

VALENCIA, SPAIN

IES BENICALP VALENCIA



IES BENICALAP is a public school located on a traditional neighborhood of the Spanish lively city of Valencia. It is a considerable large school with different educational levels: compulsory secondary education (around 500 students), higher secondary school (250 students) and vocational training (250 students). The teachers' staff is made up of around 125 people. Since its creation on 2000/2001 school year, IES Benicalap has always had an international vocation and a deep concern and engagement about developing European values and spirit.

So we have driven Comenius projects, visits to the European Parliament, cultural travels, work-experience initiatives abroad, as well as several Erasmus KA1 and KA2 projects (Melting the ice, Sound of Europe, The sky and the air, Ethos of Europe: acting for integration...). In addition, the school has been taken part in an experimental CLIL approach project carried out by the local Valencian Government aimed at teaching subjects in a second language. From next year on we will run an official plan to teach non- linguistic subjects in English, Spanish and Catalan, and maybe other languages such as French and German.

The school was built in 2000 due to the expansion of this part of the city, for this reason, our institution has a large proportion of immigrant students from several nationalities. This immigrant people have different features: political refugees, poverty, persecution... and the common goal of all of them is always finding a better life. The integration of these students depends on many factors, and it is very important for our school to work on actions like this project to promote the improvement of the climate of the school.

We are really concerned about social issues and specially about diversity and inclusion. During last years we have been setting up different initiatives and innovative education projects which have been granted by local government and authorities as best educational practices to be carried out by other education institutions.