

Teacher continuing professional development

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 LUXEMBOURG

Timeline



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Background

Teacher continuing professional development (CPD) has gained considerable importance over the years and is now considered a professional duty in the Luxembourgish education system. In its 2015 national reform programme, Luxembourg indicated its intention to reform the professional development of teachers and trainers.

The project Teachers meet businesses, initiated by the Chamber of Commerce and the Training Institute for National Education (IFEN) in 2018, addresses secondary education teachers looking for insights into industry developments to help improve the training and guidance they provide to their students. The project allows teachers to discover a growing economic sector and become familiar with the corresponding qualifications and competences. The 2018-19 edition focused on start-ups and business incubators.

Objectives

Setting up a legal framework and implementing provisions for the organisation of teacher CPD.

Description

The 2015 legislation establishing the Training Institute for National Education (IFEN) stipulates that IFEN offers mandatory teacher CPD schemes to develop and refresh the competences of teaching staff, these include training leading to certification, coaching, supervision, job shadowing and exchange networks. With the support of IFEN, a school may also develop optional CPD plans for their staff (*Schulinterne Lehrer/innen-Weiterbildung*) to align teacher training activities to the school's objectives.

Teacher CPD is defined according to a competence framework which enables teachers to conceptualise the competences required for their professional practice and to share a common approach for fulfilling their teaching tasks. Each teacher must undergo 48 hours of CPD in three years as defined by regulations of 2015 and 2016. Of these, at least 24 hours should either concern priority training areas (defined by regulation) or be part of their

school's internal training plan. Teaching and learning within a competence-based approach, ICT technologies and teamwork and communication are among current priorities. A maximum of 24 hours should be dedicated to the domain of disciplinary knowledge. Any training courses chosen by a teacher which do not clearly belong to their profile should be approved by the school director.

2018 Implementation

2019 Implementation

In 2019, a new law amending the 2015 law creating IFEN was adopted. It provides for new methods of providing in-service training to teachers: peer grouping, coaching, and e-learning.

2020 Implementation

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CPD offer was extended to cover knowledge and methods of distance learning, including distance learning for practical courses. The regular offer was also constantly adapted.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project, Teachers meet businesses, was suspended.

2021 Implementation

In 2021, in addition to constant update of its offer, IFEN created its first educational Third Place, F.use (Future Space for Education - Tiers lieu) to diversify its training and support offer, and thus respond to the challenges of the future of education. It is a physical space for exchange, innovation and experience-action which targets all education professionals. In these 'classrooms of the future', open and adaptable spaces, multiple activities are offered in the form of working sessions, activities of discovery or training sessions, focused on game-based learning, digital technology in general and the creation of one's own educational material.

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2022 Implementation

In 2022, another Educational Third Place, F.use, opened.

The ministry of Education's VET Department (SFP), in collaboration with IFEN, organised thematic seminars for teachers and in-company trainers, tailored to the provision of the newly introduced IVET programme DAP Éducation (socio-pedagogical childcare agent). In 2022, the project, Teachers meet businesses, was suspended.

2023 Implementation

Since March 2023, the ICT teacher training courses offered by the [National Education Training Institute's](#) (IFEN), includes conferences and seminars about AI and related tools. In the 2023/24 school year, the institute introduced massive open online courses (MOOCs) and blended learning formats to supplement these face-to-face training sessions. The majority of the IFEN's AI related teacher training courses, which are part of the ICT domain, include:

- chat about ChatGPT and AI,
- demystifying AI and ChatGPT,
- AI, ethics and future-proofing the classroom,
- introduction to generative AI: using ChatGPT to optimise teacher preparation.

IFEN has continued to diversify its training formats (such as seminars, seminars with an individual learning phase, resonance spaces, guided exchange networks, reading circles, educational walks and film debates) and to develop on-line training courses.

To support and prepare teachers for the implementation of digital science courses throughout secondary education, IFEN is offering tailored continuing professional development courses.

IFEN has introduced its very first 'training pathway'. These pathways aim to strengthen expertise in targeted areas while developing professional skills. They are structured to provide a coherent and progressive learning experience, enriched by a variety of teaching resources in a specific area. It emphasises flexibility and customisation, offering tailor-made support from experienced trainers, a practical approach through projects and observation periods, and a multi-level recognition system.

In 2023, a new Vocational Aptitude Diploma 'Inclusion' was introduced. The introduction of the programme is accompanied by a dedicated in-company trainer training deployed by IFEN.

2024 Implementation

In January 2024, the program Teachers meet business was relaunched. The first session of the 2023/2024 edition is devoted to the commerce sector.

Bodies responsible

- Training Institute for National Education (IFEN)
- Chamber of Commerce

Target group

Education professionals

Teachers

Thematic categories

Teachers, trainers and school leaders competences

Systematic approaches to and opportunities for initial and continuous professional development of school leaders, teachers and trainers

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

[Act on establishing the Training Institute for National Education \(IFEN\)](#)

[Regulation of 2015 on 48 hours of mandatory continuous teacher training \(in French\)](#)

[Regulation of 2016 amending Regulation of 24 July 2007 determining the duties of teachers in secondary schools and technical schools](#)

[Law of 2019 amending the Act on establishing IFEN](#)

[IFEN CPD offer](#)

[F.use - Educational Third Place](#)

Related policy developments

2023 Completed

Reforming initial teacher training

Following the 2015 reform, a candidate for the teaching profession first has to take preliminary tests in the three national languages (German, French and Luxembourgish) followed by a competitive examination (*concours*) organised by the Ministry of National Education.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET

2015 Approved/Agreed

Training Institute for National Education

Legislation in 2015 established the Training Institute for National Education (Institut de Formation de l'Education Nationale, IFEN) to organise professional induction and continuing professional development (CPD) for teaching and socio-educational staff, including VET teachers.

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Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2024 Implementation

Promoting digital literacy

In 2015, the Digital Education strategy was developed, including five dimensions broken down into specific projects; the strategy's major focus is on IT infrastructure and equipment.

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IVET

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