

### CENTRO DE FORMACIÓN SOMORROSTRO

<b>Partner Organisation</b>	
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<b>Profile</b>	
Type of organisation	OTHER- EDUCATIONAL CENTRE
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES

### **Project**

Somorrostro technical school aims to promote or participate in a gender equality project related to occupational segregation.

- Our main training families are industry-related occupations where the presence of women is low. Approximately only 8% of students in Industrial Courses are women, whereas men represent 92%.
- We aim at attracting women to the industrial diplomas in the short term as our labour market calls for an urgent incorporation of women to these sectors through different activities: specific training for educators and counsellors, development of didactic materials and revising courses and infrastructures hindering equality.
- Somorrostro provides also secondary education, thus our project could tackle 2 transition stages: from secondary school to VET/University and from VET to the labour market.
- Our school provides counselling and guidance services to students and replacement services. In 2015 the school has managed over 1500 job offers being certified by our Labour Ministry.
- Somorrostro counts with a Gender Equality department offering consulting services to schools and city councils mainly on gender issues:
  - o Training for civil servants, families, teachers, youngsters.
  - o Diagnosis, equality plans and protocols to prevent gender violence in city councils and private companies.
  - o Technical Assistance in gender equality.

- Co-education workshops in schools.
- Awareness raising campaigns for public institutions.
- Promotion of dialogue among stakeholders.

### **Short presentation of the organization**

Centro de Formación Somorrostro (Somorrostro) is a **Vocational and education training centre** created in 1947 and provides secondary education, 3 levels of Vocational Education and Training -initial, intermediate, and higher VET-, and continuous VET (adult education, and education and training for unemployed people). The center offers a wide range of qualifications in the following fields: Machining; Industrial maintenance, repair and operations; Automotive maintenance; Electricity and Electronics; Information Technology; Safety and environment; Construction and civil engineering; Social services to the Community; Management and Marketing.

Nowadays, Somorrostro has more than 4.000 students and employs around 190 professionals being the largest VET organisation in the province of Bizkaia and the second in the Region of the Basque Country. The centre occupies an area of 60.000 square meters comprising 9 buildings being 8.210 square meters dedicated to specific workshops and laboratories.

Somorrostro has agreements with more than **600 companies** per year allowing the hosting of students in their workplaces for training periods, and also for the provision of training courses to their staff. In addition, it acts as an intermediary between job seekers and companies **managing more than 1.500 job offers** in 2015. Since the end of 2013, Somorrostro shares international job offers from the Eures network.

Somorrostro quality management systems and certificates are:

- ISO 9001
- ISO 14001
- OSHAS 18000
- Corporate Social Responsibility Certification.

Somorrostro has a wide network of collaborations with national institutions such as the Basque Government, regional province authorities, city councils; development agencies (Enkarterri), and associations such as Hotel - Association of VET schools of the Basque Country, EfVET European Forum for Vocational Education and Training and FP Empresa at national level.

**What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in the areas relevant for this project?**

**What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?**

Somorrostro is a key agent in the region with more than 20 years of experience providing VET training, designing new materials and training itineraries, adapted to market needs. Besides its experience teaching young and adults, during the last decades Somorrostro has tackled the challenge of taking part in international and European projects, both as coordinator and partner:

- Currently, Somorrostro leads the project “Key Skills for Mobility” (Project no. 2014-1-ES01-KA202-004680 Erasmus+, Strategic Partnerships) related to the development of horizontal skills for encouraging and improving mobility experiences of European VET students. The project has started

in January 2015 and will last until November 2016 and gathers 6 partners from 5 different EU countries.

- Somorrostro participates as partner in the Strategic Partnership “DESCI-Development of creativity and innovation at school for the development of European methodological standards of alternating training in secondary technical and professional School systems. (Project no. 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015417).
- Somorrostro participated in the project “Business Woman-Women involved in innovation and corporate social responsibility” (Leonardo da Vinci 2013-1-FR-leo04-496298) tackling employment and entrepreneurship of women as a specific target. The project brings together organizations able and legitimated to gather female entrepreneurs, women characterized by their commitment to a socially responsible approach to business. Business woman involves 8 partners from 8 different countries, both from the EU and also third countries.
- Somorrostro participated in the regional development project EFA/285/13 “Pirecow-Coworking Pyrénées” financed by POCTEFA (Territorial Cooperation Programme for Spain, France and Andorre) tackling coworking spaces as an innovative place for professional training and its role in entrepreneurship. The project started in September 2014 and ended on September 2015 and involved 4 partners from France and Spain.

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