

**Project « Mobilité SEGPA en Europe »:**  
***L'orientation par la mobilité européenne des élèves girondins scolarisés en SEGPA***

**LEONARDO mobility 2012/2014**

**Presentation:**

From 2011 up to 2014, the Gironde County Council offers the opportunity of a **European mobility to 10 SEGPA classes from Gironde**. This project is framed within Gironde's youth policies and European Leonardo educational program,

SEGPA is a specific national educational program for 12 to 16 years old youngsters with difficulties in traditional learning environments. It combines general courses (maths, English, French, sport and history) with vocational training in areas such as gardening, building, catering, cleaning, maintenance, sales and marketing.

Through this initiative the Gironde County Council targets vulnerable students who are unlikely to leave their home town, largely for reasons related to their often disadvantaged socioeconomic condition.

**Objective:**

The main objective is to help SEGPA students at **defining their own qualified vocational path**, supported by a professional European experience.

Specific objectives:

- At an individual level: helping these students to define their orientation and vocational project, to broaden their perspective, to add value to their professional training and to raise their awareness of their European citizenship
- At an institutional level: upgrading SEGPA classes in the eyes of the students and their parents as well as of the whole educational community; improving the recognition of the developed professional skills and personal qualities

**Description of young people:**

The groups consist of 12 to 15 young people (boys and girls) enrolled in *a classe de 3<sup>ème</sup> de collège* (4<sup>th</sup> year of secondary school), SEGPA (Section d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel Adapté); they are accompanied by 5 adults (teachers and General Council's officers).

- Average age of students: 15
- SEGPA is a place suitable for teaching college students with long-lasting learning difficulties. A SEGPA student is a fulltime student.
- Young people with learning difficulties often, but not always, coupled with social difficulties (neither motor nor psychological incapacities). These young people's specific needs concern their underachievement feeling and their struggle to increase their self esteem and abilities.

This European mobility is part of a cursus of studies, precisely of the PDMF (Parcours de Découverte des métiers et des Formations) and takes place during school time.

**Funding:**

An application for funding has been submitted in February 2012 and accepted in June 2012 within the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci program (Life Long Learning Program).

A grant of € 72,000 for 48 students' mobility and 10 teachers' mobility has been obtained.

During 2012/2013 school year, 4 colleges' volunteers will perform mobility over a 2 weeks period.

**Typology of European partners:**

The Gironde County Council and college partners are therefore looking for European partners for mobility:

- One SEGPA class between February and May 2013,
- Three SEGPA classes between November 2013 and March 2014.

Partner organizations needed:

- training centres (such as vocational school or training center for apprentices), technically oriented;
- for students remote from traditional school;
- Schools may offer accommodation / another possibility is staying in youth hostels.

The students are received weekly by vocational secondary schools that offer workshops. Visits to local businesses, cultural and sporting activities can be offered after school-time.

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