

## **The UGR participates in Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership to enable teachers to implement and develop ICT-based innovative methodologies in higher education**

The University of Granada is participating in the “Hack-IT: Hackathon and ICT-based Innovative Methodologies in Higher Education” project, which focuses on the importance of supplementing teachers’ expertise and knowledge with digital and pedagogical competencies to ensure high-quality, proactive, and transformative teaching and learning. It seeks to enable teachers to implement and develop innovative practices; promote and reward excellence in teaching and the development of skills; tackle and bridge gaps and mismatches in teachers’ competencies; and develop a versatile approach to student learning in a way that will improve proactive teacher and student participation.

In the current context of the ‘new normal’, the project partners acknowledge the importance of the unique challenges and experiences of every institution during the Covid-19 pandemic and each partner’s know-how in successfully tackling the obstacles it has created. It is more important than ever that this expertise is shared and combined across different higher education institutions to maximise learning gains and keep students enrolled despite any hurdles they might face.

Responding to the ever-changing nature of the current situation and to IT advancements, a cohesive network of experts and the community of practice established within the project aim to jointly develop resources that can be used sustainably by higher education teachers in response to the uncertain times of Covid-19 and beyond.

The Hack-IT Partnership comprises the following European institutions: Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (Portugal), Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania), Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (Finland), University West (Sweden), and the University of Granada (Spain).

Hack-IT will be implemented between 2022 and 2025 with a total budget of €375,671. The project, which will be coordinated locally at the UGR by Full Professor Antonio Mihi-Ramirez, is one of 7 Key Action 2 Cooperation Partnerships that the UGR is currently involved in within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.

More information at: <https://hackit.ipb.pt/>