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UCAPE (Union for Culture and Professional Advancement in Europe) is a non-denominational, cultural association registered under Belgian law. It was founded in 1993 and its headquarters are in TORHOUT (Belgium).

Website: www.ucape.eu (under reconstruction)

UCAPE is a member of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe and participates in its work.

Its members are educational establishments (primary and secondary schools) represented by their head teacher or by an approved representative. The following countries are currently represented within UCAPE: Belgium - France - Germany - Slovenia - Spain - United Kingdom (Scotland).

UCAPE aims to promote European citizenship and impart the values of peace, dialogue and fraternity through cultural and linguistic projects carried out either face-to-face or remotely by its members.

UCAPE organises conferences for young people, for example:

- November 2018 Compiègne (France)
- November 2022 Munich (Germany)
- February 2024 Xanten (Germany)
- February 2025 Bad Homburg (Germany)
- And also organises conferences for teachers and educational staff:
 - October 2019 Ayr (Scotland)
 - October 2022 Torhout (Belgium)
 - October 2023 Paris (France)
 - October 2024 Strasbourg (France)
 - October 2025 Angers (France)

UCAPE offers young people from its schools the opportunity to prepare for the European Diploma of Competence, based on the successful completion of three modules:

- Knowledge about Europe
- Language skills
- Mobility

The Diploma is offered at three levels, adapted for three age groups: primary school, secondary school (junior years), secondary school (senior years).

Administration fees for the issue of the Diploma are €15 per diploma for primary school children and €25 per diploma for secondary school pupils.

Please note that we can offer support in implementing the Diploma programme, if a school wishes.

A partnership between UCAPE and the International Office of Catholic Education (OIEC) was signed in Paris in October 2023. The aims of "living together" and protecting the planet are among the values shared by the two organisations.

The development of the "Planet Fraternity" programme supported by the OIEC is encouraged in UCAPE member schools.

UCAPE Membership Fees (per calendar year):

For Schools:

- 1-499 pupils: 41€
- 500-999 pupils: 81€
- 1000 and above: 121€

For Individuals:

11€

Please note: if an establishment has several sections linked to UCAPE, it is the global number of pupils in the school which determines the annual membership fee to be paid.

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