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# MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

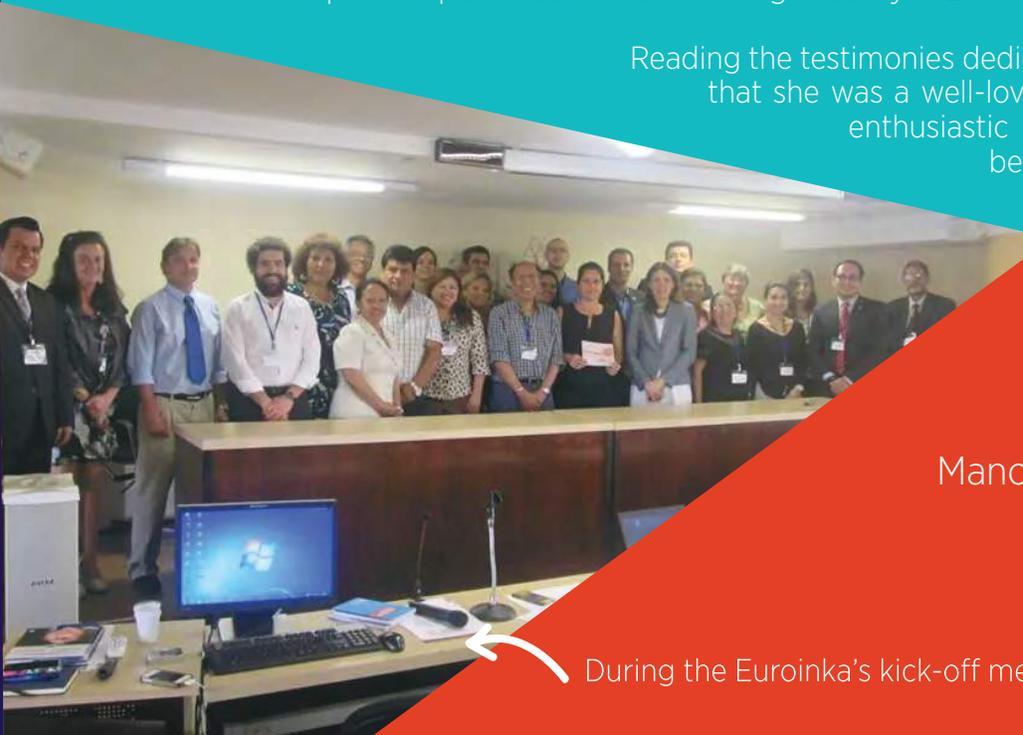
This issue of the Euroinka newsletter is dedicated to Begoña (Bego).

Earlier this year we all were shocked by the news that the EM coordinator for Euroinka, Ms. Begoña Lluzar at the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia (UPV) passed away. Begoña's sudden departure saddened all Euroinka partners.

I would like to pay tribute to Begoña's memory because she was one of the main drivers behind the successful 2014 Euroinka application. Back in 2012, during the long application process and after my two attempts to get the grant, I exchanged emails and spoke on the phone to her and she was always generous and willingly shared her experiences with me. In particular, after my second failed attempt in 2013, she doggedly encouraged me to re-submit the project and continuously lifted my spirit when I was so disappointed to the point that I almost gave up. She was right of course because in 2014, the third time we applied, we won the grant. I am, and will be ever grateful to her for that. Later on in February 2015 at the Euroinka kick-off meeting at UNESP in Sao Paulo, I met her personally and spent lovely moments with her; those moments are now precious memories.

Although we are all sad with the loss of our friend Bego, maybe our consolation is to know that hundreds of Latin American students who benefited from the mobility will have her in their thoughts and will treasure good memories. We know that she was very committed to the students arriving to UPV and equally very helpful to Spanish students venturing to study in Latin America.

Reading the testimonies dedicated to Begoña in this issue, it is clear that she was a well-loved, talented, generous, energetic and enthusiastic person. We have lost a genuine believer in international education. We all miss and will continue to miss her.



**Prof. Alberto Paucar-Caceres**

Euroinka Coordinator  
Manchester Metropolitan University

During the Euroinka's kick-off meeting at UNESP.

# MENSAJE DEL COORDINADOR

**Esta edición está dedicada a Begoña (Bego).**

A inicios de este año fuimos sorprendidos con la noticia de que la coordinadora de Erasmus para Euroinka, Begoña Lluzar, de la Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (UPV), había fallecido. Su partida repentina provocó gran tristeza en los socios de Euroinka.

Deseo rendir tributo a la memoria de Begoña porque ella fue uno de los principales motores detrás del éxito en la solicitud del proyecto Euroinka en el año 2014. Hace algunos años, en el 2012, después de un largo proceso de solicitud y de dos intentos fallidos para obtener los fondos, intercambié correos con ella y conversamos por teléfono. Siempre fue muy generosa y dispuesta a compartir sus experiencias conmigo. En particular, después del segundo intento fallido en el 2013, Begoña insistió en que volviera a participar en la solicitud del proyecto y continuamente me apoyó y levantó mis ánimos cuando yo estaba tan decepcionado al punto que por poco me daba por vencido. Ella tenía toda la razón, ya que en el 2014, la tercera vez que participamos, el proyecto fue elegido y obtuvimos los fondos. Estoy y siempre estaré agradecido con ella por eso. Tiempo después, en febrero del 2015, en la reunión de arranque de Euroinka en la UNESP en Sao Paulo, conocí a Begoña en persona y pasamos momentos muy agradables; esos momentos son ahora preciadas memorias

Aunque todos estamos tristes por la pérdida de nuestra amiga Bego, quizá nuestra consolación es saber que cientos de estudiantes Latinoamericanos que fueron beneficiados con la movilidad la tendrán en su memoria y valoran los momentos que pasaron con ella. Sabemos que tenía un gran compromiso con los estudiantes que llegaban a la UPV, así como con los estudiantes españoles que viajaban a Latinoamérica.

Al leer los testimonios dedicados a Begoña en esta edición, me queda claro que era una persona amada, talentosa, generosa, enérgica y entusiasta. Hemos perdido a una genuina creyente en la educación internacional. Todos la extrañamos y nos hará mucha falta.



**Prof. Alberto Paucar-Caceres**

Coordinador Euroinka  
Manchester Metropolitan University



En la reunión arranque de Euroinka en Sao Paulo.

# IN MEMORY OF BEGOÑA LLUZAR



VALENCIA  
2010

Welcoming event for the group of Erasmus Mundus beneficiaries at UPV. This picture is during a lunch with “paella” (the traditional Spanish dish). Begoña had broken her arm skating.



This picture was in 2011 during an annual event organized for students, “Las Fallas” is a local festivity in Valencia. This event was proposed by Begoña and it has been organized every year since. During the event, “sangria” (a drink) was prepared and Begoña was the one giving all the instructions on its preparation, she was an expert on it.

VALENCIA  
2011

VALENCIA  
2012



Annual event “Las Fallas”, in 2012. Bego was a great dancer and always lighted the festivity up.

Final meeting of Erasmus Mundus projects EUROTANGO and EUROTANGO 2. Begoña commented that the idea to create this program came up during a meeting for another project. She was in a bus talking to Argentinian partners and she thought it would be good to have an Erasmus Mundus program with Argentina. She was like this, she suddenly came up with ideas and she started working on them.



**ARGENTINA 2013**



**VALENCIA 2014**

This was the Christmas toast two years ago. This event was also proposed by Begoña with the aim to have an exchange of cultures among the students, make a toast and take pictures with the Christmas tree and the nativity set. Every December, Begoña put together the nativity set and the Christmas tree. She established a rule that every member of the international office that travelled to other countries had to bring a figure for the nativity set to display it and have a more international scene. She intensively lived the traditions and spread her enthusiasm in the office.

Christmas lunch with the international office team.



**VALENCIA 2014**



Farewell lunch for a colleague from UPV

**VALENCIA 2015**

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Interestingly enough sometimes it turns out really difficult for people working in an International Office, who spend their working days writing and talking to other people around the world, drafting proposals and reports, to write down a few words about a colleague and a friend who has left us too early.

No words and no homages are enough to express the loss for everybody who had the privilege of meeting and working with Begoña. Since the very first moment you talked to her you would smile and feel the energy and the passion she had for her work and for her life. She was able to put her character in everything she did, because that was her way of living: she lived life in its fullness and always gave the best of her. She will forever be remembered as a great woman and co-worker.

Warmest condolences from the International Office team of U.Porto.

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**-ANA REIS**

**International Cooperation  
Universidade do Porto**



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Haber trabajado con Begoña fue un honor; tenía mucha experiencia en gestionar proyectos europeos; cuando tenía una idea de cómo crear un programa no paraba hasta ponerlo en marcha. Siempre nos contagiaba con su energía y vivía con pasión el día a día. Era generosa, trabajadora, guerrera, era el polvorín de la oficina y para muchos becarios fue como una segunda madre. Gracias Bego, porque aparte de compañera, eras una gran amiga.

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**-GERALDINE BUSTAMANTE REYES**  
**Oficina de Acción Internacional**  
**Universitat Politècnica de València**

# ABOUT THE THE SECOND COHORT OF GRANTS

The call was open for almost 3 months (from 12th November 2015). The deadline was Sunday 7th February 2016.

At the end of the call, we had **1,084** applicants submitting full applications (1,080 from LA and 66 from EU).

We have 72 selected applicants:



**TOTAL  
72**

EU to LA	62
LA to EU	10
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	72

TG1	40
TG2	19
TG3	13
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	72

# WHAT'S NEW

## MEETING IN PORTO

### Marifé Zudaire from MMU-attended UPorto InterWeek and visited “Euroinka” grantees in Porto and Vigo

The University of Porto hosted the “U.Porto InterWeek - International Staff Training Week” from the 7th to 11th of November 2016. Marife from MMU attended this important event and used the visit to meet the “Euroinkas” studying at UPorto and Vigo, a city not far from Porto. The programme comprised a range of interesting issues for the different international universities taking part, in order to strengthen international cooperation by encouraging the exchange of best practices and experiences. It was a great opportunity to share experiences and to discuss good practices in a beautiful city!



→ Porto

→ Vigo

# WHAT'S NEW

# THE THIRD CALL FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOW OPEN!

**END DATE: FEB. 28**

**Our third and last call for  
applications is now here!  
Visit the project's website:  
[www.euroinka.eu](http://www.euroinka.eu)**

## BENEFITS

Selected applicants will be awarded with a monthly allowance:

- Undergraduates and Masters: 1000 EUR
- Post-Docs: 1800 EUR
- Staff members: 2500 EUR

A two-way flight ticket plus full health, accident, and travel insurance for the duration of the mobility.

Students doing a mobility will pay tuition fees at their home institution as tuition is waived in the host university.

## REMEMBER

Scholarships are available for both EU and LA candidates.

## TYPES OF MOBILITY

- Undergraduate mobility
- Master mobility
- Staff mobility
- Full masters
- Post doctorates



# MEET MORE OF OUR BENEFICIARIES

## FROM SOUTH TO NORTH

This year I have started to face a great challenge in my life, not only academically but also socially and culturally. I moved from the warm climate of South America in Paraguay to Northern Europe in Sweden to study Economics as an exchange student. This is something that challenged myself and made me see the world from a wider perspective. It has been two months since I arrived in Uppsala, a student city in Sweden to study for an entire academic year at Uppsala University and I can say that this is not only an academic exchange but also a cultural exchange that enriches myself and makes me develop my abilities as a student and as a learner, and improve my social skills.

However, before traveling many uncertainties invaded my mind, questioning myself how would it be possible to switch from an education system to another completely different and meet the requirements? How will I get adapted as a student? Well, even though it is challenging to start a new academic life, after two months I found myself attending and participating in lectures with Swedish and international professors, eating Swedish food, celebrating Swedish holidays and having the traditional Swedish fika all the time and by ALL the time I really mean every single day. Regarding this, it took my attention the fact that having fika is so important in this culture that to express it in Swedish you don't need any other verb because the action is a verb on itself: fikar. The concept of Fikar basically refers to having coffee with a sweetie, my favorite one is kanelbullar which combination with coffee is the ideal fika for me, but you can have coffee with any Swedish sweetie on the side because they are all delicious.

Since my first day here, I have met students from all over the world, sharing with them languages, knowledge and experiences. Additionally, I have sought to be a positive role model representing my home university and my country, Paraguay. At this time, I feel that my learning skills have been broadened by being part of two universities, two countries and two different cultures. Hence, I found my ideal place to study where I feel I can take my abilities beyond country borders in order to grow academically and personally.

**-Beatriz Mercedes  
Albrecht Aguilar**

**Home  
institution:**

Universidad  
Católica Nuestra  
Señora de la Asunción,  
Paraguay

**Host institution:** Uppsala  
University, Sweden

**Type of mobility:** undergraduate  
**Target group:** 1



## FINLAND, LAND OF BERRIES

When I first knew I got the scholarship of the EuroInkaNet Project to spend one month in the Office of International Relations of Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS) in Finland I was really happy, though truth be told little I knew about this country. The first thing that came to my mind: it was going to be cold. This turned out not to be true.

I work as Responsible of International Mobility Programs (outgoing students) of Universidad Veracruzana (UV), Mexico, and I saw the EuroInkaNet Project as an opportunity to see the way how TUAS works with prospective students who want to study abroad for one academic term. At UV we have been trying to improve the administrative process students go through at the moment of applying for a mobility (inside or outside the country); to diminish their paper work was also an objective of mine as well as explore other possibilities in terms of digital platforms UV can develop in order to facilitate the availability of information for the student community. I have to say all my objectives were covered. The international team of TUAS helped me a lot and let me work with them really close, especially with the international coordinators of each faculty. I was also entrusted to provide a workshop to the international students of TUAS about stereotypes around the world and a presentation of my country to the staff of the university.

This was my very first time in Europe and to be honest Finland never crossed my mind to be the first country to visit. I am so glad that somehow life pointed me out to Turku because I had the chance to learn a lot from TUAS, meet incredible people and besides of picking up all kind of berries Finland has in its countryside I had the chance to pick up great ideas from people who are dedicated to improve the field of mobility inside their own institution. Thank you TUAS and EuroInkaNet Project for this amazing and life time opportunity!

**- José Domingo Vázquez Condado**

**Home institution:**  
Universidad Veracruzana, México  
**Host institution:**  
Turku University of Applied Sciences,  
Finland  
**Type of mobility:**  
Administrative Staff  
**Target group:** 2



# LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTION PROFILE

Universidad Privada  
de Santa Cruz de  
la Sierra

## HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The University was founded in 1984. As a result of its institutional-business origin, with the same philosophy of free initiative of its creator, the Chamber of Industry, Commerce, Services and Tourism of Santa Cruz - CAINCO, UPSA is inspired by the universality of thinking, entrepreneurship And permanent improvement, respecting the freedom, dignity and rights of individuals and institutions.

Accordingly, UPSA is an academic community open to the world and to the context in which it operates, showing a reality of Santa Cruz and the Bolivia of today, related to the training of high level professionals within an educational process based on scientific, technological, educational and cultural cooperation.

## UPSA TODAY

UPSA has built a solid and trustworthy reputation in 31 years of operation, based on the quality of the formation of about 7.000 professionals who contribute to the development of the country and of the region, with 21 undergraduate programs endorsed by permanent processes of self-evaluation and external evaluation given by professionals recognized in the national and international field. It has a consolidated infrastructure and equipment suitable to the requirements of the advancement of sciences and their teaching; UPSA currently has 39 laboratories and several workshops for different fields of study.

UPSA's role is recognized by local, national and international institutions, but it is especially valued and praised by the community because it becomes a model institution in the field of Higher Education.

## RESEARCH FIELDS

- Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning.
- Education, Teacher Training.
- Engineering, Technology and other areas of study.
- Psychology.





# EUROPEAN INSTITUTION PROFILE

**Universidad Politècnica  
de Valencia**

The Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV), is a young and prestigious public institution of international renown. Its history dates back to the early 70s although some of its schools, such as the School of Design Engineering, the Higher Polytechnic School of Alcoy and the Faculty of Fine Arts, are over a hundred years old, but it is not until 1971 when our institution becomes the Universitat Politècnica de València. Likewise, in 1978, the Faculty of Fine Arts is annexed to our University.

UPV has 3 campuses, all with modern facilities, excellent services and fully equipped. Two of them are located in Alcoy and Gandia and the main one, Vera Campus, is located in the city of Valencia. It covers around 700.000 m<sup>2</sup> (like 70 football fields) and is almost 2 km from one end to the other. It is a pedestrian campus with over 106.000 m<sup>2</sup> of green areas. The cafeterias and terraces, kiosks, banks and other facilities are meant to make your day-to-day university life more comfortable.

Currently, our university community is made up of over 32.000 people. Of these, nearly 27.000 are students, 2.600 are members of the teaching and research staff and around 2.400 are administrative and staff members, including research contracts linked to projects. UPV is composed of 13 Schools and Faculties.

UPV is one of the Universities with the highest mobility rate among European universities: it receives around 1.650 incoming students through the Erasmus+ Programme and other self-funded mobility programmes. The number of outgoing students is around 1.450 per year.

UPV offers more than 30 Bachelor Degrees, 75 Master Degrees, 30 PhD programs and 1.400 courses of life-long learning education.

Additionally, UPV's Ideas Institute is an initiative that focuses on helping our students and the university community in general to encourage entrepreneurial ideas and foster technology based companies. As a result of this initiative, more than 400 enterprises have been created since 1992.

One of the reasons of the social recognition enjoyed by UPV is its research capacity. Departments, Research Centres and Institutes undertake applied research projects jointly with national and international bodies and companies. Currently UPV has 352 active patents and 98 of them are licensed with companies. The enterprises incubator programme has launched 14 spin-off companies in which UPV has a direct participation. In the last year (2015) UPV has received over 52 million euros in R&D activity.

As a result, UPV has been regarded as the best Spanish technological university. According to the prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), UPV ranks among the top 400 universities in the world and among the best 200 universities in the world in Engineering Studies.



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