

Czech Republic

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1 The Foundation of the National Section

After the division of Czechoslovakia into two independent states (Czech Republic and Slovakia) in 1993 two independent FICE Sections were founded. The FICE Section Czech Republic was founded in 1993 by the Ministry of Education.

2 Organisation and finance

Funding comes partly from the Ministry of Education but to the greater part from membership contributions. Work is coordinated by nine Board Members who come from different regions. The FICE Section Czech Republic doesn't have a permanent office or secretariat. The work is shared by all Board Members on a voluntary basis (without payment).

3 Membership

210 individual members from institutions in the field of care outside the family (residential care workers, social pedagogues, psychologists, social workers, researchers) .

4 Activities

- General assembly of members (twice a year).
- Publications containing papers presented at professional conferences, contributions from research and practice of residential care and from other fields of child and youth care
- Participation in projects and proposals submitted to the Ministry of Education with regard to legislative measures
- Cooperation with foundations
- Participation at FICE Federal Council meetings

- Organising events for children and youth
- Excursions and holidays for children living in homes
- Organising sports competitions (regional, national, international) for children living in homes (ball games, winter sports, track and field events, swimming)
- International sports events for children in care from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary
- Concerts of children in care; competitions (singing, dancing, fine arts) on regional, national and international levels

5 Future

Increasing the percentage of children in care and care workers taking part in projects (e.g. Sarajevo) and selecting institutions for exchange programmes (children and care workers) to take part in EU Projects

6 Special Features

- Continuous education of care workers and pedagogues.
- Special assistance to children in care with regard to education, sports, and cultural activities (with the assistance of special pedagogues).