

Agency for Cooperation in Secondary Education

The Agency for Cooperation in Secondary Education is the outcome of the project P.A.C.E. and seeks to give continuity to the specific approach for teachers' professional development piloted during this project.

Moreover, in response to the findings of the project P.A.C.E., the Agency seeks to promote the status and recognition of the teaching profession in the participating countries, to spread innovation in the curriculum and in teaching strategies and to develop the potential of education as an instrument of reconciliation, security, stability and peace. Its mission is "to promote peace, a sustainable future, inclusion and intercultural dialogue through secondary education".

The Agency Goals

- ◆ foster cooperation among different secondary education systems;
- ◆ contribute to the harmonisation of in-service and initial teacher training systems among participating countries;
- ◆ promote the status and recognition of the teaching profession;
- ◆ broaden curricula through intercultural approaches;
- ◆ promote teachers' intercultural awareness through professional development opportunities and through exchanges;
- ◆ Set up systems of certification and accreditation of competences to promote cultural and professional mobility for teachers in countries that are not yet EU members.

These goals will be met by:

- ◆ organizing networks at grass roots and at ministerial level;
- ◆ organizing workshops for professional development of teachers;
- ◆ promoting and disseminating best practice in secondary education,
- ◆ establishing and facilitating on-line communities of teachers and students;
- ◆ providing and disseminating teaching materials;
- ◆ providing services and specialist advisers for policy makers in the field of secondary education.

Next steps

- ◆ Confirm interest from Ministries and other institutional partners;
- ◆ Institute a Committee to define the possible juridical status of the Agency and its Business Plan;
- ◆ Start Pilot projects on the abovementioned themes and specifically:
 - Pilot curricula development projects;
 - Pilot professional development projects (local or international)
 - Pilot exchange projects
- ◆ Maintain and reinforce the Agency network to participate in international projects and meet funding opportunities.



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collaboration with the University
Ca' Foscari of Venice"*

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teachers are well-known and
experienced workshop leaders and
mentors and hold relevant positions
in the International Baccalaureate
Organization – IB"*

The Agency website

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