

AGM | CONFERENCE

Istanbul, Turkey

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

VENUE: Oda Kule,

The Chamber of Commerce building

ACCOMMODATION:

[The Marmara Pera Hotel](#)

## Student participation

*The future of independent  
education in Europe*

As representatives of a vital part of civil society, independent schools are important players in the process of democratization of the whole of society. Furthermore, there is growing evidence that independent schools are an important source of innovation and quality in national education systems. Independent schools all over Europe, each with their own profile and curriculum, offer parents, students and - within the given variety of schools - also teachers, the opportunity to choose just that specific school, that best meets their own expectations, talents and skills. By so doing, independent schools are completing the different national school systems in Europe and contribute with school choice and innovative school practices to the modern social and economic development of their countries.

Within Europe, there is a growing focus on the need to educate children within some common values that may help create and sustain fair, prosperous and inclusive societies. One of these values is usually defined as citizenship in the sense of belonging and participating in a given society actively contributing to its wellbeing.

At the school level, educators give sense to this value in many different ways. One of them is by creating formal ways for **student participation** in the life of the school. Not only as by-standers or recipients of teaching and other services, but as active agents of school life. Be it in student affairs, school administrative issues or even at the pedagogical management level.

The aim of the ECNAIS conference is to share and debate ways in which student participation in independent

schools is being addressed and how this contributes to the development of the schools' educational projects. Being independent education based on the right of parents to choose the education they wish for their children and a manifestation of the role of civil society in the public sphere, student participation is an important field of action.

Accordingly, students will have a prominent role in this conference. For the first time, ECNAIS has invited its members to open participation to students from secondary education. They will have an active part in the conference: as presenters, listeners and discussants. By sharing experiences from the national systems and the perspectives of school leaders, teachers and students, we hope to attain a complete picture of the topic.

The points of departure for the conference are the following questions:

- What does student participation mean?
- How does student participation promote citizenship?
- How to balance freedom of parental school choice, freedom to offer distinctive school projects and student participation?
- What is the contribution of independent schools to the diversity in the national education systems?





# ECNAIS

European Council of National Associations of Independent Schools

To the members of ECNAIS and other interested persons

## **ECNAIS AGM and Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, 10-12 April 2019**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We officially invite you, representatives of the member associations of ECNAIS to attend the ECNAIS AGM and Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, on 10-12 April 2019.

This year the conference has been organized in good cooperation with the Turkish Private Schools Association, our ECNAIS member in Turkey, which wants to make your stay in Istanbul a special one.

Conference theme: **Student participation - The future of independent education in Europe**

### **Conference venue, accommodation and programme**

The conference will take place at **Oda Kule, the Chamber of Commerce building**, on 10-12 April 2019 (next to [The Marmara Pera Hotel](#), Mesrutiyet Caddesi Tepebasi 34430 Istanbul).

The detailed conference programme may be seen at [www.ecnais.org](http://www.ecnais.org).

### **Annual General Meeting of ECNAIS ry**

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 14:00 till 17:30 (open for members only).

### **Student participation**

We are encouraging the member associations to **bring students**, accompanied by one or more teachers, to participate in the Conference in Istanbul. These students will follow through the whole Conference programme and take active part in round table discussion on the topic. The students should be 16-18 of age and studying in a school of a member association.

The students and teachers and the member associations will be provided information on the topic and how they are expected to work during the Conference.

### **Registration before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Registration can only be done online through <http://www.ecnais.org/event-registration>

It is very important that we receive your registration as soon as possible and in any case **before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**, as we have to inform the hotel in time how many rooms we need. After this date we can't guarantee hotel accommodation.

We ask you to make sure that this invitation letter with annexes is circulated in your association and in your wider network. Please publish the letter and program on your website and/ or newsletter. **Please spread this invitation to whom it may concern**

It is important for our Turkish colleagues and ECNAIS' role as a European Council of National Associations that a variety of national delegations is represented at the conference.

Looking forward to meeting you in Istanbul,

Rodrigo Melo

Chairman ECNAIS

(on behalf of the Executive Committee)

Thursday 11th April | SEPETÇİLER KASRI / ODAKULE

**9:30**                      **Opening session (Sepetçiler Kasrı)**

Mr Rodrigo Queiroz e Melo, Chairman of ECNAIS  
Head of Education of Istanbul  
Minister of Education/deputy  
Mr Nurullah Dal, President of the Private Schools Association of Turkey

**10:00**                      **Welcome to Istanbul**  
Students from Istanbul

**10:20**                      **Presentation**  
Ms. Prof. Ebru Ural Güzelcik  
Dialogue included

**11:00**                      *Coffee-break*

**11:20**                      **Presentation**  
Mr Talha Çamaş, Head of Foundation Darüşşafaka  
Dialogue included

**12:00**                      **Presentation**  
Ms Isabel Valente Pires  
Dialogue included

**12:40**                      *Lunch at the Sepetçiler Kasrı*

**14:10**                      *Transport to venue Odakule*

**15:00**                      **Students' round table** – discussion

**16:00**                      *Coffee-break*

**16:30**                      **Students' round table** – discussion

**17:30**                      **School presentations and registration for school visits.**

**18:30**                      **Moment for conference payments in cash**

**19:30**                      *Dinner*  
*Walk to restaurant at the Radisson Blu hotel, Istanbul Pera.*

Friday 12th April | SCHOOLS / ODAKULE

**8:30**                      *Transport for school visits*

Friday 12th April | SCHOOLS / ODAKULE

**9:00**                      **School visit including lunch**

**13:00**                      *Leaving the school for hotel*

**14:45**                      **Vision of independent education in Europe**

Turkey  
Sweden  
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*Coffee-break*

**16:15 – 17:15**                      **Working groups session**  
Plenary introduction of the working Groups' session. The theme of the Conference will be discussed in the groups

**18:00**                      *Leaving hotel for cruise on the Bosphoros*

**19:00**                      **Dinner cruise on the Bosphoros**  
Closing the seminar

## Event Registration

Please select the conference fee and accommodation that applies to your case.

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April 10, 2019 - April 12, 2019

Type	Price	Quantity
CONFERENCE FEE	€250,00	01

for **Management Committee Members and Participants** from:

*Covers registration, conference facilities & conference materials, meals, drinks, administration costs etc (no hotel - accomodation)*

CONFERENCE FEE	€300,00	01
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for **Management Committee Members and Participants**

*Covers registration, conference facilities & conference materials, meals, drinks, administration costs etc (no hotel - accomodation)*

CONFERENCE FEE	€150,00	01
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for **Students**

SOLIDARITY FEE	€35,00	01
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*This solidarity fee should be a small contribution enabling non-paying participants to attend the AGM/ Conference, as they have very few financial means to deal with.*

ACCOMMODATIONS (nights) - <b>single room</b>	€92,00	012345678910
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*Price per night, breakfast included  
Select the number of nights.*

ACCOMMODATIONS (nights) - <b>single room</b> <input type="text"/>	€136,00	012345678910
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*Price per night, breakfast included  
Select the number of nights.*

ACCOMMODATIONS (nights) - <b>double room</b>	€103,00	012345678910
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*Price per night, breakfast included  
Select the number of nights.*

ACCOMMODATIONS (nights) - <b>double room</b> <input type="text"/>	€147,00	012345678910
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*Price per night, breakfast included  
Select the number of nights.*

EXTRA BED ( <b>double rooms only</b> )	€44,00	012345678910
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*Price per night, breakfast included*

*Select the number of nights.*

ACCOMPANYING PERSON

€115,00

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*An accompanying person is someone who does not participate in the conference, but only does participate in dinners on Thursday and Friday (and possible school visits). Participants that have a role as a personal translator might be registered as accompanying person.*

*Please specify the name at the next step*