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Description of the organisation

Salesianos Urnieta Salesiarrak is a subsidized religious VET (vocational training and education) and secondary and upper secondary school located in the municipality of Urnieta, in the Basque Region. Each year the centre provides education to over 450 students, from whom 200 are now studying secondary education. The vocational training courses offer students a wide range of specialities from intermediate to higher grades. Such specialities include: Electromechanic Maintenance, Graphic Printing, Electrical and Automatic Installations, Robotics, Electrical and Automatic Systems and Graphic Design and Editing. Regarding upper-secondary education, it covers the curriculum key areas of science and technology.

Salesianos Urnieta Salesiarrak belongs to the Hetel network of 21 subsidized VET schools in the Basque Country. The net shares innovation practices, internalization and mobility organisations and technical projects.

Additionally, Salesianos Urnieta Salesiarrak is strongly committed to offer a high quality education. The centre holds the Silver Q Award for quality acquired in 2004. Furthermore, the school follows the quality requirements stated by the ISO9001. ISO stands for International Standard Organisation and aims at establishing the necessary requirements for a Quality Management System.

Salesianos Urnieta Salesiarrak was also accredited with the Investors in People Standard in 2004. Since 1991 Investors in People has set the standard for better people management. This standard defines what it takes to lead, support and manage people well for sustainable results.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

Salesianos Urnieta Salesiarrak has an accumulated experience in international mobility and mobility management. The centre has been participating in Leonardo and Erasmus mobilities for years. Every year students attending the last year of their VET course have the opportunity to undertake their compulsory internship in another European country.

Since 2006, foreign language teachers from Salesianos Urnieta Salesiarrak have been working on a KA1 mobility programme organised by Bosko Anitz, the school's free time registered association. Over the past 10 years we have built strong relationships with Finland, Wales, Germany and Poland and each year foreign language teachers organise youth meetings in one of these countries. These meetings have supported students to travel abroad to undertake a one week programme acquiring the basic competences established by Erasmus+. Last summer, we held the youth meeting in Urnieta and we hosted over 25 foreign and 10 local students at Salesianos Urnieta School.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

More than 10 years ago the school started a methodology innovation process, following the Cooperative Learning Methodology, Emotional Intelligence, and e-Learning tools. For the last 2 years, the school has been researching about PBL and Multiple Intelligences, and over the last year we have designed tasks for students based on these methodologies. Salesianos Urnieta noticed that this was a good way to improve results in the learning process and decided to explore the way.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

Salesianos School as the coordinating organisation will be in charge of the project management and responsible for the constant monitoring of the development of the project activities. Salesianos will also work on the projects design, revision and dissemination together with the partner organisations.

Reasons of involvement in the project

According to PISA assessment reports, the results obtained in Maths, Science and Literacy are below OECD average. Besides, early school leaving rates are too high in many European Countries. Therefore, we think that it is essential to develop new education methodologies in order to improve the results. Research shows that active learning methodologies improve learning results so we expect to address underachievement in the above mentioned subjects by means of more effective, innovative teaching methods. In particular, focusing on student-centred and problem-based active learning using multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Asier Irazusta is the project manager and coordinator.

He has a vast experience in the field of education. He has extended working experience in management and business administration and marketing and communication management. He is also the responsible for the accomplishment of the ISO9001 requirements and he is very devoted to the quality education standards and has thus experience in the field.