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# XABEC

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# 10TH ANNIVERSARY





## The Celebration of the 10TH Anniversary

On May 13, 2013 ten years sharing this wonderful adventure that we call Xabec. How quickly time has passed by!. The event was celebrated as a family affair, together with our teachers and their respective family members. at home of the Deputy Director, Arturo Torres, also celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving.

### The origen

On the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of San Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, at the beginning of 2002 a small group of people decided to promote a social initiative, in accordance with the spirit and the teachings of the founder of Opus Dei.

The objective intended was to collaborate effectively along with personal, spiritual and social progress of disadvantaged and at risk of social exclusion. On July 16 we founded the Foundation Eifor (*Eina y Formació* – Tool and training), D. Luis Roger de Matallana being its first President.

### The beginning

Following the canonization of St. Josemaría on 6 October of that same year, in a room located in the Alta street No. 25 of Valencia started the first activities: Spanish classes for immigrants, courses in search of employment and social skills, advice on immigration, etc.

The promoter group, led by Antonio Mir, held interviews with those responsible for social issues of various public and private institutions to determine the nature of the institution that was to be promoted: City Council of Valencia, Valencia Regional Government, Diocesan Caritas, Chamber of Commerce and business associations...



### The premises



The most important point to solve was finding a suitable place to locate the school. After a year of intensive search and visits to different premises, finally something suitable was found: a venue that had originally been a movie theatre –the "Concorde"– transformed into audiovisual production studies.

Juan Francisco Pérez Mengual was the architect who designed and directed the works for the adaptation of the building, getting a perfect optimization of space, allowing the installation of 10 workshops specialised in different technical area related to the industrial maintenance: electricity, installations of cold and heat, welding, machining, etc.

While executing the works, administrative permissions were obtained to deliver the accredited courses and other news ones of training for employment: the official activities began in September 2006.

< First official approval granted to Xabec



Second formal graduation

## The project

And this was the final decision: To promote the Centre of professional training XABEC so it could meet the needs for training young people, workers, unemployed and people at risk of social exclusion ([www.xabec.es](http://www.xabec.es)) to facilitate their labor insertion.

The chosen subject area was the facilities and Industrial maintenance, this being the productive sector that most demanded that professional qualification, covering at the same time a lack in the educational offer of the autonomous region.

## First activities

XABEC began as a school of training operators of crane Tower. Other courses demanded by some companies in the logistics and plumbing sectors were also taught.

## Teaching begins

### The equipment of the workshops

For the equipment of the workshops we had to sharpen our wits: furniture and second-hand machinery from some institutions and some banks and law firms which renewed their equipment was achieved. The quality leap occurred after the signing of agreements with some major companies: Daikin, Lincoln Electric, ABB, etc.

### Teacher training

The most important challenge that we should no doubt overcome was that of the teacher training: young engineers at the beginning of his career that did not have much professional experience in manual work. Some went on to do internships, others attended training courses that teach technology manufacturers, and some received "private lessons" in the evenings at the hands of professionals in exercise: Plumbers, Turners, electricians...

The objective was to train to teach in any type of training: formal, occupational or continuous. Thus the technical departments arose.



First graduation class of tower crane operators



Students in class



Social skills course aimed at immigrants



Signing of the collaboration agreement with the Chamber of Commerce of Koblenz >



Parents and relatives of the second graduation class students



International meeting in Izmir (Turkey)



Visit of the prelate of Opus Dei in July 2007



International meeting in Valencia of the Global College Network



Visit of the President of the Generalitat and the Regional Minister of education in 2013

## Excellence and International Dimension

In 2008 the Generalitat Valenciana awarded Xabec a prize IN educational excellence, for having achieved a high professional level in a short time. And within this voyage, the most important achievement has been the recognition of leadership in our country in the implementation of the Dual system of vocational training.

Xabec was born with international dimension, from the beginning has been a school for students from more than 40 different nationalities, many of them immigrants with limited economic resources.

In 2010, Xabec promoted the Constitution of an European Association that grouped schools and companies (individual or grouped in chambers of Commerce), for educational innovation in the field of industrial maintenance and facilities of buildings. Since its founding, Xabec held its presidency. Currently, 18 institutions from 14 different countries are part of this organization ([www.innmain.eu](http://www.innmain.eu)).

The international flow has been constant. Xabec has since led two transfer of innovation projects, and participated in three others along

with a total of 23 different European institutions.

Notable are also the actions of mobility of students and teachers, which in recent years have been able to carry out stays and exchanges of technical and professional interest.

In March 2012, an agreement was signed with the Chamber of Commerce of Koblenz (Germany), through which students can access training in business contracts while pursuing studies in dual training in that country.

### Honours

During these ten years, important representatives of the political and social life of the Region have graced us with their presence: the directors of education, immigration, Social Welfare, and agriculture; several general managers and regional Secretaries, and even the President of the Valencian Community in September 2013.

In the field of religious authorities we must emphasize three endearing visits: the Archbishop of Valencia, the Cardinal of Munich and the prelate of Opus Dei.



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