

# FICE (ANCES) LUXEMBOURG IN 2022

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ANCES has 471 members in 2022. They represent both organizations and individual members.

On the 14th of December 2022, ANCES hold her yearly General Assembly. In total 11 members and 2 interested visitors were present. For further information, the complete report can be downloaded (in French) on their [website](#).

## **ANCES' most important activities in 2022 were:**

1. *Relaunch of their professional magazine "arc":* The first new edition appeared in 2022 (in German): Sozialroute Kinder- und Jugendhilfe (social route of former child and youth welfare institutions in the old town of Luxemburg). Printed edition and digital edition on their [website](#).

2. *ANCES - constant member of the AEF Social Lab:* The AEF Social Lab is a platform for exchange, innovation, and co-construction whose mission is to shape the consultation process for the development of the National Framework for Child and Family Services (AEF).

This initiative was launched by the Ministry of Education, childhood, and youth (MENJE) in 2020. Besides representatives of the Ministry of Education and the FEDAS (the umbrella organization for social work), ANCES (as professional organization) is a permanent partner in this innovative consultation platform.

Over the last 3 years and through various activities, such as conferences, workshops or surveys, children, youth in care, stakeholders and professionals in child and youth welfare are to be consulted.

In the first year, the aim was to organize consultations to actively shape the framework plan for child and youth welfare. The second year of consultations was marked by further surveys and questionnaires. In addition, professionals were involved in the elaboration of the future training offer. In 2023, it will be a matter of preparing the framework plan for practice by creating pedagogical handouts.

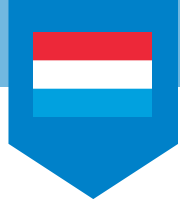
For example, the AEF Social Lab will work on the topics of "protection concepts", "complaint management" and "participation". Thematic workshops will be organized in close cooperation with the staff of the Service Qualité of the MENJe. In these workshops, the handouts will be elaborated together with professionals and other experts in the field. In parallel, experts will be interviewed, and online surveys will be organized and conducted to capture the voices of those affected (children, young people and (care) families).

You can visit the AEF Social Lab website for insights into the work of recent years and a current calendar: [www.aef.lu](http://www.aef.lu)

3. *Exchange and collaboration with the German speaking section in FICE:* Zoom meetings with the German-speaking group of FICE (Switzerland, Luxembourg, Austria) took place in May and November. The exchange concerned issues and developments in child and youth welfare.

In consultation with Christian Posch from FICE Austria, ANCES arranged contact with the responsible services in Luxembourg regarding training courses. Luxembourg is currently developing a training catalogue for child and youth welfare services. Austria has launched a current modular training (Curriculum for the dual practice-oriented further training of professionals on the basis of the FICE quality standards). The question of a possible cooperation is to be discussed.

4. *Position paper concerning the law project to amend the youth welfare system in Luxembourg:* In the context of the draft law 7994 "Projet de loi portant aide, soutien et protection aux mineurs, aux jeunes et aux familles", ANCES was asked from the Luxembourgish ministry of education, youth and children (MENJE) to prepare a position paper to be published by the Chamber of Deputies.



In this context, ANCES organized a focus group with six selected experts in the field of social work in Luxembourg. The main issues were critically discussed in order to formulate a position paper. The position paper was published on the webpage of the Chamber of deputies and can be downloaded (in French) [here](#).

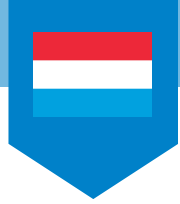
5. *“Schlüsselsituationen” a reflection tool for key situations in social and educational work:* ANCES has been a member of the Swiss network "Key Situations" for several years. Schlüsselsituation was launched as a reflection model for social work and is accessible via an [online platform](#). The platform, which is now active in Switzerland, Germany and England, is also to be made accessible in Luxembourg via ances.

In November 2022, ances, together with the Key Situations Network, organized an information event in Luxembourg for representatives from the Ministry of Education and FEDAS.

The aim was to inform the representatives about key situations and to discuss the possibilities and importance of a training offer for the field of child and youth welfare in Luxembourg.

In the future, ANCES wants to offer key situations as a further training program for child and youth welfare. The aim is to help shape internal quality development in organizations. An exciting process awaits ANCES in 2023.

6. *Symposium in collaboration with the University of Saarland:* 1st Symposium of the Großregion (border regions Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Germany). The topic was "Quo Vadis" - Qualification levels in social professions in the German-speaking region. The symposium took place in October 2022 in cooperation with the HTW Saar (Saarland University of Applied Sciences) and the VPSA. There was a talk "Generalist versus specialist-training philosophies/concepts in social and educational work" moderated by members of ANCES.



It dealt with the trend towards specialised education and training courses at all qualification levels. The German and Luxembourgish experts, covering all qualification levels, discussed the reasons and effects on professionals, addressees and the labour market on the background of the increasing challenges in society. All agreed that in all training courses, both sound general basics and specific focal points are important. Above all, the promotion of personal competences plays a major role. Education and training must be complemented by adequate further training and offered throughout life. It is important to create transition opportunities to the next higher qualification levels. In the Großregion, the forces must be bundled even more and win-win solutions must be worked out. As a professional association, ANCES will continue to work for this at national level and in the Großregion.

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