

## **NEW NORMAL, NEW APPROACHES**

**The e-FP program emerges as an opportunity in the health emergency caused by the Covid-19, since its digital nature and online format allow it to be carried out normally.**

Under the current circumstances caused by COVID-19, the Spanish Chamber of Commerce is emphasizing new training methods and tools to adapt work to this environment.

Currently, the online program has the participation of 130 students aged 17 years from 10 educational centres. So far, the program has completed its first phase with the presentation of 32 FP and Dual FP projects.

The programme is addressed to young people who wish to learn how to successfully develop a business project. This programme offers them a space for entrepreneurship and innovation and also, methodologies and teaching resources to develop their entrepreneurial spirit by helping them to explore an idea and turn it into a real product or service.

E-FP connects the demands of the labour market with the e-learning platform (<https://e-fp.es/>), in which students, teachers and mentors participate throughout the entire process.

Thus, young people should work in their entrepreneurial competence during the course of the program, developing a business project that responds to the current needs of the labour market. After the presentation of the projects and the final evaluations, the best projects will be awarded at e-FP Awards, which will take place on June 17.

Technology, combined with the human factor, make possible to successfully continue the programme. The students of Vocational Training cycles who are participating in the programme are implementing the contributions of their mentors in their projects.

For Jesús Sainz, President of Fundación Créate: “The new normal is accelerating the adaptation of traditional forms of teaching to a new way of socialization and learning. The E-FP programme was born before the pandemic in an online format that has allowed the program to continue developing and successfully connecting students with their teachers and mentors. We are very satisfied and excited about the results that the programme is achieving. The e-FP is, without a doubt, an example of optimism and hope right now”.

“The current employment context seeks profiles such as those offered by Vocational Training and, more specifically, the e-FP programme, which awakens the entrepreneurial spirit of young students. It allows that they dare to take the step of creating successful start-ups that adjust to the needs of the current labour market,” said the director general of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce, Inmaculada Riera.