

LETTER OF INTENT
IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATIONAL, LINGUISTIC COOPERATION AND TRAINING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF DENMARK

The Minister of National Education, Higher education and research of the Republic of France and the Minister of Education of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"):

Referring to the previous agreement signed on February 15th, 1967 between the French Republic and Denmark;

Highlighting the importance of Education and Culture to build inclusive and cohesive societies, and to sustain our competitiveness;

Wishing to strengthen links between the French and Danish school educational systems; and to deepen the mutual understanding of each country's educational policies and ambitions for their young generations;

Following up on European Council decisions in December 2017 calling for EU member states to enhance the learning of languages, so that more young people will speak at least two European languages in addition to their mother tongue;

Have agreed as follows:

The Parties shall encourage and develop cooperation and exchanges in the field of education and human resource development on the basis of equality, mutual benefit, and reciprocity depending on the applicable laws and regulations of the two countries and the availability of funds.

The Parties shall identify new areas of potential cooperation activities, opportunities of strengthening or expanding existing cooperation. The cooperation under this Letter of Intent may include, but is not limited to, the organization of workshops, seminars, conferences, study visits, exchange of staff and students, exchange of experiences, academic resources and best practices, where deemed appropriate by all those concerned. The cooperation under this Letter of Intent shall not in any way affect relations already established between educational and human resource agencies, institutions, or school systems of the Parties.

1. Linguistic cooperation

The Parties shall support language learning in both countries through:

- Improving high school students' skills in French language;
- Exploring the possibility of implementing specific training programs for French teachers in Denmark set up by both Parties;

- Working together to reinforce specific linguistic projects in both countries;
- Encouraging innovative projects in the field of language didactics.

2. Educative cooperation in upper secondary education

The parties decide to implement initiatives which promote exchanges and cooperation between both educational systems through:

- Promoting exchanges of classes, recent graduate teachers and school leaders between the two countries, in all levels;
- Collaboration in the area of teacher training and job-shadowing by promoting and encouraging mobility of teaching staff and exchange of trainee teachers and teacher training between the two countries;
- Supporting and encouraging partnerships between French and Danish schools;
- Welcoming and sharing of innovative teaching methods
- Encouraging class exchanges and also individual pupil mobility in secondary schools, general and vocational schools;

The Parties agree to work together to build a European Education Area stepping up mobility and exchanges, multilinguism and harmonisation of educational systems. The Parties will encourage all the institutions to participate in the Erasmus+ program.

3. Exchanges of best practices

The Parties intent to share good practices and views on common interest topics, especially in:

- Soliciting regular meetings between senior staff level and study visits;
- Sharing information concerning educational policies and reforms in both countries;
- Exchanging expertise, resources, good practices in the priority fields as digital education, inclusive education and integration of students with disabilities and add value to vocational field.

4. Institutional cooperation and Action Plan

The cooperation proposal mentioned in the present Letter of Intent will be featured in a joint action plan elaborated by the Danish Ministry of Education and the French Institute of Denmark.

Signed in Copenhagen, March 1st 2018, in two (2) originals in the French and English languages, each version being equally valid.



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