

## IES GUADALQUIVIR, SPAIN

### THE COORDINATING SCHOOL

Our secondary school is IES Guadalquivir. It was founded in 1972. It is located in a deprived area of Córdoba, a city in the south of Spain:



<https://goo.gl/maps/VW4kfHaicQE2>

IES Guadalquivir is a small secondary school with 120 pupils. The age of the pupils ranges from 12 to 16 years of age. About a third of the students are Rumanian, while 5% are immigrants from Romania, Georgia, and Morocco.



Most of our students follow the standard curriculum. However, the school also offers a 2-year professional training course in sewing. Class sizes are small, allowing us to offer individualized attention to our students. This is hugely important as most of the students have Special Educational Needs.



Our staff is made up of 30 experienced teachers who are committed to supporting this Erasmus + project.



Staff, led by the new Principal and Vice Principal, are working extremely hard to raise standards throughout the school. The main focus is to raise pupils' self-esteem and to help them recognise their role as members of the school community and the community in general, in order to make them more tolerant towards diversity in society.

Last year, the school won 3 regional awards: The Healthy Living Awards (*Premios vida sana*), worth €4,000, for a school project on healthy living, nutrition, cooking, and exercise:

[https://youtu.be/CK\\_PregM05Y](https://youtu.be/CK_PregM05Y)

Rocio León, a first year pupil, won the “*Certamen Sex-Joven*” for a video against domestic abuse:

<http://www.europapress.es/esandalucia/cordoba/noticia-iam-destaca-importancia-juventud-reflexione-violencia-genero-20170518182555.html>

Alejandro Cantador, also a first year pupil, won the “*Duque de Rivas*,” a writing award:

<http://www.europapress.es/andalucia/educacion-00651/noticia-defensa-junta-entregan-ii-premio-duque-rivas-alumno-ies-guadalquivir-cordoba-20170615150027.html>

Our school is a very community-based centre and truly committed to social issues. We also cooperate with numerous NGOs, such as:

The Red Cross, Social Services, *Fundación Don Bosco*, *Secretariado Gitano*, *Kamira*, *Mujeres en Zona de conflicto*, and *Asdam*

For this reason, we are leading this project focused on the social themes that directly affect the lives of our students.

You can find more information on the school website:

<http://iesguadalquivir.org>

or on our Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/iesguadalquivir>

