repercussions beyond our municipality, in an open and flexible environment.
6. To improve the personal, professional and social competences of our students and to increase their labour insertion.

Our main objectives are:

1. To give our students the possibility to increase their knowledge in a real environment in a different country, expanding their education and culture.
2. To improve the quality and relevance of higher education.
3. To strengthen the quality of education and professional practices through mobility and cross-border cooperation.
4. Linking higher education and business to achieve excellence
5. To communicate our participation in European projects through our website, to inform and encourage our students and teaching staff to participate in them.
6. To promote within the Erasmus+ project the knowledge and learning of languages in order to increase the employment opportunities for students.
7. To widen the possibilities of cooperation with other centres and companies at an international level.
8. To develop activities for the individual progress of students.
9. To contribute to the creation of a common European education area for all young people.