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IPN will join to the International Campus of Transitions of Muframex, in France

- **The general director of the IPN, Arturo Reyes Sandoval, and the head of the French-Mexican University House, Emmanuel Eveno, decided to work on the formalization of an agreement.**
- **IPN students will be able to pursue master's degrees in areas such as energy, ecological, health, and food.**
- **Internationalization is a central project of the IPN, not only for academic mobility but also for research development: Reyes Sandoval**

The Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN) will join to the International Campus of Transitions, a project coordinated by the French-Mexican University House (Muframex, Maison Universitaire Franco-Mexicaine) and supported by the University of Toulouse, which will promote joint master's degrees, student mobility, the teacher stays, as well as language teaching and learning.

IPN General Director Arturo Reyes Sandoval and Muframex Director Emmanuel Eveno decided to prepare a general collaboration agreement for IPN students at the master's level to participate in specialties focused on solving problems that will face Mexican and French societies in the future.

The academic program of the Transitions Campus will have an interdisciplinary common core in the first year of training, and thematic specialization studies in the second year.

Reyes Sandoval assured that the IPN's internationalization project has the objective of strengthening links with different countries, and France is one of the nations with which the IPN has the largest number of student exchanges.

"Internationalization is a central project of the IPN, not only for academic mobility but for the development of research and innovations."

He affirmed that Muframex counts on this house of studies to support the project of the International Campus of Transitions and offered the infrastructure of the academic units of the IPN, located in the entities of the country so that the French-Mexican University House can have a representation in Mexico.



He highlighted that the Foreign Language Center (Cenlex) serves 16,000 students through the teaching of 12 foreign languages, one of which is French, which is attended by around 2,800 students.

The director of Muframex, Emmanuel Eveno, explained that the International Campus of Transitions is an alliance with universities and higher education institutions in Mexico and France. He explained that the master's degrees will address subjects such as energy, ecological, health, and food transitions, among others.

He said that the challenge of the project is to train experts who will have to manage transitions for municipal institutions, governments, and large companies. "The first year the students will remain on their home campuses and in the second year they would travel to France and vice versa."

He said that another common project is the creation of Summer Schools, in which master's degree students will address urban issues, for which the French organization will cover food and lodging, and the IPN will cover transportation.

The coordinator of Strategic Projects of the IPN, María del Carmen Villegas Hernández, requested the support of Muframex for the Politécnico to set up an internationalization office in France.

"There is a great closeness between Mexico and France. We have many students and professors who traveled to their country for graduate studies and returned to Mexico."

Muframex is a bilateral institution created in 2004 to serve university and scientific cooperation. It was born as a Franco-Mexican project that seeks international cooperation between educational and research institutions. It is administratively linked to the University of Toulouse.

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