

CIDREE : *Thinking education*

CIDREE's strategic objectives are to improve the quality of education through:

- Creating high quality professional learning in national agencies
- Inspiring innovation and change in education systems throughout Europe
- Developing new perspectives and influencing policy across Europe, its countries and beyond
- Reshaping and improving the curriculum in European countries through development and research
- Exchanging best practice and experiences through networks of European experts
- Exploring and sharing effective learning and teaching, from global to local practice.

CIDREE members are the lead organisation in their countries for providing professional policy advice to Ministers on curriculum development and implementation. This key focus means taking account of national and international trends, developments and issues in, for example:

- leading national curriculum reform and development
- commissioning or developing classroom materials
- providing or influencing teacher training and in-service training
- developing/monitoring of national qualifications, assessment and/or examination programs
- conducting research in the field of education.

As a network, **CIDREE aims to:**

- ensure the sharing and dissemination of high-level knowledge and information amongst the member institutions, which provides support towards achieving their own missions
- create new knowledge, generated by collaboration, and made available to the member institutions and other stakeholders
- boost innovative activities within European educational systems.

Adding value

The CIDREE network actively promotes the exchange of information and expertise among professional educators. This adds significant value to members' activities in terms of their increased knowledge, efficiency and effectiveness in undertaking educational research or development.

Some CEOs of CIDREE member countries are also members of the CERI-OECD Governing Board and other key groups which helps to establish further strong international connections.

Activities: bilateral and multilateral

- Expert meetings, projects and study visits in order to increase the sharing of information and experiences and promote innovative change.
- International collaborative projects that provide opportunities for research and development. These collaborative projects are initiated by the members and encourage coordinated research, comparative curriculum approaches and mutual benefits.
- Annual CIDREE Conference and General Assembly; Annual CIDREE National Coordinators' meeting, and annual CIDREE Chief Executive Officers' meeting.
- Joint yearly publication: CIDREE Yearbook showcasing a collection of articles on a key priority theme for the CIDREE Member coordinating the Yearbook.

Promoting the professional learning of members

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