

# Info day Comenius

Katowice, 20th November 2012

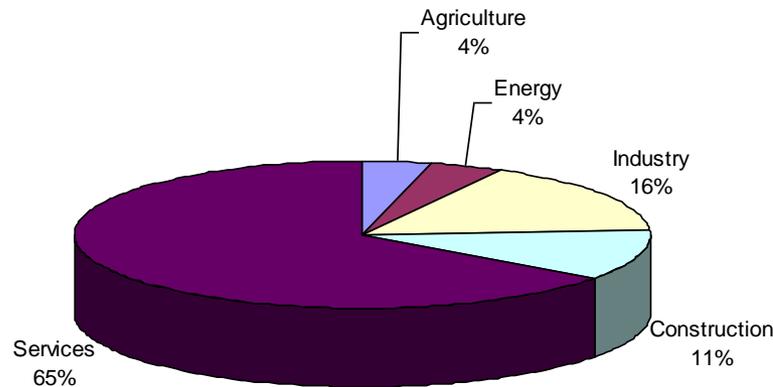
ARAGON REGION

# PRESENTATION OF ARAGON

- *ARAGON* is a region with a *strategic geoposition* at the Northeast of Spain.
- Sharing 136 km. of border with France, it is the central gate to Europe from Spain and Portugal.
- Additionally, it is the natural link between two of the most important development axes in Europe: the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.



## ECONOMIC STRUCTURE



## MAIN INDUSTRIAL SECTORS:

- Automotive
- Energy (renewable energies and environment)
- Construction & Equipment
- Agrofood



## TERRITORY:

- Area: 47.719Km<sup>2</sup> (9,4% Spain)
- Population: 1,3Million (2,9%Spain)
- Density: 27,2inh/km<sup>2</sup> (50% living in Saragossa)
- Facing important demographic challenges like shrinking population

# EDUCATION: KEY TO ARAGON'S FUTURE

# STRUCTURE OF EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCES IN SPAIN

- Decentralisation: transference of competences, services and resources to the Autonomous Communities.
- A gradual process: Aragón → 1998
- The State ensures the homogeneity and the unity of the educational system.
- The regions manage the system on its own territory.
- Local level role: cooperation with central and regional administrations.

Coordination between different administrations is essential to ensure an adequate performance in the field of decisions on educational policy, the general planning of education, exchange of information and development of educational research.

## **Sectoral Conference on Education**

Body responsible for facilitating the administrative coordination and the exchange of information.

# STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION IN THE GOVERNMENT OF ARAGON

Education, University, Culture and Sport Department



Portal on the Internet dedicated to education: **Educaragón**



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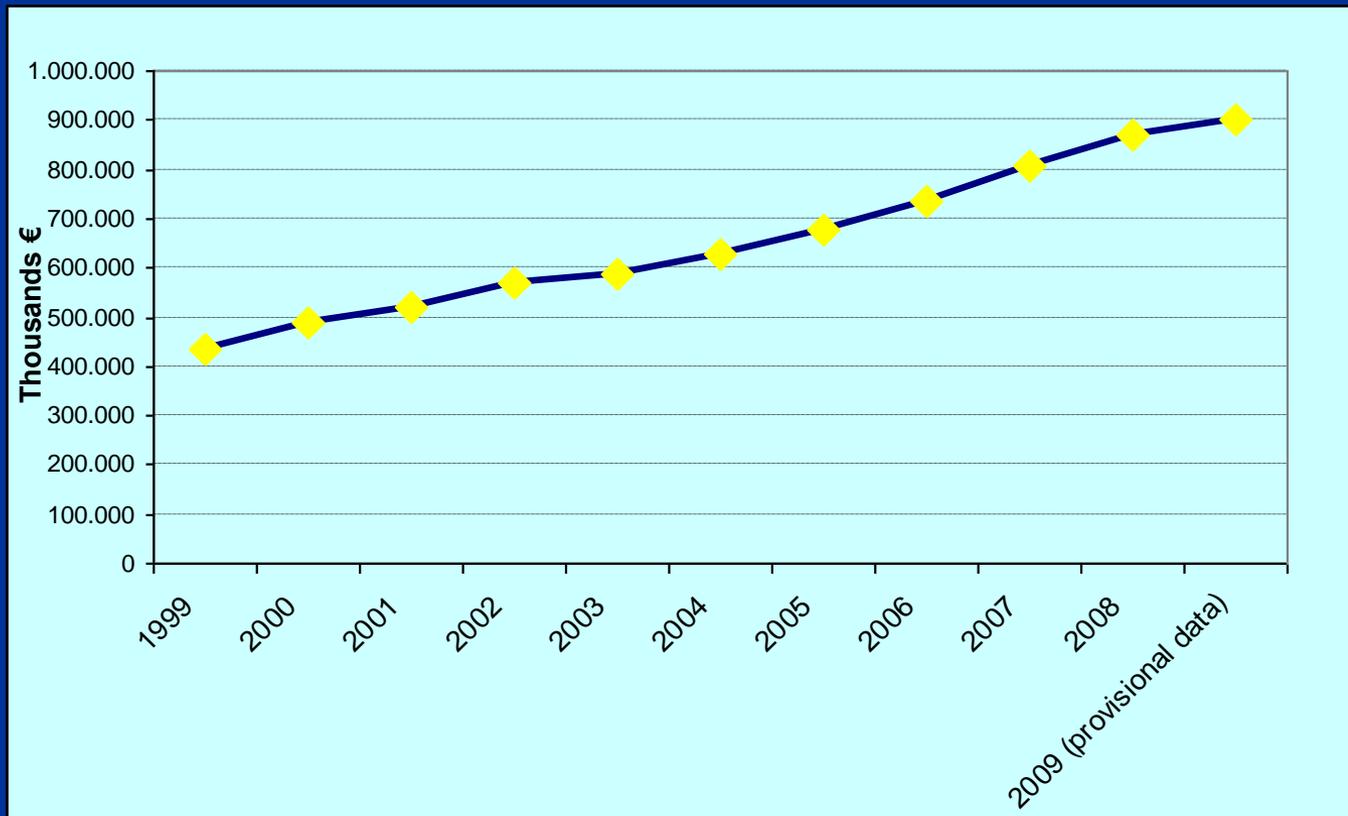
-Aid and grants (call of proposals).

-Educational system

-Educational centers

-Projects and programmes (EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES -  
**LIFE LONG LEARNING PROGRAMME**)

# PUBLIC SPENDING IN NON- UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN ARAGON 1999-2009



# Population educational level. Year 2010

Population aged 16 and over, by completed educational level.

	<b>1.000 persons</b>	<b>% of total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.111,5</b>	<b>100%</b>
Pre-primary and primary education	335,0	31,9%
Lower secondary education	222,6	20%
Upper secondary education	266,9	24%
Tertiary education	267,0	24%

**Lower secondary education** includes Compulsory Secondary Education and equivalent training and incorporation to labour force.

**Upper secondary education** includes Non-compulsory Secondary Education and Intermediate Vocational Training.

## Some figures about non-university education in Aragon. Academic year 2010/2011

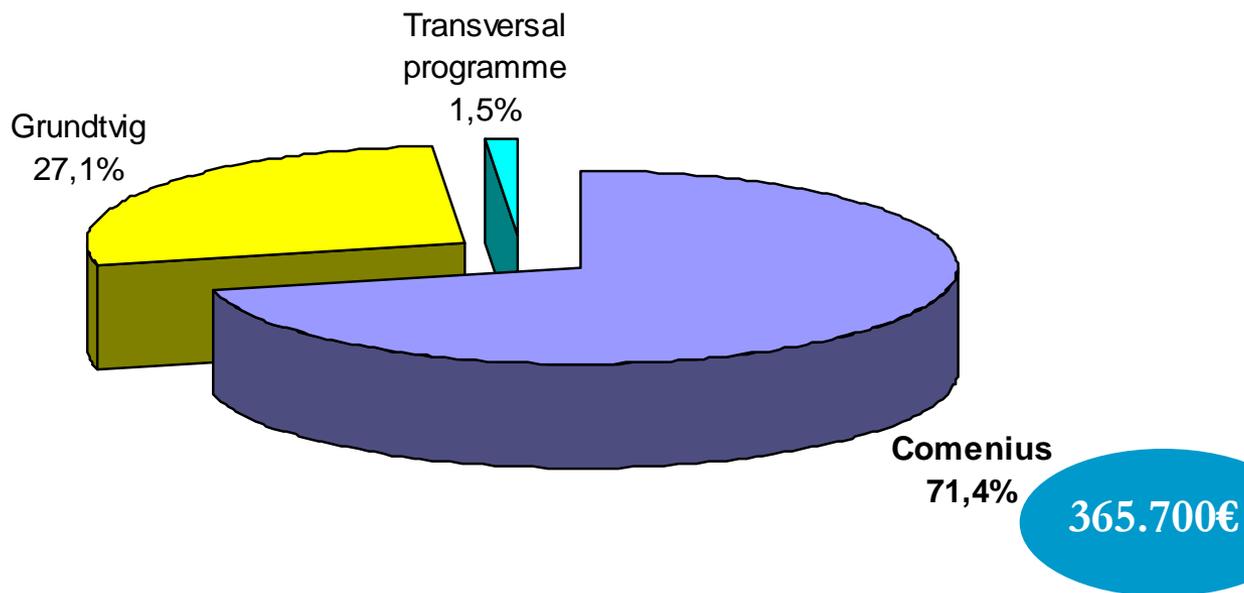
- Educational centres: 852
- Teachers: 19.212
- Students: 205.755
- Foreign students: 25.717 (12,5%)
- Students who completed studies (2009-2010):
  - Primary education: 10.984
  - Compulsary secondary education: 8.432
  - Non compulsory secondary education: 5.673
  - Others: 5.786
- Students per computer aimed at teaching: 4,1

# **PARTICIPATION OF ARAGON REGION IN COMENIUS**

# Call for proposals 2012

Budget from Life Long Learning Programme to Aragon in 2012

**511.840 €**



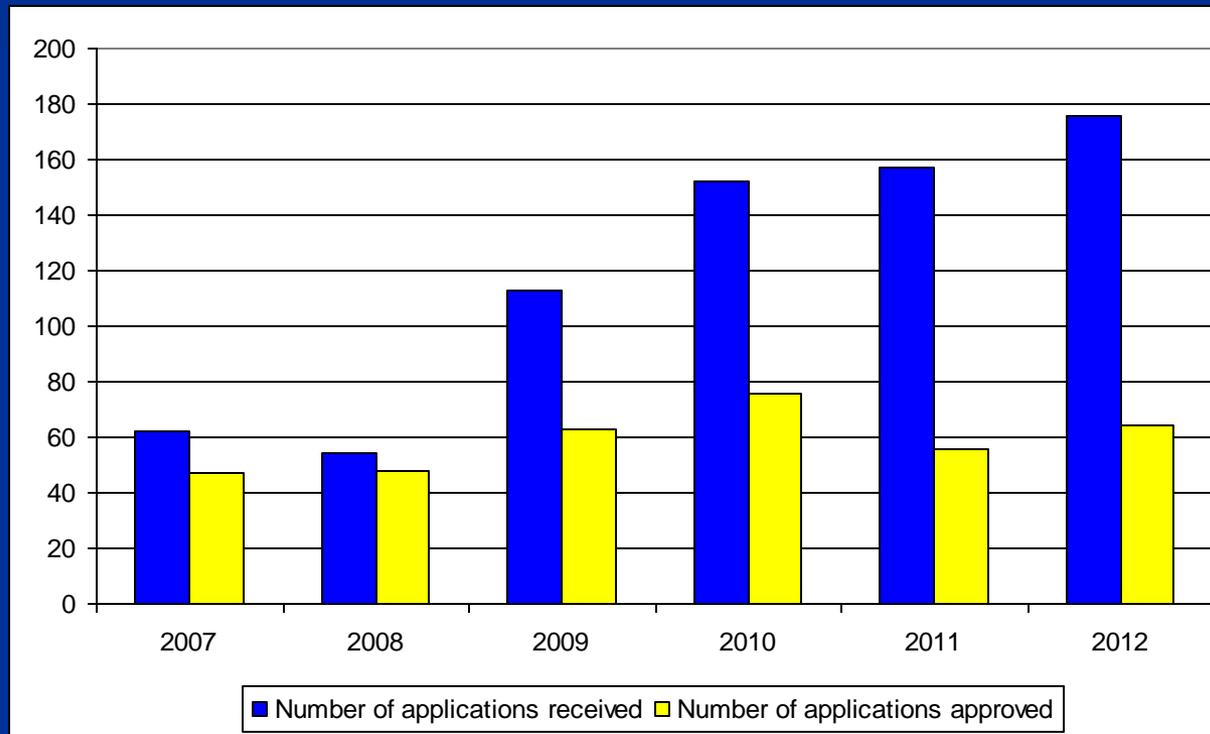
# Comenius Programme - Actions

- **Mobility.**
  - Individual pupil Mobility.
  - In-service training of staff grants.
  - Assistanships.
- **Partnerships.**
  - Multilateral Comenius school Partnerships.
  - Bilateral Comenius school Partnerships.
  - Comenius Regio Partnerships.
  - eTwinningPartnerships.
- **Preparatory visits.**
- **Multilateral projects and networks.**

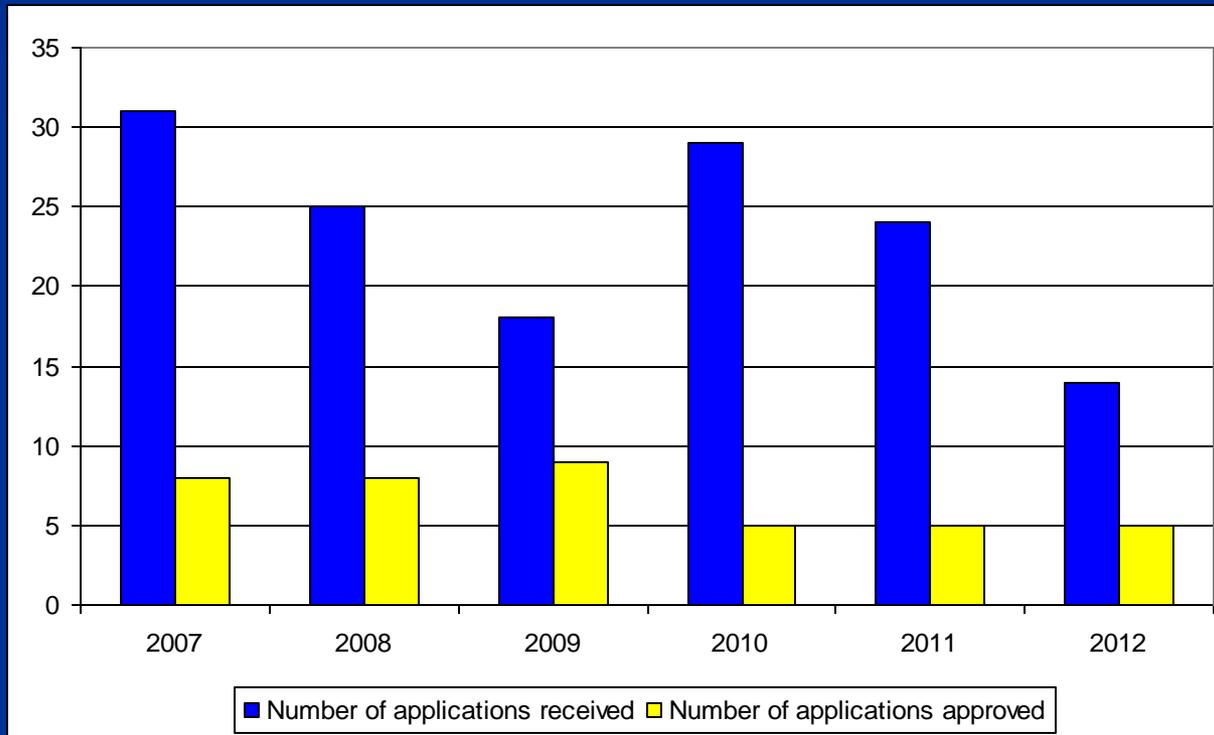
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# In-service training of staff grants



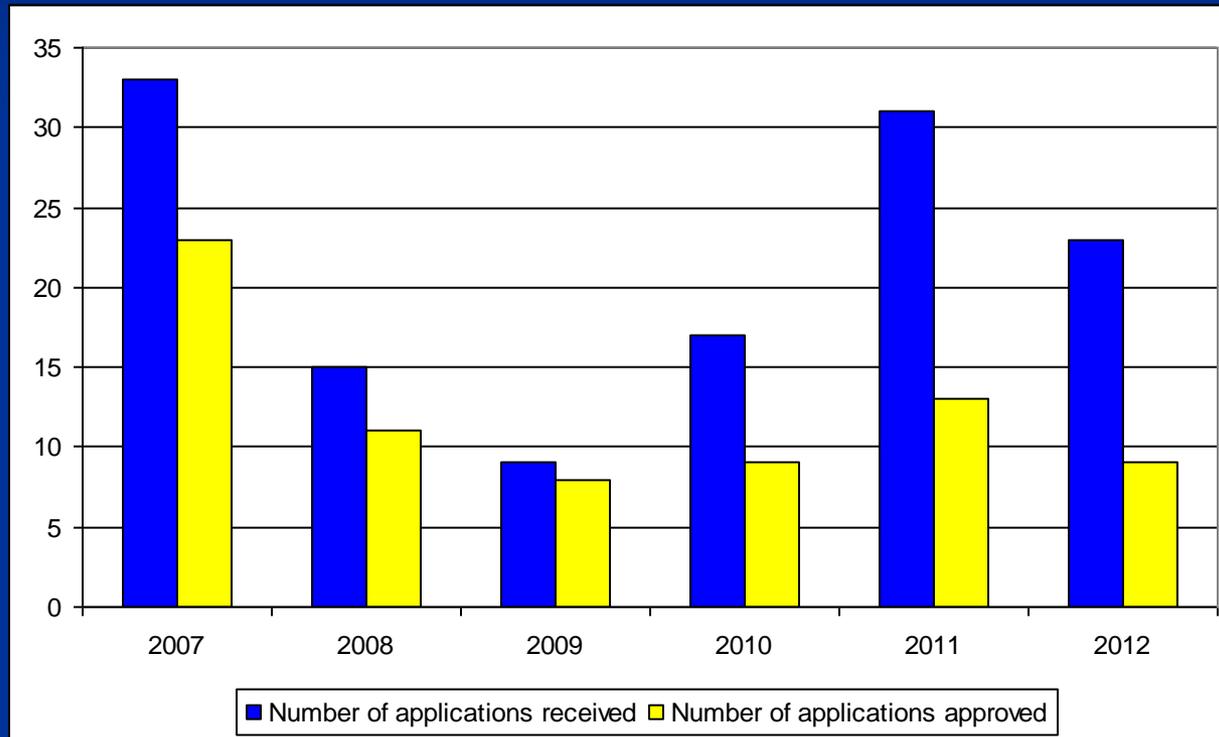
# Assistantship grants



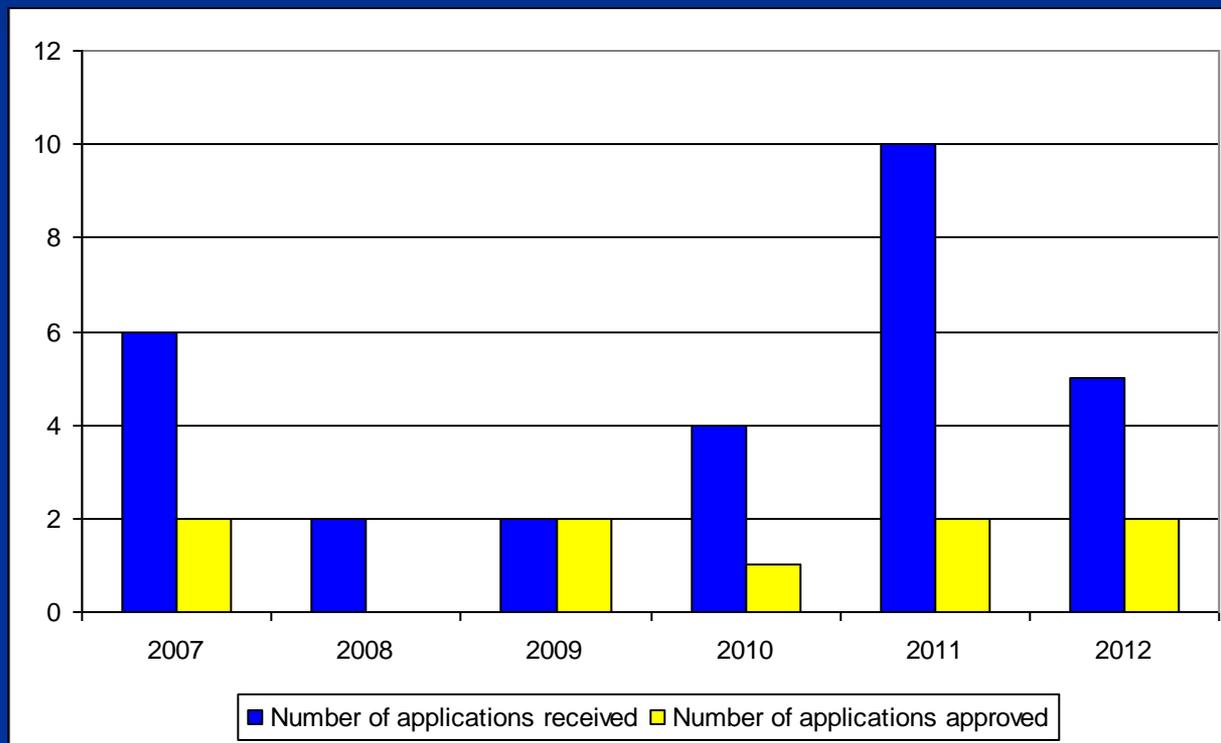
# PARTNERSHIPS

- School partnerships (multilateral and bilateral partnerships).
- Regio partnserhips.
- eTwinning.

# Multilateral school partnerships



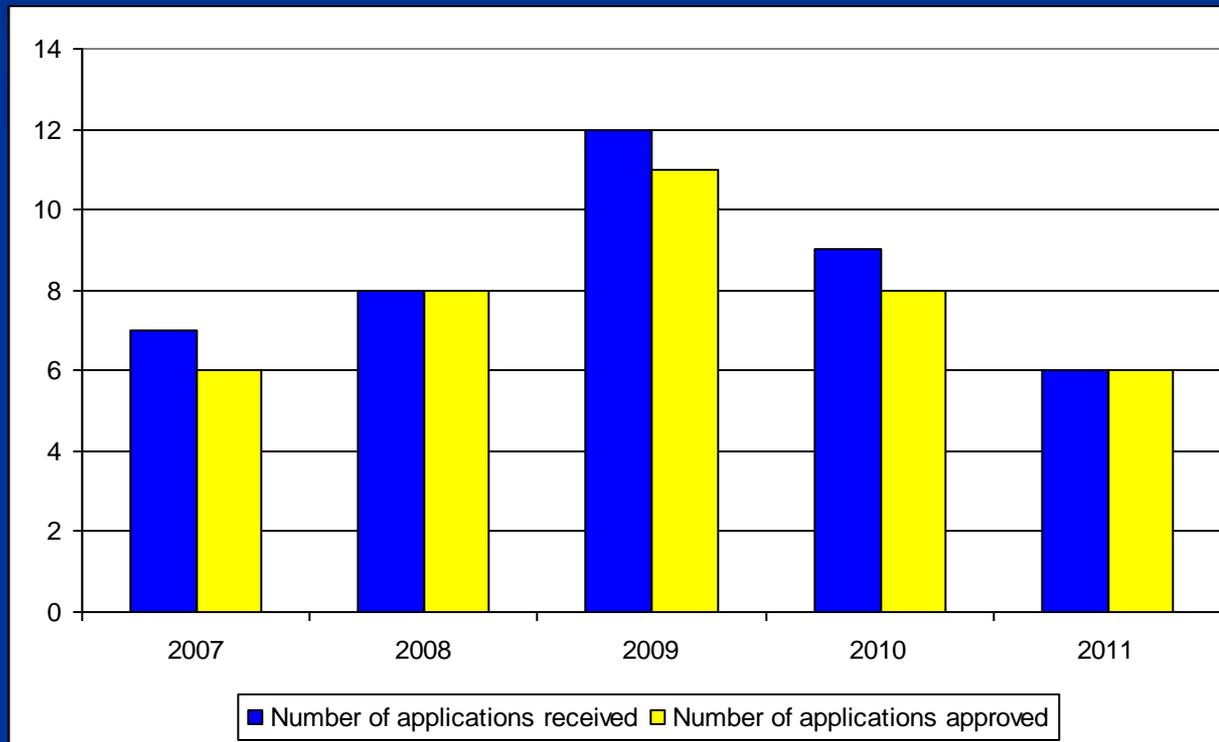
# Bilateral school partnerships



# Regio partnerships

- Call for proposals 2009: Bajo Cinca & Cappadcia Region (Turkey) - **“The Method of Working the Language Skills Throughout the School Life”**
- Call for proposals 2010: Los Monegros & Montastruc-la-Conseillère - **Apprendre à entreprendre en milieu périurbain, une initiative trans-pyrénéenne** - 26.328 €
- Call for proposals 2012: Benasque & Saint Bétat (France) – **“La Garonne: pasa el agua, pasan sus gentes”** - 29.250 €

# Preparatory visits



# SUCCESS STORY

## I.E.S PEDRO DE LUNA (ZARAGOZA)



- Pupil mobility: Poland (Lublin), Sweden, Finland, The Netherlands...
- Bilateral school partnerships: “Pilars of Heritage” Project – Alleyne’s High School (Stone, United Kingdom)
- eTwinning project: “AdivinaDevinette ” – Athénée Royal de Hannut (Belgium). French-Spanish bilingual blog in which pupils exchange cultural, social, artistic, etc. experiences about their respective countries

# **EUROPEAN DIMENSION: PARTNERSHIPS AND SINERGIES**

# ARAGON REGION OFFICE IN BRUSSELS

- Follow-up of the legislation that could affect Aragon's interests.
- Link to the institutional representation:
  - Committee of the Regions: consultative assembly that gives voice to regional and local level.
  - European Commission: participation of Spanish regions in Programme Committees (i.e, Life Long Learning Programme, Youth in Action).
  - Council of the European Union: some of the sessions are opened to the participation of Spanish regions according to "CARUE" agreements (i.e, Education Committee).
  - Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU: follow-up of the work of the Council in which there is not the possibility of that regional participation.
- Cooperation with other regions and organisations.
- Find funding opportunities: follow-up of partner searches, attending info days introducing new call of proposals, following the evolution of the negotiations of the next financial framework and its programmes, etc.

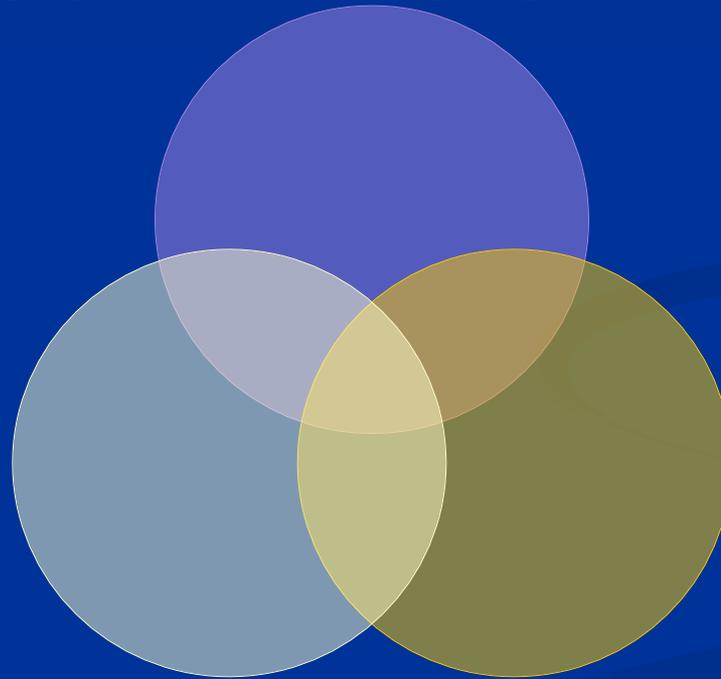
# PARTNER SEARCHS

- Channeling partners searches through the Service of External Action of the Government of Aragon, which distributes the information to potential stakeholders.
- Focus on the partners searches that best suit the interests of Aragon: importance of knowing well the priorities of the stakeholders.
- Dissemination of search of European partners for potential projects led by Aragonese associations, administrations, etc.
- Distributing information on EU funding possibilities and open calls of proposals in areas of interest.

# SINERGIES AND FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

Developing skills from the beginning of the education

Importance of adapting  
education and training to  
the needs of the labour  
market



Similarities between both  
regions:

Economic Structure  
(important automotive  
industry and coal sector)



Dziękuję!  
Thank you!  
Gracias!