



## ENTO in your language

### Its nature

ENTO is a European Network of Training Organisations for Local and Regional Authorities from almost all of the 47 Council of Europe member States. ENTO is a "child" of the Council of Europe although it "grew up" into an independent organisation in January 1995 when it was registered in France.

ENTO is a non-profit making NGO. It is financed from membership fees, sponsorship from some of the member organisations. The Council of Europe also provides financial support to it. Member organisations also support ENTO through the provision of staff, equipment and resources. The ENTO's office is in Strasbourg and from here the day-to-day administration is carried out.

### Mission and objectives

Local and regional democracy is a pillar of democratic societies. It has been at the heart of the profound reforms that have been introduced over the last decade in many countries of Europe.

Democracy depends on the democratic values, as well as on the efficiency of officials at all levels. Consequently, ENTO's mission is to promote democratic and effective governance by ensuring that the staff and elected representatives of local and regional authorities are well trained and qualified to carry out their responsibilities in a rapidly changing world.

ENTO seeks to fulfil its mission by initiating professional debates and exchanges of information and experiences on a wide array of the most important concerns facing local governments and training institutions working for them. In pursuing this mission ENTO also seeks to support the Council of Europe's and the European Union's work for better standards of public administration all over Europe. Special emphasis is made on ENTO's involvement in the assistance programmes carried out by these institutions for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Co-operation with training centres in these regions has been an important objective of ENTO's activities over the last decade.

### ENTO Members

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As is the case in many networks the membership of ENTO is diverse, some organisations are long-established with extensive experience in training while others are relatively new, members work within and across different national systems and member organisations have different specialisms. It is this diversity that gives rise to the benefits of membership, including:

- Contacts across Europe who can help with obtaining information and getting in touch with other people and organisations in their country
- Opportunities for exchange of ideas and experience with others working in a similar field
- A pool of people with expertise in training and development, research, political administration, training resource development
- The opportunity to share training and teaching materials and resources
- Assistance and support from fellow members in developing and implementing activities
- Developing bi-lateral and multi-lateral partnerships for funding
- Being invited to join missions, seminars and other activities within projects/programmes of the Council of Europe and the European Union
- Opportunities for organising placements, study tours and exchanges with members in other countries for training organisation staff and/or staff of local and regional authorities



## Becoming an ENTO Member

» [Download the Application Form](#)

Membership of ENTO is open to European organisations who are specialising in training for staff and elected representatives of local and regional authorities. There are two categories of membership: ordinary and associate.

Ordinary membership gives full voting rights and is restricted to public sector, not-for-profit organisations. Associate members have advisory status with no right to vote. Decisions on membership are taken by the Bureau on receipt of an application form.

## Organisational structure

The General Assembly is a meeting of all members of the association. It is convened by the President once a year. The President also convenes extraordinary sessions at the Bureau's request or at the request of one-third of the members entitled to vote.

The General Assembly decides the general lines of the association's work. It approves the President's annual report and the financial report from the Treasurer, as well as the association's accounts and annual budget.


The Bureau is responsible for overall management of ENTO. It has seven members, each from a different country. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities has its own representative in the Bureau. Bureau members are elected for a period of two years by the membership at the General Assembly, once elected they select the President, Vice-President(s) and the Treasurer from their number.


Mr. Boris BAKOTA	Croatian Institute for Local Government (CILG)	Croatia
Mr. Gert FIEGUTH	Fachhochschule Kehl, University of Applied Sciences	Germany
Mr. Raffaele GARERI	Innovation and Territory Department, Brescia Province	Italy
Mr. Boris PERIL	Russian Public Administration Training Network (ROSPA)	Russia
Mr. Giorgi MESKHIDZE	International Association 'Civitas Georgica'	Georgia
Mrs. Jana VOLDANOVA	Training Center for Public Administration (FALA)	Czech Republic
Mr Mirek WAROWICKI	Foundation in Support of Local Democracy	Poland

At a meeting that followed the AGM the Bureau elected (after the GA 10th novembre 2009) Mr Raffaele GARERI as **President**, Mr Boris BAKOTA as **Vice-President**, and Mr Gert FIEGUTH as **Treasurer**.


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