

Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

Thanks to the Erasmus Exchange program, Cesur will put into practice its strategy to implement the modernization and internationalization of the education of our centres.

- Partnership choice: Our educational center has participated in other European projects and private entrepreneurship activities that have promoted mobilities and the collaboration with other educational centres and business at a European level (Germany, Romania, Netherland...) as well as out of the EU borders, such as China. With all of them we currently maintain a close relationship.

Through these contacts we hope to establish partnerships with other higher education centres and business around them.

Also, chambers of commerce, with the aim of promoting internationalization of businesses, could also be an important connecting link between Cesur and new partnerships.

Lastly, the project for the Dual Vocational Training Programme that Cesur is developing with Germany and other European countries since 2013. This project will allow us to extend our network with educational centres and organizations as potential partners of Cesur.

During this stage of the project, European networks for partnership search boosted by the European Commission will become more importance, such as the eTwinning programme which promotes partnerships between European educational centres through the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

- Geographical area: the geographical area where we want to work is the European Union. We are especially interested in German and English speaking countries, either if they have these languages as a mother tongue or as a second language. Even though, we also consider collaborating with Eastern European partners, especially Romanian.

- Main objectives and target groups mobility activities recipients: the objective of Cesur while participating in this Erasmus programme is introducing academic mobility programmes in order to become a host and sending educational centre for VET students. The aim of this is promoting the creation more and better qualified future professionals.

Through the mobilities provided by being an Erasmus centre, students will have access to a different educational offer, they will be able to improve their linguistic training and they will have the chance to have a cultural immersion experience that will enrich them.

Cesur will fully recognize the period abroad by the academic credits system or a similar one according to each case.

With the mobilities for internships, the students will be able to do an internship for a while in a business or organization in another European country, with the aim of getting some professional experience and knowing not only the labour market at an European level, but also its social and financial environment. This internship period will also be part of the credit recognition or similar system.

Teaching staff mobility aims that teachers from our centers and from our partners are able to give students the chance to access to the knowledge and professional experience by teachers from other countries. We also want to involve in this kind of mobilities non-teaching staff from our centers so they can get enriched through the exchange of experiences and good practices.

In the frame of our strategy for the modernization and internationalization of our centers, we are also going to include the international cooperation by establishing strategic partnerships based on innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as transversal cooperation regarding Education.

International cooperation projects represent a labour opportunity for our students; it opens up new opportunities and work perspectives for them and will provide them a cultural enrichment. For this purpose:

- Host and send staff and/or students
- Provide supportive measures at an institutional, departmental and financial level that allow participants of this project to carry out their work.
- Warrantee the dissemination of the activities as well as make the obtained results of the project visible through the use of Internet and other dissemination activities.

Participating in the Erasmus+ program we want to put in practice the five priorities of the European modernization agenda and to reach the modernization of our centres.

The main objective of Cesur is to motivate our students to enrol Higher Education VET programs attracted by the chance of being able to have training abroad in order to become better professionals thanks to the acquisition of needed additional skills (linguistic, among other ones). With the European mobility, we will improve the quality of teaching for the students to get the needed basic knowledge and skills in order to reach the labour success, and we will offer them more and better opportunities thanks to the development of their academic programs abroad. Therefore, lastly, we will contribute this way to increase the levels of qualification, since thanks to this strategy we will increase the professional chances of our potential students to get not only into the national market, but also in the international one.

In order to improve the quality and the relevance of the Higher Education, promoting Information and Communication Technology of the institution is part of our objectives. Some of the initiatives that could be carried out would be the development of a Moodle virtual platform. In this platform, there would be discussion forums about matters of interest contributing to the promotion of communication between students and teachers, partner centres, hosting companies for students, etc. This way, we would give our students the chance to access to a more customized education. Also, it would also be considered the possibility of making students, academic and administrative staff know about an online training offer (linguistic, for example).

Our training centre aims to promote mobility and transnational cooperation integrating in systematic way mobilities within the academic programs offered, mostly in the VET programs in which an experience abroad is eminently needed, such as International Trade Higher VET program. For this purpose, we will establish agreements with institutions that help the recognition of credits and internship certifications.

Another important point in Cesur own agenda is the direct cooperation with companies and research centres, considering the increasing interest of the Spanish young population on enrol Dual VET programs where the amount of time invested on practical part in work centres is the same than the amount of time dedicated to theoretical part in the classroom. In our program, we consider that our student can validate the compulsory module of internship included in the programs curriculum with professional experiences in companies abroad.

Cesur, as a private VET centre, promotes the own financial and, in order to not exclude those students with less financial resources, several scholarships are offered at a national a regional level, as well as Cesur scholarships (Laude, Accesssum, Fidelis y Beca Idioma).