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Wednesday 21 May 2024 from 2 PM to 5 PM

# Interculturality from the Standpoint of Ambassadors

CONCEPT NOTE

FEDE WEBINAR, 21 MAY 2024, 2PM TO 5PM

**18 ambassadors have confirmed their participation in this event:**

### Ambassadors from the Council of Europe:

- M. Dastid KORESHI – **Ambassador of Albania**
- Mrs. Aloisia WÖRGETTER - **Ambassador of Austria**
- M. Jean-Cédric JANSSENS DE BISTHOVEN – **Ambassador of Belgium**
- M. Haris BASIC – **Ambassador of Bosnia & Herzegovina**
- M. Pap NDIAYE – **Ambassador of France**
- M. Andrius KRIVAS – **Ambassador of Lithuania**
- Mrs. Svetlana GELEVA – **Ambassador of North Macedonia**
- M. Gabriel REVEL – **Ambassador of Monaco**
- M. Claude WILD – **Ambassador of Switzerland**
- Mrs. Berta MRAK - **Ambassador of Slovenia**
- Mrs. Tanja Gonggrijp – **Ambassador of Netherlands**
- M. Borys TARASYUK – **Ambassador of Ukraine**

### Other ambassadors:

- M. Dritan TOLA – **Ambassador of Albania - France**
- M. El Hadji Magatte SEYE – **Ambassador of Senegal - France**
- M. Roberto BALZARETTI – **Ambassador of Switzerland- France**
- Mrs. Ulambayar NYAMKHUU – **Ambassador of Mongolia - France & UNESCO**
- Mrs. Paula ALVES DE SOUZA – **Ambassador of Brazil - UNESCO**
- Mrs. Natasha CAYER – **Ambassador of Canada - UNESCO**

## THE FEDE

- A partner of the Council of Europe, UNESCO and the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF), the Federation for European Education (FEDE) is an international NGO grouping together nearly 500 higher and vocational educational institutions across 40 countries, most of which are located in Europe and Africa.
- As a member of the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE), the FEDE takes part in European social dialogue with education-sector trade unions and the European Commission.
- As both an international educational federation and a provider of education products, the FEDE strives to be at the cutting edge of innovation and to ensure its degrees and course content are aligned both with job market needs and societal concerns.

## Background

To mark its 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary, throughout 2024 the FEDE will be holding a series of online and in-person events aiming to showcase our organisation's values: democracy, the rule of law, intercultural dialogue, gender equality, respect for human rights, sustainable development, and access to quality education for all.

One such event will be the FEDE's bilingual French-English webinar, which is to be held on **Tuesday 21 May 2024 from 2 PM to 5 PM** and is entitled ***Interculturality from the Standpoint of Ambassadors***.

The webinar will take place on **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**.

Since 2003, UNESCO has celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development every year on 21 May in order to celebrate both the rich diversity of cultures across the world and the crucial role played by intercultural dialogue in promoting peace and sustainable development.

- According to UNESCO, 89% of today's conflicts are located in countries where intercultural dialogue is limited or inexistent.
- In order to promote international cooperation and preserve peace, stability and development wherever possible, it is crucial to strengthen intercultural dialogue.

## Overall goals

- Provide international ambassadors with an opportunity to present their approach to intercultural relations directly to learners and directors of educational institutions
- Build bridges between education actors and high-level diplomats
- Broaden participants' vision of interculturality and inspire change

More specifically, the webinar aims, in particular, **to understand why it is enriching to learn from other cultures, and in what ways interculturality can promote inclusion, personal flourishing and career success**.

The event aims to attract several hundred participants: ambassadors, FEDE students, heads of FEDE educational institutions, and representatives of civil-society organisations.

## Main issues

Ambassadors presenting their views on the subject might wish to address topics such as:

- How can we avoid stereotypes in our approach to cultures?
- Why does cultural diversity matter?
- How can we promote and develop interculturality?
- What role can interculturality play in strengthening citizenship skills?
- In what ways is interculturality important at a societal level?
- Are multilingualism and intercultural skills important for career success?
- What are the main benefits of intercultural management?
- In what ways can the use of information and communication technology (ITC) facilitate intercultural dialogue, respect and mutual understanding?
- Does interculturality play a role in ensuring the inclusion of minorities?

If you require further information on this FEDE webinar, please contact the **project leaders** by telephone on 01 42 63 29 36 or by email:

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