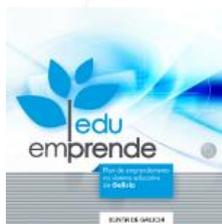


Entrepreneurship Coordinators at Specialist VET Schools in Galicia (Spain)

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Regional VET systems in the north of Spain are proving to be hotspots of entrepreneurial activity. Policies and practices in the Basque Country and Asturias have already received some coverage within the frame of IncuVET project but this time we're moving westwards to turn our attention to [Galicia](#), a region where entrepreneurship education has been gaining traction in recent years.



A quick glance at Galicia's specific regional strategy for entrepreneurship education, [EduEmprende](#), is enough to appreciate the whole raft of actions envisaged in all education levels including VET. As regards VET, we've stumbled upon a particular piece of sensible policymaking. Much to our surprise, all Specialist VET Schools (Centros Integrados de Formación Profesional) in Galicia have a mandate to



appoint an Entrepreneurship Coordinator. The [decree 77/2011](#) published in 2011 by the regional Department of Education outlines the essential features of this position, reproduced here verbatim:

"Entrepreneurship Coordinators in VET Specialist Schools (Galicia) have a clear remit to:

- a) Manage in-school business incubators and provide advice, guidance and follow-up of selected business ideas according to its viability with a clear re to facilitate business start-up*
- b) Disseminate, promote and support student entrepreneurial initiatives.*
- c) Liaise with other local Schools in the area to devise and implement awareness-raising events and training opportunities for students showing entrepreneurial flair.*
- d) Inform potential entrepreneurs about all the resources available in the local area (offline and online).*
- e) Organize CPD activities for all teachers involved in entrepreneurship education.*
- f) Arrange work experience placements in companies (or public institutions providing business start-up support) according to the needs of teachers and students.*
- g) Create a teacher network in order to share ideas and resources enabling further development of local productive sectors.*
- h) Any other functions commissioned by the Head of the Careers Guidance department"*

Source: Decreto 77/2011, do 7 de abril, polo que se establece o Regulamento orgánico dos centros integrados de formación profesional competencia da Consellería de Educación e Ordenación Universitaria

Any similar schemes in your school/country? IncuVET is eager to exchange views on the essential aspects and common elements configuring the role of entrepreneurship coordinators in VET Schools across Europe. Drop us a line or join the conversation in Facebook.