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**RELATIONS WITH
HIGH-LEVEL INSTITUTIONS**

Shaping Education Policy Through Strategic Partnerships

The FEDE has partnerships with:



The FEDE - INGO holding participatory status with the Council of Europe - INGO holding the status of official partner at UNESCO - INGO holding consultative status with la Francophonie - Transparency register of European Union - 313869925841-90



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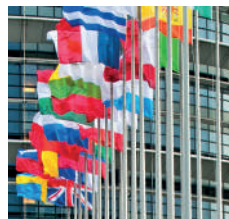
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Founded in 1963, the FEDE is an international non-governmental organisation bringing together more than **550 higher and vocational education institutions across 44 countries**, most of which are located in Europe. FEDE member institutions share a common commitment to teaching democratic values and respect for human rights.



THE FEDE

The FEDE actively monitors emerging skills needs and develops partnerships with trade associations to produce **innovative teaching guidelines in 12 elite subject areas**. These subject areas cover **Management, Marketing, IT, Finance, Luxury, Sport & Health, Communication, Logistics, Tourism, Environment, Agriculture, and Social Sciences**.



The FEDE has established partnerships with leading institutions to promote education and learning for all, placing a particular emphasis on academic independence and high-quality education. As members of the FEDE network, educational institutions share knowledge, best practices and build international partnerships.

Official partnerships and recognised statuses:

- Council of Europe – Participatory status (since 2003); Observer status at CDE-DU and CDCPP (since 2021)
- UNESCO – Consultative status (since 2020)
- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) – Special consultative status (since 2021)
- International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) – Consultative status (since 2018)
- European Commission – Pact for Skills member (since 2021); listed in EU Transparency Register; social partner in education at EU level since 2023
- International Association of Universities (IAU) – Institutional member (since 2023)
- European Association for the Applied Sciences in Higher Education (EURASHE) – Affiliate member (since 2024)
- Lifelong Learning Platform (LLL) – Associate member (since 2023)



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Council of Europe (CoE)

Founded in 1949, the Council of Europe brings together 46 Member States and elaborates legal norms relating to human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. It is headquartered in Strasbourg, France. The FEDE has developed several partnerships with CoE entities thanks to its international educational expertise.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



«The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.»
Sydney J. Harris

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Conference of INGOs (CINGO) – Participatory status since 2003

The FEDE is one of approximately 300 European civil-society organisations enjoying participatory status at the CoE. This status allows the FEDE to work directly with three CoE pillars: the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE), and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

- FEDE initiated three Recommendations adopted by the CINGO plenary April 2019 on students' poverty and precariousness in Europe; October 2023 about the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the education sector; October 2024 on History teaching in Europe.

Steering Committee for Education (CDEDU) – Observer status since 2021

- Only 16 NGOs enjoy Observer status.
- The FEDE Chairwoman served on the CDEDU Bureau from 2017 to 2021 (two consecutive mandates). She was then re-elected in March 2024 for a new two-year term, renewable once.
- Contributes pedagogical expertise on: Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC), Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, history teaching in Europe, ethics in education, anti-corruption awareness, multilingualism, and education for sustainable development.

Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) – Observer status since 2021

- Only 19 NGOs hold Observer status.
- Contributes expertise on the protection of cultural goods, particularly regarding the Nicosia Convention adopted by the CoE in April 2022

Expert Group on CDC-VET (Competences for Democratic Citizenship in Vocational Education and Training) – Two-year term of office for the group from 2022 to 2024

- FEDE's Director of Education appointed as member by the CoE
- Works on the RFCDC, which has become an international benchmark. The FEDE has been a pioneer in this area for over six decades through its comprehensive European Culture and Citizenship (ECC) module, integrated into all FEDE European degrees.

Working Group on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) – Two-year term of office for the group from 2023 to 2025

- FEDE's Director of Education appointed as member by the CoE
- Addresses the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change, and loss of biodiversity through education and the RFCDC

Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Education – Two-year term of office for the Committee in 2026 and 2027

- One of only two NGOs represented on the Committee

- Representative of the FEDE's member institution IET-EIG Monaco, Corentin Le Got, appointed as member by the CoE.
- Addresses the impact of AI on teaching and learning, the evaluation of educational technologies, the regulation of the use of AI systems in education.

Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) – Thematic partner since 2018-2019

GRECO brings together 49 Member States (47 European countries, Kazakhstan, and the USA) in the fight against corruption

- The FEDE developed an anti-corruption course focusing on corruption prevention and related legislation.
- The course has been integrated into Unit A2 of the FEDE's European Culture and Citizenship (ECC) module since September 2019, reaching tens of thousands of young learners annually.
- This innovative course exemplifies successful cooperation between an NGO and an international institution, promoting democratic values, human rights, and the rule of law

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Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (OHTE)

Founded in November 2020, the OHTE responds to a geopolitical context where educational narratives and historical truths are being modified

- In 2024, the FEDE elaborated a course on the importance of teaching history in vocational training programmes with an OHTE expert.
- The course provides learners with the methodological and conceptual tools needed to approach knowledge with discernment and critical awareness

Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education (ETINED)

Launched in 2015, ETINED is a network of specialists appointed by CoE's Member States to promote the sharing of good practices in ethics and integrity in education.

- Since 2019, the FEDE participate as an expert to strengthen ethics in education (combating plagiarism, fake degrees, misleading titles)

Education Policy Advisors Network (EPAN)

Founded in 2018, EPAN aims to help the educational authorities of CoE's Member States to promote democracy and human rights via context-relevant application of the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC).

- Since 2023, the FEDE participates as an expert to strengthen democratic culture, educational policy and practice.





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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Founded in 1946, UNESCO aims to bring about peace through international cooperation in education, science, and culture. It has 195 Member States and plays an essential role in implementing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) inscribed in the 2030 Agenda.



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Consultative status since 2020

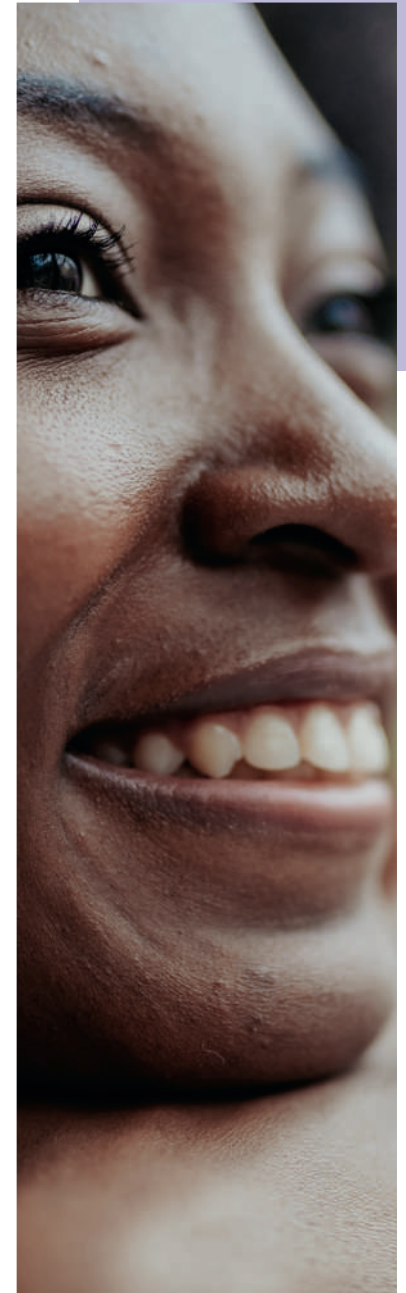
This status enables the FEDE to build close ties with UNESCO, the United Nations specialised agency for education, science and culture. Like UNESCO, the FEDE believes that education is a key factor in the development of both States and their citizens.

- Contributes to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 «ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all»
- 15,000 annual exam candidates and hundreds of teachers provide feedback on educational content and programmes

Greening Education Partnership (GEP) – Member since 2023

GEP encourages collaboration among civil society, the private sector, and intergovernmental organisations to promote a successful ecological transition. The main objective is to reshape educational ecosystems to be aligned with current environmental challenges

- In 2023, this partnership led to the creation of the teaching module «Businesses and the Green Transition», linked to UNESCO's work on Education for Sustainable Development
- Each year, more than 5000 students take this module as part of the FEDE Master's examinations



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The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

The United Nations Economic and Social Council is one of the six main UN bodies, headquartered in New York and Geneva. ECOSOC is responsible for making recommendations to Member States on economic, social, cultural, educational, public health, and sustainable development matters. It implements the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is the main UN forum for sustainable development-related reflection, debate, and innovation.

Since 1946, ECOSOC has introduced consultative status for NGOs. Today, more than 5,000 NGOs worldwide enjoy this status, working in areas including education, health, poverty eradication, human rights, and gender equality.

« Intelligence and proper education will give you independence of spirit. » **Charlotte Bronte**



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Special consultative status since 2021

- Attends ECOSOC ordinary sessions and functional commissions
- Submits written statements and delivers oral interventions
- Organises and participates in side events during ECOSOC sessions
- Contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

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International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF)

Founded in 1970 in Niamey (Niger), the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) brings together 88 states and governments – over one third of UN member countries. The OIF is headquartered in Paris.

The OIF's four main missions are: promoting the French language, multilingualism, and cultural diversity; promoting peace, democracy, and human rights; supporting education, training, higher education, and research; and developing economic cooperation for sustainable development.



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Consultative status since 2018

- Member of the Conference of INGOs (CINGO) – 127 accredited organisations
- Active in the Education and Training Committee
- Increases the visibility of OIF initiatives among FEDE member institutions in French-speaking countries
- Organises teacher training across its international network, strengthening the global community of French-speaking educators





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European Commission Pact for Skills

Launched in November 2020, the Pact for Skills acknowledges that skills are essential for the EU's post-pandemic recovery as well as for the green and digital transitions.



«The great aim of education is not knowledge, it's action.»
Herbert Spencer



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Pact member since 2021

- Develops the FEDE's network within EU institutions and among European trade associations based in Brussels
- Ensures the FEDE educational programmes match the skills needed by recruiters in target sectors
- Builds close ties with European trade associations recognised by EU institutions as representative of their sector
- Signs long-term memoranda of understanding aligned with the Pact's objectives to ensure that FEDE's educational programmes meet the needs of the labour market in Europe
- Commits to upskilling and reskilling people of working age through partnership efforts



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European Parliament - Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills for a Competitive Europe

Four-year term of office for the EP Intergroup from 2025 to 2029

Launched in February 2025, this Intergroup is the first EP Intergroup specifically dedicated to education and skills.



// Member of the Intergroup Advisory Committee since 2025

- Develops the FEDE's network within EU institutions and with MEPs.
- Contributes to strategic discussions on higher education and vocational education and training.
- Provides expertise on priorities defined at European level.
- Proposes thematic events and initiatives with the institutional support of the Intergroup.



European
Parliament

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Sectoral Trade Associations

Beyond institutional relations with key international organisations (UNESCO, Council of Europe, OIF, ECOSOC), the FEDE has developed close ties with national and European trade associations, enabling more direct action on concrete projects.

These partnerships help to :

- Expand educational networks and programme development services in isolated areas.
- Foster innovation and develop skills frameworks
- Increase career opportunities for FEDE graduates.



// Key Partnerships

European Level

- **Geopa-Copa** (Agriculture employers) – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since October 2021: fostering synergies between sectoral employers and FEDE member institutions in agriculture-related fields.
- **Connect Europe** (Telecommunications) – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since February 2022: aligns IT and Digital Technology courses with employers' skills needs.

National Level

- **National Association of Financial Advisers (ANACOFI)** in France (Finance) – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since May 2024: develops training qualifications for financial advisory professions. In October 2025, it recognised the quality and relevance of the FEDE European Bachelor's degree in Banking and Insurance.
- **Federation of French Companies and Entrepreneurs (FEEF)** (SMEs) – partnership agreement since 2017: recognition of FEDE degrees in Management and enhanced career opportunities for graduates.

- **French Federation of Naturopathy Schools (FÉNA)** (Wellness) – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since 2021 to help structure and promote the wellness sector in France

- **National Federation of the Hotel Industry (FNIH)** in Morocco (Hotels) – partnership agreement since 2019: recognition of FEDE degrees in Tourism and Hospitality; monitoring of skills needs in Morocco's second-largest employment sector.

- **Moroccan Federation of Culinary Arts (FMAC)** – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since 2023 to build synergies between Moroccan educational institutions and businesses in the HORECA sector



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Educational Sectoral Associations

In 2023-2024, the FEDE became a member of four major associations in the education and vocational training sector. The aim is to broaden the network of expert partners in education and collaborate on specialised themes: educational leadership, learning in all its forms, citizenship and green skills, teacher well-being, quality education, and artificial intelligence (AI).

Through these memberships, the FEDE strengthens its role in educational innovation and provides its member institutions with effective tools to enhance graduate employability.

// Memberships & Projects

EFEE – European Federation of Education Employers (since October 2023)

- 53 organisations across 23 countries; a recognised EU social partner for education, engaged in the European social dialogue with the European Commission and trade unions.

- **Participates in Erasmus+ project ELNE** (Educational Leadership Network Europe) – 27 partners working from 2023 to 2027 on promoting educational collaborative leadership, reducing dropout rates, improving student/teacher well-being, and fast-tracking digitalisation.

IAU – International Association of Universities (since October 2023)

- 600+ members in 120 countries; set up under UNESCO.

- Thematic priorities: value-based leadership, internationalisation, sustainable development, digitalisation of higher education.

LLL – Lifelong Learning Platform (since June 2023)

- 45 European associations representing 50,000+ institutions across formal, non-formal, and informal learning.

- Supports 100+ FEDE member institutions involved in continuing education.

EURASHE – European Association for Applied Sciences in Higher Education (since January 2024)

- 96 organisations in 35 countries; promotes professional higher education

- Access to EU-funded projects, position papers, thematic studies, and networking events



Since 2015, the FEDE has elaborated numerous institutional partnerships with national and international organisations to address major educational, political, cultural, sociological, and economic challenges.

These institutional partnerships serve as important levers in three areas:

- **Quality assurance** – ensuring the FEDE the programmes meet international standards and best practices
- **Educational and social monitoring** – tracking skills needs and sectoral developments to maintain programme relevance
- **Institutional legitimacy** – reinforcing the FEDE's recognition as an expert institution in education

The FEDE has also built both short-term and long-term partnerships with associations, sectoral federations, and NGOs around more specific or technical challenges. These cooperative ventures enable swift and practical action that can be directly applied in the field. They contribute to the strengthening of local educational networks, support skills monitoring, foster innovation and enhance the employability of FEDE graduates.

The FEDE's main objective is to promote an inclusive education and life-long learning, based on academic independence and high-quality education. Over the past decade, the FEDE has developed numerous institutional and sectoral partnerships as part of a strategic institutional approach. This has reinforced its recognition as an expert in the education and vocational training sector and consolidated its position as a key stakeholder at both European and international level.



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