


Agrupamento de Escolas Emídio Garcia

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Type of organisation:

SME School University Public Authority
 Training No Profit NGO

Other (Specify): Emídio Garcia Schools Group (providing from Kindergarten Education to the Secondary Level)

Fields of action:

SMEs Youth Universities Public Authorities
 Equal opportunities Schools Unemployed

Other (Specify):

Description of the Organisation

The School Group Emídio Garcia of Bragança is a public institution with a defined mission in making a difference by pursuing innovative, creative and effective practices in what teaching and learning are concerned.

The head-school of the group mentioned above, which is Secondary School Emídio Garcia, was founded in 1853 in order to provide a pre-university training to students of Bragança district. However, the current Emídio Garcia Schools Group was created on the 4th July, in 2012, through the aggregation of Paulo Quintela Elementary Education School with Emídio Garcia Secondary School; furthermore, along with Paulo Quintela school another six establishments joined in; meaning that this group of schools provides all levels of Education from the kindergarten up to the secondary to 1940 students.

Our group of schools promotes a wide range of extracurricular activities, such as: music bands, a Choir, dance club, Drama club, Chess club and the most popular Sport Teams are basketball and football. We also take part in different national challenges covering several areas like Maths, Portuguese, Chemistry, Biology, and English, just to name a few.

We would like to highlight the fact that our school has always been the only one, in our region, to offer the chance of pursuing the study area of Arts in the secondary level. The other available study areas are: Humanities, Socio-Economic and Science and Technology courses. It is a well-equipped school as all the classrooms have got a personal computer connected to wi fi and to an over projector.

We prioritize the 21st skills, namely ICT, creativity/imagination, critical thinking, oral/written communication skills, social skills, collaboration/team work, problem solving, global and cultural awareness, leadership, information literacy and citizenship.

We are proud to say that we are a Bullying Free Zone School. Besides, we regard ourselves as a multicultural group of schools since we have students from different nationalities and ethnicities.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

2021-2022 – Gamers4Nature Project Erasmus +
2018-2020 – RoboSTEAM Project Erasmus +
2018-2019 – SMILD Project Erasmus +
2017-2018 – Cross-Border Project – EMPRETIC
2015-2016 – e-learning from Nature
2012-2015 – Chemistry Is All Around

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

We have been carrying out cross curriculum activities in the scope of "Citizenship and Development" subject, which includes contents/domains such as Human Rights and Environmental Sustainability. Nevertheless, we haven't had any type of training concerning transdisciplinary approaches, yet.

This project objectives will meet the goals set up for the compulsory cross curricular area mentioned above, which has been carried out over recent years at our school. Therefore, this project will boost motivation, interest, skills and knowledge that teachers are expected to develop; on the other hand it will have a huge impact on students' learning, for sure.

We hope this project helps us identify experts and then leverage that expertise in support of the project's goals.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

We can count on the know-how regarding scientific and pedagogical matters of our Staff (teachers).

Emídio Garcia Schools Group has been part of several projects and has participated in numerous activities that have to do with the topic area Sustainable Development, for instance:

- Erasmus+ Program "Gamers4Nature - Reconnecting with Nature through the creation of Digital Games"
- Eco-Schools Program
- "Há HORTA na Escola" - "There is a Kitchen garden at school"

Reasons of involvement in the project

We would like to highlight the fact that this project will enable us to improve not only our knowledge but also our competence in a transdisciplinary approach; that is, we are looking forward to boosting collaborative work.

We expect to meet the following goals:

- Foster Critical Thinking and debate about the Agenda 2030 aims.
- Make pragmatic changes.
- Boost collaborative work by engaging all the participants.
- Promote the acquisition of transversal competences.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

The three teachers mentioned above are the ones who have been participating in the European projects we have carried out so far at our school.

Maria João is an English Teacher, Luísa Fernandes is a Physics and Chemistry teacher and Manuela Oliveira is a Maths teacher.