

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The Escola Superior de Arte Dramática de Galicia (henceforth, Esad-G) has participated in the Erasmus Programme since 2014, under the KA103 action. A considerable number of students and teaching staff have been awarded the opportunity to perform a mobility in one of the countries within the programme, and many connections with different art schools and conservatories have been established. Every year, incoming and outgoing mobilities (including STA, STT, SMS and SMP) are made involving almost 30 institutions. This number keeps growing every year with the creation of new inter-institutional agreements, and ought to be increased in the future through KA107 and KA2 calls. With them, the Esad-G will expand its possibilities, opening to another continent and strengthening ties with a great variety of institutions from Colombia, as well as strengthening ties with our current partners.

The Esad-G is the only higher education institution related to performing arts in its region, Galicia. As a result of that, Erasmus mobilities are a key aspect in being up to date in academic and administrative terms. One of the main reasons why the Esad-G has showed interest in promoting mobilities to its members through the programme, in addition to the personal enrichment that the own experience brings, is the impact in internationalisation and modernisation of the teaching process. By visiting different schools in various countries with a specific curriculum, the participants have been able to appreciate different ways to deal with topics related to scenic arts, improving their own CVs as well as the school. In addition, these mobility periods have also promoted the school in terms of internationalisation, becoming the destination of many incoming mobilities. Focusing on the previously mentioned KA171 action, some of the institutions that the Esad-G has decided to collaborate with are a result of mobility periods by some of our staff members to international events, Erasmus conventions and theatre exhibitions. Thanks to that, not only has our own staff showed interest in the different Colombian schools, but we have also had various conversations regarding students and professors of these institutions looking forward to visiting the Esad-G with an Erasmus mobility. Thus, one of the main aims for the Esad-G to participate in the following Erasmus Programme is to continue offering a priceless experience for both students and staff and creating connections with different partners with countries in the programme and those associated.

As previously mentioned, the Erasmus actions that the EsadG will take part in during the 2021-2027 Programme will be the following:

- KA131: Higher education mobility within programme countries
- KA171: Higher education mobility between programme and partner countries
- KA223: Strategic associations in the field of Higher Education

Within the Key Action 1 (KA131 and KA171), the school expects to continue their staff and student mobilities between programme and partner countries, both outgoing and incoming (taking into account the limits established in the programme). For that purpose, an annual call will be made, with prior informative sessions and including all the essential information in the website of the center, as well as providing support via email, so that potential participants can think of joining the programme in advance.

Regarding the Key Action 2, the school expects to create strategic associations with different universities and higher education institutions, mainly for the implementation of theatre projects consisting of a variety of activities (workshops, theatre shows, etc). These will be carried taking into account the interest and possibilities of the different departments of the school. At the moment, there are ongoing conversations for various potential projects. Both actions, with their expected mobility flows, will promote the internationalization of the EsadG and help strengthening the relationship between the different institutions, as well as creating new associations in the process. The training of staff members and students will also be improved, since the programme will give new perspectives and a curricular boost.

Recently, the EsadG has exponentially increased its involvement in the different actions of the programme, promoting more intensively those that were already managed by the school (multiplying the number of participants in all the mobility flows) and showing interest in other actions (applying for the KA107 action and participating in the application of a KA203 action as a participant, respectively).

During the following Erasmus programme, the Esad-G plans to continue its current activities and increasing its international presence. For that reason, the following objectives have been established:

-Regarding the KA131 action, the school expects to maintain the interest shown in the last call thanks to the work of the International Department. In addition, the number of links with higher education institutions will be increased, so that the school increases its internationalization and prospective participants have a wider range to select.

-Regarding the KA171 action, the school plans to maintain their relationships with the institutions of the country (Colombia) and create new bonds with other associated countries as soon as the call is available. We look forward to receiving as many students and staff members as possible, in addition to sending our own staff members and establishing relationships with countries where outgoing students from Spain are allowed.

-Regarding the KA2 action, we plan to continue and strengthen the two projects that the school will be participating shortly. In addition, the school will consider its participation in other associations with institutions that have already shown interest.