



## ACTIVITIES REPORT YEAR 2007

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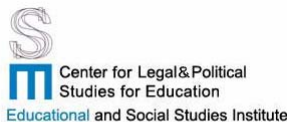
In 2007, Society and Education has created a space for social and educational consideration and debate, by conducting thorough, independent research, based on a multi-disciplinary approach, in cooperation with social and educational administrations and agents, in order to contribute to solving the current challenges faced by Europe's education and training systems.

The studies carried out by the different teams have been done at the request of public and private entities or as a consequence of the debates and discussions aimed at addressing current issues in education.

This Activities Report is structured according to the general guidelines set forth in the foundational mission statement (research, training, forming public opinion, consultancy and liaising), and has been completed with some of the tasks carried out to promote Society and Education's European seal.

### RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES

In 2007, research work has taken place in several areas of activity, demonstrating the variety of resources used in carrying out these activities. Furthermore, the teachers who joined the Institute in 2007 have increased the cross-disciplinary aspect of the work, allowing for different approaches to education at the present time.



El *Centre for Legal-Political Studies for Education* and the *Civischool Programme, building the civic school* have consolidated their structure, while, within the scope of other areas of analysis such as the economy of education, quality improvement, European studies in education and the debate on contemporary education and culture, a range of actions have been organised:

- a. Promoting new lines of research that have taken shape as specific programmes and in the organisation and coordination of working parties, who have been responsible for drawing up their own reports.
- b. Designing new research projects.
- c. Organising Meetings, Seminars, Congresses and Conferences.
- d. Publishing three new books, within Society and Education's own series of publications.





civischool

building a civic school

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES INSTITUTE

The research department in charge of this field deals with one of Society and Education' basic objectives: to interpret educational reality by considering its effect on personal development, social integration and civic values; additionally, the current configuration of democratic European societies relies on Education as a basic tool for progress, competitiveness and improvement. The working basis that governs civischool's activities concern the following lines of analysis:

AREA OF EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP AND "EUROPEANISM".

AREA OF COEXISTENCE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION AT SCHOOL

AREA OF INTERCULTURAL AND INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

AREA OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AREA OF PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY



Center for Legal & Political  
Studies for Education  
Educational and Social Studies Institute

The Institute's research department specialized in the legal and political analysis of education is organized around the **Centre of Legal and Political Studies for Education**. The results of the work conducted by the legal experts involved in the Centre aim to act as a constitutional and legal reference for educational administrations, social partners and public policymakers on education and training matters.

## FORUMS AND SEMINARS

- II Meeting on Legal–Political Studies in Education: *Aplicaciones del Principio Constitucional de Solidaridad para la vertebración del Sistema Educativo Español*. Junta of Castile-León. March, 2007.
- *Políticas educativas para la cohesión social*. Summer course in El Escorial. UCM and the Education Council of the Region of Madrid.
- Series of conferences in La Rioja: *Repensar la educación para el siglo XXI*.
- International Conference *Is educational leadership measurable and what do those measures mean for policy?* in collaboration with the OECD and the JRC-CRELL (European Commission). September, 2007.
- Participation in the working parties of the "Observatorio Nacional de Convivencia" under the Education and Science Ministry.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- *La enseñanza de las ciencias en los centros educativos. Diagnóstico y perspectivas*. Region of Murcia.
- *Dimensión Europea de la Educación cívica*. Foreign Office.
- *Programa de Educación para el Diálogo Intercultural*. Project presented to the Culture Ministry.
- *El diálogo entre culturas: una necesidad de la educación cívica*. Project presented to the Culture Ministry.
- Report on *The quality of universities in Europe*.
- *Estudio sobre el abandono prematuro de la escuela en Les Illes Balears: diagnóstico y tipología de los grupos de riesgo*.
- *Línea de investigación sobre Diálogo Intercultural*. Preparation for 2008, European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. Collaboration: Ministries of Education and Science, Culture and Justice.
- Education and Science Ministry: *Dictamen sobre las condiciones socioeducativas para el diálogo intercultural en España* (April, 2007).
- *The role of School in the development of key competences*: project presented to the European Commission, within the Lifelong Learning Programme and in collaboration with CRISP (Italy), Palacky University (Czech Republic), ELA (Belgium), Foundation Polska-Europe-Poland (Poland) and the University of Malta (Malta). April, 2007.
- *Structural support for European public policy research and for civil society organisations at European level*. Lifelong Learning Programme. European Commission. Call for proposals EACEA. 30/07
- *Education for co-existence*: project presented to DG Culture, European Commission, in collaboration with *partners* from Belgium, Germany and Turkey. Call for proposals EACAE 23/07.



#### STUDIES/WORKINGPAPERS/ MAGAZINE ARTICLES / PAPERS PRESENTED

- *La noción de identidad europea: valores cívicos en la escuela.* Fundación para la Libertad and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Paper presented in the Seminar *De la identidad local a la ciudadanía universal: el gran reto de la educación contemporánea.* Mercedes Esteban.
- *Autonomy and decentralization in the new legal framework of the spanish education system.* Presented in Lisbon. International Seminar.
- *Study of the school drop-out phenomenon in the Balearic Islands (Spain): context variants that affect the risk groups.* International Conference: *Equal Opportunities - a Challenge for Education Law and Education Policy in Europe.* Presented in Postdam. Germany.
- *Misión y Liderazgo para la gobernanza de la educación.* Mercedes Esteban
- *Coste efectivo del puesto escolar e inversión eficiente.* Miguel Ángel Sancho.
- *Criterios en vigor para el otorgamiento o renovación de conciertos educativos, según el principio coeducativo.*
- *Educational Leadership in the Euro-Med Region.* Miguel Ángel Sancho.
- *La globalización tecnológica: el caso Second Life.* Mercedes Esteban



#### PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

##### BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2007

- *Libertad, calidad y equidad en los sistemas educativos: buenas prácticas internacionales.* Published in collaboration with the Publishing Department of the Region of Madrid.
- *Nuevos retos para convivir en las aulas: construyendo la escuela cívica.* Society and Education.
- *Convergencia de los Estudios Superiores y de la Formación Profesional en Europa.* Society and Education. Collaboration of the Education Council of the Region of Murcia.

##### PUBLISHING COORDINATION (PUBLICATION 2008)

- Publishing coordination for the compilation volume of the II Legal-Political Meetings on Education, *Principio de solidaridad y educación.* In collaboration with the Junta of Castile-León.
- Publishing coordination for the compilation volume of the V Summer course in El Escorial *Políticas educativas para la cohesión social.*
- Compilation, transcription and English translation of the papers presented during the Seminar *Is educational leadership measurable and what do those measures mean for policy?*



## PUBLIC OPINION AWARENESS AND ACTIONS

### COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

- Increase of new content and updates to the web platform.
- Drafting the *Activities Report 2007*.
- Design and development of web portals (*minisites*) devoted to congresses and seminars organised by Society and Education (See for example: [www.sociedadyeducacion.org/conferencia](http://www.sociedadyeducacion.org/conferencia); European Conference on the Convergence of Higher Studies. Murcia, 2006)
- Periodical distribution of information tools: *Boletín Electrónico de Noticias y Conexión Bruselas*.



- Implementation and distribution of new service *Call for Proposals!*. Technical Guide on programmes and calls issued by the European Union.



- Summons for and informative brunch to present the Foundation's activities to the specialised media.
- Communication plan and *Project Report* for the Seminar on *Leadership*.
- Drafting of the press dossier 2007.



## CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

### INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS 2007

FUNDACIÓN GARRIGUES  
European Association for Education Law and Policy (ELA)  
EGAM (International Studies in Educational Governance,  
Accountability and Management)  
Centre for Research on Lifelong Learning (JRC-CRELL).  
TAS EUROPROJECTS  
EUROPEAN FOUNDATION CENTRE  
UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA  
PEDAGOSKI INSTITUT. Eslovenia.  
FUNDACIÓN PLURALISMO Y CONVIVENCIA.  
EUROPARTNERS 2007. Bulgaria.  
FUNDACIÓN SEK.

### AGENDA 2007

Board of Education of the Junta of Andalucía.  
Board of Education of the Junta of Castile-La  
Mancha.  
Board of Education of the Basque Govt.  
Justice Ministry. DG Ecclesiastical Affairs.  
Fundación Pluralismo y Convivencia.  
European Commission.  
European Association of Catholic Schools.  
European Foundations Centre.  
Executive Agency (EC).



## PARTICIPATION IN FORUMS, SEMINARS, DEBATES AND CONGRESSES

1. *Educación para la ciudadanía*. Fundación Santillana.
2. *Políticas migratorias, democracia y diversidad cultural*. Fundación Atman.
3. *Educational Leadership in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*, organised by the European Commission and the CRELL in Ispra (Italy).
4. *Equality in Educational Opportunities*, organised by ELA. Potsdam (Germany).
5. Seminar *Quasi mercati, partnership e reti per la governance dei sistema educativi*. Centre of International Studies in Educational, Governance, Accountability & Management y la Fondazione, Alma Mater (University of Bologna).
6. *Financiación de la educación*, Seminar organised by FERE-CECA.
7. *Semana Monográfica*. Fundación Santillana.
8. Congress FERE-CECA
9. Congress CECE.
10. *Católicos y Vida Pública*. Congress CEU.
11. *Educational Leadership in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*, organised by the European Commission and the CRELL.
12. Conference on Decentralisation and Municipalisation and on the role of Local Authorities and Autonomy of Schools in Education. ELA. Lisbon, December, 2007.
13. *Elección de escuela y justicia social: ¿realidad o espejismo?* International Symposium organised by Oidel. Lisbon, 7th-8th September.
14. Congress *European Foundation Center* in Madrid.
15. Congreso Fundación Bertelsmann. Madrid.
16. *De la educación socio emocional a la educación en valores*. Congress of the MEC.
17. *European Meeting of Independent Schools*. Brussels.

## EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND CONSULTANCY DEPARTMENT

The European Foundation Society and Education's **Educational Training and Consultancy Department** has the purpose of designing training proposals aimed at improving the qualification of professionals in the education sector and offer consultancy to enhance the quality of teaching and education.

The Lisbon strategy, aimed at *making the EU the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world*, requires the design of strategies and ongoing training activities for teachers and management staff, students, families and social partners. It also requires the active cooperation and involvement of other professional and business sectors to strengthen the role of education in social development.

Throughout 2007, some of the activities included in this Report were characterized by their training-related aspect, and were aimed at improving the qualification of education professionals. As a result, most of them have been recognized with the accreditation reserved for ongoing teacher-training programmes:

II Legal-Political Meetings on Education: *Aplicaciones del Principio Constitucional de Solidaridad para la vertebración del Sistema Educativo Español*. Education Board of the Junta of Castile-León. March, 2007.

Organisation and management of the course *Políticas educativas para la cohesión social*. Summer course in El Escorial. Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

Organisation and management of a series of 3 conferences in La Rioja: *Repensar la educación para el siglo XXI*.

International Conference for school heads, in collaboration with the OECD and the EC: *Is educational leadership measurable and what do those measures mean for policy?* September, 2007.

### Presence and participation of teachers from the Institute of Educational and Social Studies in training activities (as presenters and/or experts):

1. *Educación para la ciudadanía*. Fundación Santillana.
2. *Políticas migratorias, democracia y diversidad cultural*. Fundación Atman.
3. *Educational Leadership in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*, organised by the European Commission and the CRELL in Ispra (Italy).
4. *Equality in Educational Opportunities*, organised by ELA in Potsdam (Germany).
5. *Quasi mercati, partnership e reti per la governance dei sistemi educativi*. Seminar organised by the *centre of International Studies in Educational, Governance, Accountability & Management* y la *Fondazione Alma Mater* (University of Bologna).
6. *Conference on Decentralisation and Municipalisation and on the role of Local Authorities and Autonomy of Schools in Education*. ELA. Lisbon.
7. *Elección de escuela y justicia social: ¿realidad o espejismo?* International Symposium organised by Oidel. Lisbon.
8. *De la educación socioemocional a la educación en valores*. Education and Science Ministry.
9. *De la identidad local a la ciudadanía universal*. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

### PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCY AND STRATEGIC ADVICE SERVICES

- - Consultancy for developing an integral plan to set up a school centre in Andalusia.
- - Presentation of several projects on the Strategy to internationalize universities.
- - Professional consultancy for setting up new school centres.

