The training college was founded by a decree of 29 April 2003 and operates in conjunction with the director of executive management of the Ministry of Education. It is located within the Futuroscope advanced technology centre near Poitiers (France).

Its mission involves devising, running and implementing training for the French Ministry of Education’s administrative and educational executive managers. More specifically, its activity covers throughout the career in the management training:

- following the competitive recruiting procedure for managerial staff for public-sector secondary schools, primary and secondary school inspectors and administrative consultants in schools and universities,
- managers taking up new duties (school leaders, primary and secondary school inspectors),
- for which actualization and approndissement knowledge and competences is essential for’s to adapt with developments in the field of education.
ESEN as a resource centre

ESEN has a top-quality library and an Internet site, and considers it extremely important to be able to provide access to resources entirely devoted to education executive management functions. In this regard, ESEN has become an essential reference point.

ESEN as part of a network

A training network
The staff at ESEN run a national network of professionals, including tutors, associate trainers, and training correspondents in the local education authorities. ESEN devises and organises brainstorming sessions, discussions and seminars on the French education system.

A network of partners
As part of the network of French public-sector schools (RESP), ESEN is involved in devising and running inter-ministerial training courses, seminars for trainers, and think-tank groups. In cooperation with the universities, ESEN is committed to constructing training schemes leading to specific qualifications. In partnership with the national training institutions, especially those on site in Poitiers, ESEN takes part in forward thinking on the education system, ensures active monitoring of its evolution, and acts as a resource centre.

ESEN is open to the international dimension

ESEN incorporates the European dimension into its training for executive management staff and provides a window onto international thinking on education. It contributes its expertise in the field of executive management to international cooperation by providing both foreign ministries in the field and the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs with assistance and advice. It seeks to promote French skills in executive management in the education field by receiving delegations from other countries.

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