



CIDREE

Consortium of Institutions for Development
and Research in Education in Europe

CIDREE NATIONAL COORDINATOR GUIDANCE

The mission of CIDREE is:

- to contribute to the quality of the member institutions through mutual linking and sharing high-level knowledge and experience;
- to shape CIDREE as an influential, dynamic and responsive network that supports the individual and corporate interests of its members;
- to represent the interests of the member institutions in other European and international organizations and networks.

CIDREE's strategic orientation: knowledge management through networking

As a network, CIDREE aims to:

- ensure the mobilisation and dissemination of high-level knowledge and information amongst the member institutions, contributing to a more effective achievement of their own mission;
- make new knowledge, generated by collaboration, available to the member institutions and other stakeholders;
- boost innovative actions within European educational systems.

Added value

The CIDREE strategy is based on the simple idea that the exchange of information and expertise among professional educators gives added value to their own activities in terms of knowledge, efficiency, effectiveness and the growing European dimension of educational research and development.

CIDREE members' key focuses, on national and international scenes

- Providing professional policy advice to Ministers
- National curriculum reform and development
- Developing/monitoring of national qualifications, assessment and/or examination programs
- Providing guidance and advice on policy implementation to schools
- Commissioning or developing classroom materials
- Providing teacher training and in-service training
- Conducting research in the field of education

CIDREE's members

- 17 European countries
- Government agencies providing policy advice to their ministries
- National public institution for research in education
- Key actors identified in a specific field relevant to the consortium

Activities: multilateral and bilateral

- Study visits, one-off events and meetings of experts in order to boost the sharing of information and experiences and to foster innovative projects.
- International collaborative projects that function as tools for research and development. These collaborative projects are initiated by the members and encourage them to coordinate research, compare curriculum approaches and develop mutually beneficial results.
- Joint yearly publications: Yearbook.

Professional development of staff

Engagement in CIDREE activities contributes to the advancement of knowledge, experience and expertise. Members are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities when planning their staff development programmes.

Role of Contact Persons

Re-name as - CIDREE National Coordinators (CNCs or NCs for short)

According to the mission and general aim of CIDREE each member institution appoints a person who will play a key role within the institution and the CIDREE consortium.

The NC will:

- drive and promote the CIDREE Mission and Strategic Objectives within Member Institutions and beyond;
- represent Members' interests at CIDREE meetings;
- coordinate CIDREE projects and communications within the Member Institution, and across the consortium;
- initiate new CIDREE activities that help the Member Institution to achieve priorities;
- involve the Member Institution in wider CIDREE activities that help the Member Institution and other members to achieve priorities.

Activities

Linking - CNCs are the key and high profile active links among CIDREE institutions and within their own institutions. As such, they must contribute to making CIDREE a consortium of institutions, not individuals, in order to successfully meet the priorities of their own and other organisations. CNCs bring to CIDREE their own institutions' particular activities, questions, needs and expectations and in return can benefit from comments, answers, ideas and materials. CNCs will also act as the CIDREE coordinator for their country by liaising with other major institutions.

Collaborating - The CNCs contribute to make CIDREE a more practical and functional consortium, assisting each other to better handle issues at stake in the representing institutions, such as best practices sharing.

Sharing of information – They share ideas for collaborative projects in their institutions and suggest new topics at CNC meetings. CNC informs his/her colleagues about new project ideas suggested by other countries and creates links between CIDREE experts.

Coordinating – Common project proposals can be achieved if the CNCs discuss upon topics of interest and then seek for ways to raise funds.

Organising events: The CNC organises study visits and other activities designed to promote learning and exchange among institutions. He/She is also responsible for the organisation of CNC or GA meetings in his/her country.

Assuring continuity - The changes at both levels (CIDREE and institutions) are making it difficult to ensure a certain level of stability for CIDREE's work. It is crucial that the CNC has the knowledge about CIDREE culture and activities to assure continuity. New CNCs are informed about it at the first meeting they attend by other CNCs.

Supporting - CNCs must have common and clear expectations of each other. Between the meetings they communicate and support each other by mail and other means of communication.

Communicating - There can be a Questions & Answers corner on the website where members can communicate with each other. Collaboration among CNCs is further promoted through a group on LinkedIn.

Involvement

Internal

- CEOs: added value
- Presenting opportunities to colleagues in their home institutions
- Organizing CIDREE meetings and events in their countries
- Encouraging, supporting and approving national authors of the Yearbook (publications)
- Promoting learning within CIDREE - linking colleagues with experts in other institutions (study visits, shadowing, expert meetings)

External

- Develop initiatives together with other CNCs
- Presenting developments in their national context
- Presentation of interesting experiences on CNC meetings
- Collaboration among CNCs between meetings
- Raising and discussing different topics for project proposals
- Reporting upon development of CIDREE projects
- Linking up with other networks