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international mobility in initial vocational education and training, arts and sports in catalonia



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Mobility platform

The Unit of International Programmes for VET (SPIFP) works as mobility platform within the regional Ministry of Education of the Government of Catalonia. It is the reference for VET, arts and sports students on issues of international mobility for work experience in companies from other countries.

Recognition and validation of the experience gained abroad is possible as a part of the compulsory in-company training.

The following services are available:

→ Advice

The SPIFP provides advice to the trainers organizing the students' mobility projects for VET, art and sports the schools. It also provides information to individuals or companies that might require it.

→ Tools

Documents and tools are provided, useful in the organisation of the mobility projects. They are available from the SPIFP web site.

→ Funding

Mobility projects applications may receive funding to partially cover the expenses of travel, accommodation, meals, internal transportation and linguistic preparation of students involved in the project and, if applicable, the costs of the staff monitoring the activity.

The funding may come from:

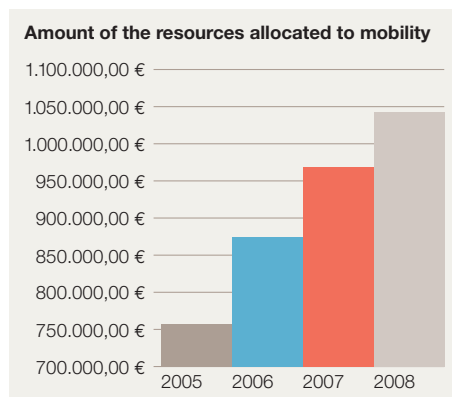
• own funds

The regional Ministry of Education of the Government of Catalonia counts on its own funds destined to VET students, both of intermediate and advanced level, as well as those following an artistic or sports training. The objective is the fulfilment of work placements in companies from other countries. These funds have been increased steadily during the last years.

Every year, a public call for mobility projects is opened; it is accessible to all Catalan training centres delivering the above mentioned studies.

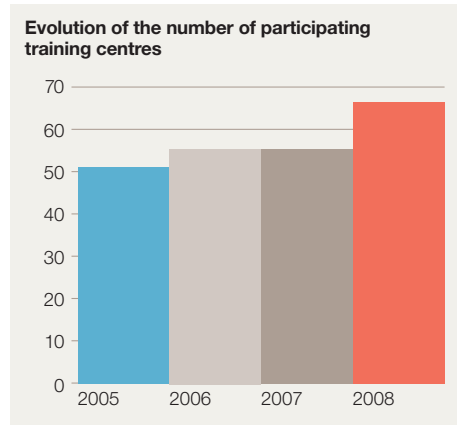
• european funding

The regional Ministry of Education of the Government of Catalonia, through its General Direction for Professional, Artistic and Specialised Studies, takes part in the Lifelong learning programme, more precisely by applying for European funding from the European sectoral subprogrammes for mobility Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus.



→ **Establishing relationships between Catalan and foreign training centres**

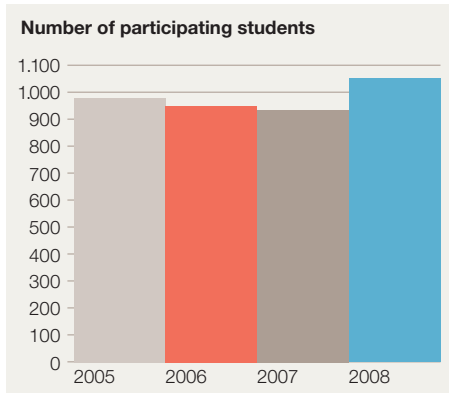
The regional Ministry of Education takes part, together with other European partners, in international projects related to several aspects of VET. At the same time, cooperation agreements with other European regions (Tuscany, Midi-Pyrenees, Rhone-Alps, French Community of Belgium, Wales, etc.) have been signed. This activity at the international level makes it possible that Catalan training centres be put in contact with schools from all over Europe in order to initiate work placement projects abroad.



Some figures

→ **Participants**

Every year, approximately 1.000 Catalan VET, arts and sports students receive funding from the regional Ministry of Education in order to fulfil a work placement abroad.



→ **Training centres**

The number of participating training centres and delivered projects has steadily risen during the last years; during the 2008 public call, 66 training centres participated with a total of 123 projects.

→ **Hosting countries for mobility projects**

The work placements abroad have been carried out in 17 different countries, inside and outside the EU.

