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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees:

Original language [EN]

Our school aims at establishing bilateral relationships with educational institutions and enterprises from different European countries that also take part in this programme. Offers coming from EU and non EU are both welcome.

Our general coordinator will be in charge of searching for partners interested in exchanging students with schools integrated within our institution. For this purpose, our institution -SAFA-maintains an agreement with an external enterprise representative who is in charge of supporting our institution in our search for schools where our students could be allocated.

Since our institution's main goal is to promote socially and culturally all those students belonging to families lacking financial resources, special attention will be devoted to students coming from low income families so that they can have the opportunity to complete their training abroad.

Although English and French speaking countries would be our preference, our institution is also interested in establishing relationship with institutions from other countries where a different language is spoken.

Institutions from other countries that might offer a similar Vocational Training Program to those offered in our school will be also considered without regards to its geographical location.

The most important objectives of our institution are:

a) Enhance the opportunities of our students to complete their academic and professional training so that they can have better opportunities to find a job in the future

b) Provide with an excellent opportunity to improve linguistic and communicative skills of students. We consider this experience as a great opportunity for students to achieve the desirable linguistic level that could be required when searching for a job abroad.

c) Allow students to access to a different culture. By getting involved in academic and cultural activities, students will enrich not only their academic knowledge but also their personal experience as a citizen within a multicultural context

Please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.

If not applicable, please explain:

Original language [EN]

Since our school is integrated within a network of 27 educational centres spread over our Region (Andalucia), the policies of our institution also apply to all the schools that are part of this network.

Several schools of our institution have already taken part in different European programmes in which secondary school students are also involved. Our main interest is not only to participate in mobility programmes but also exchanging experiences with other European partners in questions related to social integration, immigration or the use of new technologies applied to education, as example.

Our participation in the Erasmus + Programme would enhance our opportunities to develop new strategies to improve the quality of our Training Programmes.

Our institution is determined to keep participating in mobility programmes as the best way of assuring our students the opportunity of achieving the necessary skills to integrate within the labour market. Furthermore, our experience within European exchange programmes would offer the possibility of acquiring a better knowledge of the educational system of other European countries.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on the modernisation of your institution.

Please refer to each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue:

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By taking part in this program, our institution tries to meet the new requirements of society.

Firstly, by improving the communicative skills of our students and also by giving them the opportunity to complete their academic training in recognized institutions that will give them the chance of growing both personally and professionally. Erasmus exchange program will provide our students with the possibility of searching a job outside our borders. Withing a context of economic recession, many of them will surely find the opportunity to access to jobs they are qualified for.

The specific elements that would contribute to the improvement and modernisation of our institution would be the following ones:

- Traineeships are valuable opportunities to acquire the necessary resources and tools that help students to work within a multidisciplinary team.
- The use and knowledge of new technologies. Traineeships provide with valuable opportunities to acquire the necessary resources and professional skills.
- The global impact that these programmes would have within our school, within our insitution and also in our social context.
- The improvement of the linguistic proficiency of the students of our school and our institution and also among the staff who participate in mobility programmes.
- The use of internet and our web page to provide with updated information about the programmes which are currently in progress and the diffusion of the results of the projects in which our institution has been involved.

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