



## Associação Paredes pela Inclusão Social (PT)

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**Type of organisation:**

SME       School       University       Public Authority   
 Training       No Profit       NGO

Other (Specify)

**Fields of action :**

SMEs       Youth       Universities       Public Authorities   
 Equal opportunities       Schools       Unemployed

Other (Specify)

### **Description of the organisation**

The Association Paredes for Social Inclusion (APPIS) was created in 2007 by a group of entrepreneurs (42) that pretended to give their contribute and demonstrate their social responsibility for social inclusion by the education. In this moment the association has 13 professionals. The core business is work in social inclusion through education. The association is dedicated to activities that rises the skills of students and their families in order to scholar success. The strategic objective of APPIS is fighting school failure and school dropout through the prevention and remediation of risk factors and by inducing external factors of success.

After finishing the studies we help students to find opportunities for doing work traineeships in the country or abroad in order to help then to be find employment opportunities. Some of the enterprises are also available for some periods of traineeship in different fields. Our mediators teach students how to do a curriculum; how to prepare an interview and to find jobs opportunities among other interesting topics related with employability.

Additionally, APPIS also developed in 2010 and 2011 a project called Prevent Paredes that aims to prevent risk behaviours and to promote healthy habits of life and in 2015 and 2016 is developing a reinsertion project that aims to give new opportunities for those you have addicted behaviour, to find a job e being inserted in the society autonomously and a minimum quality of life.

APPIS has experience in international projects. We have a Leonardo mobility project, we coordinated a TOI called Family Mediation and we have being partners in a Comenius Régio project.

### **Experience of the organization in previous European projects**

LLP Leonardo Family Mediation TOI - 2012-1-PT1-LEO05-11296

LLP Comenius Regio Museu da Escola 2012-1-PT1-COM13-124921

LLP Leonardo Mobility 2013-1-PT1-LEO01-15575

### **Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area**

As exposed in the description of the organization APPIS has experience is working with young people, schools, teachers and trainers.

### **Contributions that can be provided to the project**

APPIS is available to participate in all the activities that are predicted in the submission form and share with partners their expertise in order to a great development of the project.

### **Reasons of involvement in the project**

APPIS is interested in projects that might help young people reaching a better future, in school paths, labour work and in life.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Pedro Dinis Mendes was born 22th February 22, 1970, in Paredes. His education includes accounting and finances, local government, human resources and hospital administration, having done his training in several schools of the country. At a professional level he has been a trainer, worked in the media area and was a hospital manager between 2003 and 2005. Before becoming a Councilor, a position he has since 2005, he belonged to the staff of the municipality of Paredes. The departments he assumed were transports and mobility, innovation, health, environment, culture and education. In culture he has left his indelible mark with the creation of various projects such as the PT Paredes with Theatre, the Encontr'artes, Artmatrix, Theatre and Poetry Go To School, and within education the most ambitious educational letter of the country, which until

2013 will have built 15 school centers. In education he has also developed several projects like "Invent the story and we make the movie" and the EPIS project.