

# Abstract



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AMICA is a non-profit organization established in 1984 whose **mission** is to discover the capabilities that exist in every person, supporting their limitations, autonomy, exercise of rights and participation with responsibilities in the community, to become the protagonist of their life and necessary social change.

As a **vision**, Amica wants to be a resource to promote networks of support and accompaniment to the person in the community, through collaborative projects of innovation.

### **Values**

- Dignity and respect
- Defence of the rights
- Respect for the difference and individually
- Satisfaction of people
- Bet for equality
- Social Commitment
- Participation
- Networking and teamwork
- Enthusiasm
- Professionalism

Declared of public interest on March 26, 1993, is maintained by public funds through grants and concerts, and donations from private entities, in addition to the contributions of 1110 associated persons.

AMICA consists of families, persons with disabilities and professionals. It represents a model of direct involvement of management and stakeholders. State level, by mainly operates in the autonomous community of Cantabria.

The Association has two Especial Employment Centers: SOEMCA EMPLOYMENT SL dedicated to the business of garment manufacturing and industrial washing and SAEMA EMPLOYMENT SL allocated to environmental activities. It has 26 cores and activity centers.

In 2015, it has supported 1493 people with disabilities through the following types of support: social care, multidisciplinary assessment, rehabilitation, personal support and home, day care, accommodation and support for independent living, training, employment and leisure. The team consists of 110 professionals.

In 2017 achieves Level 500+ stamp issued by AENOR according to the criteria of the EFQM Excellence Model, which is renewed in 2010, 2013, 2015 and 2017.

Amica has extensive experience working with persons with disabilities.

AMICA develops the program INICIA, for the social and occupational integration of people with mental illness, along with two other entities, Hospital Padre Menni and ASCASAM (Cantabrian Association of Mental Health), since 1998.

Since 1990 AMICA has received numerous awards for its work with these persons, some of them of great international prestige as in 2001 when the WHO (World Health Organization) recognized the participation of AMICA in the development of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).

Other international projects related to training have been and focused on persons with disabilities have been for example, in 2003 AMICA received the First Prize for Quality in Mobility under the Leonardo Da Vinci Program in recognition of the work AMICA performed as a promoter of "Training in environmental protection".

AMICA has also received several national awards for their participation in development projects and improving supports and quality of life of people with disabilities, among others we can highlight the once received in July 2006, when AMICA was awarded with the “Discovering abilities: Experience of independent living for people with severe disabilities”.

Since 2009, AMICA is part of the Expert Group for Quality of Life IMSERSO, in order to develop proposals for the implementation of quality of life paradigm applied to the care of people in situations of dependency. In 2010, AMICA participated in an exchange program under the Grundtvig Program, alone with the University of Oviedo, for methodology, training and implementation of the “Active Support Person Centered” with British organizations.

Participation in the program for the promotion of the occupation INCORPORA from 2006 until 2010, sponsored by the Obra Social La Caixa, together with Cantabria ACOGE and Brumas youth workshops, participating again from 2013.

AMICA founded in 2011 with other 7 entities the “European Network against the poverty and social exclusion of Cantabria” (EAPN). In 2012, AMICA creates, along the Catholic University of Valencia, the Capacitas-Amica Institute, whose main objective is the planning, promotion, implementation and dissemination of research, development and innovation in the areas of care for people with disabilities and promotion of personal autonomy.

In February 2014, Tomás Castillo (Managing Director of AMICA) was awarded with the “social entrepreneur” prize given by Ernest&Young, in a ceremony presided by the Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism, José Manuel Soria.

Since 2014, Amica is participation in the Erasmus Program+, as beneficiary partner of the IDIPOWER Project: Empowering disabled persons through collaborative learning, based on the development of an innovative, collaborative and participatory methodology focused in overcoming limiting factors through the learning and joint training of families, professionals and persons with disabilities, considering of the person as the focus of the intervention.