

CONTACT PERSONS

ICEVI-Europe covers about 40 countries, grouped in 8 subregions *.

During the European Conference in Cracow (2000) each country, for the first time, elected a contact person; each subregion elected a member of the European Committee.

The same happened at the World Conference in Noordwijkerhout (the Netherlands) (2002).

The network of contact persons and committee members working together should be the back-bone of the organization.

The job description of the contact person is described in the European Newsletter in 1999:

1. He/she should have a good network of contacts in his/her country in the field of the education of the v.i.
2. Observing and pointing out special events and activities that could be important for the European Committee, for the European Chairperson and for the European Newsletter and/or the website, such as conferences, workshops, special anniversaries etc
3. Communicating with the European committee/European Chairperson about the needs and demands in his/her country.
4. Supplying copy for the European Newsletter about what is happening in his/her country.
5. Supplying agenda items for the meeting of the European Committee.
6. It would be the best if the contact person is able to communicate in English.

To be honest: up to now the network of contact persons in general is not working very well: too few initiatives, too few actions, too little information, at subregional level, or at European level.

Please realise, that the job of contact person is not an **honorary** job, it is a job that has to be **actively** carried out with regard to the above-mentioned points.

At the European Conference in Chemnitz you will be asked to elect the contact person for the next period: 2005-2008. When you are doing this, please have in mind if he/she can fulfil the requirements connected with this function.

This is important for the further developments in your country, in your subregion and in ICEVI-Europe as a whole.

In the programme of the conference there will be a meeting of all newly elected contact persons. It would probably be a good idea if the contact persons of each subregion can make an appointment to meet each other, at least once, after the conference.

The European Committee, the old one and the new one, hopes for many very active and involved contact persons for the new term.

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* Subregions:

- 1. Baltic and Nordic countries
- 2. English-speaking countries

- 3. French-speaking countries
- 4. German- and Dutch-speaking countries
- 5. South European countries
- 6. Central European countries
- 7. East European countries
- 8. Balkan countries