

## PRESENTATION OF ANTONIO MIR MONTES

Antonio Mir has a Degree in Ancient History and Archaeology. He holds a master's degree in "Family Educational Counselling", a master's degree in "Communication Management", and master's degree in "Business Management".

Antonio has more than twenty years of experience as a teacher in Secondary schools in Murcia and Valencia (Spain), and he has been a member of different management teams.

He has worked as well as Professor of teachers' updating in European countries such as Italy, Ireland, United States, Chile, Peru, and Mexico.

He is founder of the NGO ***Solidaridad Universitaria***, promoting international cooperation projects in Mozambique, India, Peru, and Argentina.

In the field of Institutional Communication, he has been Director of Communication in several Valencian companies and has collaborated with the Department of Institutional Relations of the City Council of this city.

In 2002 he was appointed Project Director of the ***Eifor Foundation*** -an institution which promotes actions for the integration of immigrants and disadvantaged people-. He started the ***Xabec Vocational Training Centre***, an educational institution whose objective is to help people at risk of exclusion. He has been the director since its creation until the year 2022, when due to a surgical operation, he had to cease his working life. Xabec has obtained in 2019 the recognition of quality granted by the European Commission annually, as well as the Alliance for Dual Vocational Training award, which is the highest award given in Spain for quality as a Vocational Training educational institution. He has also collaborated actively as an adviser with the Directorate General for Employment of the European Commission.

Currently Antonio is Vocal of Eifor Foundation; Honorary President of the European Network ***InnMain*** -that brings together more than 20 European schools-; Director of ***Gobe Yayi-Tchao***, a Togolese association that promotes a school in Lomé for orphaned children, and director of the ***Solidarity volunteer programme*** in Valencia (Spain).