



EIFEL (European Institute for E-Learning) is an independent, not-for-profit European professional association whose mission is to support organisations, communities and individuals in building a knowledge economy and a learning society through innovative and reflective practice, continuing professional development and the use of knowledge, information and learning technologies.

EIFEL is responding to the challenge of the knowledge society by creating a community, a framework and tools to identify, develop, recognise and validate the competencies of education, learning and human resources development professionals.

The key principles on which our actions are founded are:

- learning is lifelong, lifewide, formal and informal
- individuals, organisations and communities learn in close interaction

Based on the two previous principles, EIFEL supports learning technologies designed and used to value the human capital of individuals (competencies, knowledge, networks) and the development of the social capital of learning communities and organisations

We believe that these three principles have important implications on the way we build learning policies and implement knowledge, information and learning technologies in organisations and communities. Learning in the 21st century will be different from learning in an industrial society.



At the service of human capital development and social innovation

Building our learning futures

If, like the members of EIFEL, you are involved in the design or use of technologies at the service of individuals and organisations, you know already that we are living in exciting times, full of new opportunities and new challenges. Developments such as Web 2.0, social networks, ePortfolio and identity management are in the process of transforming the learning landscape in the worlds of education, training and human resource management.

How can EIFEL help you to respond to these challenges?

Since its creation in 2001, EIFEL and its members have made a significant contribution to the evolution of learning technology and its practice. EIFEL's leadership of the ePortfolio movement in Europe is an indication of its ability to anticipate and exploit key trends. We have also contributed to the re-thinking of the quality of learning systems (as Founder Members of the European Foundation for Quality in eLearning), as well as to the development and validation of the competencies of teachers, trainers and designers of learning resources and systems and key competencies.

We have made considerable progress on interoperability of information systems for education and human resources, notably through the organisation of Plug-fests, occasions to demonstrate how different systems function together, and also through our work with HR-XML, the organisation in charge of the normalisation of information for HR management systems. In addition, we have started to work with such actors as Liberty Alliance on the management of digital identities and the control of access to personal information - privacy!

EIFEL, an organisation open to all

EIFEL is now entering into a new phase of its development. Following a fruitful period of working with a small but dynamic group of members, we now wish to welcome as many organisations as possible involved, one way or another, in the design or use of learning technologies. We accept the challenge of reconciling two objectives: becoming an organisation open to the greatest number while retaining our capacity for innovation, exploration and leadership of the transformations to come.

By joining EIFEL, you will be able to benefit from the results of the Institute's activities on a European level, as well as discounts on our events and publications. You will also be able to participate in existing work groups (interoperability, CV Europass and ePortfolio, digital identity and ePortfolio) or to create one. A work group on key competencies will be created at the same time as the conference we shall be organising on this theme in July in England.

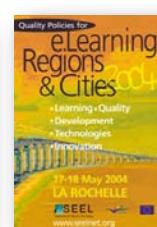
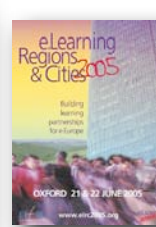
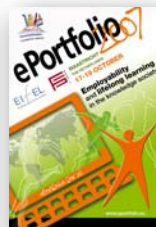
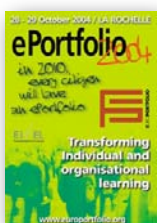
We shall be happy to welcome you to the EIFEL community where you will find a team and a network available and ready to accompany you in your projects.

The EIFEL Team

What does EIfEL offer?

Innovation in individual and organisational learning

A European network	Join EIfEL's Community bringing together individuals and organisations from Europe and worldwide to work towards common objectives. EIfEL is also creating a network of networks to serve the entire EIfEL community
Learning	Benefit from making learning an integral part of everyday activity of individuals, communities, organisations, as well as cities and regions. Exploit formal as well as informal and non-formal learning opportunities using knowledge, information and learning technologies.
Innovation	Contribute to and benefit from research initiatives to bring innovation into your learning practice.
Competencies	Identify, develop and validate the competencies of professionals in education, learning and human resource development
Continuing Professional Development	EIfEL membership provides dynamic CPD opportunities to enable you to reach your career objectives and boost your organisation's development.
Technologies	Get the most out of knowledge, information and learning technologies, from digital learning resources and interactive white boards to learning management systems, peer-to-peer environments and ePortfolios.
Standards	Have a say in the definition of the requirements and specifications of future standards. EIfEL will help you to define and promote the specifications useful to your community.
Interoperability	Make your technology conform to standards to ensure fully interoperable learning technologies. EIfEL members benefit from the latest developments in conformance testing.
Policies	Define the learning policies of the future for your organisation, your community or your public authority.
Projects	Get the support you need to develop eLearning projects at local, regional, national or European level. EIfEL can also help you to get the most out of your existing projects.
Pilot Programmes	EIfEL is ready to partner you in the development and implementation of your eLearning pilot programmes.
Conferences	Join forward-looking learning professionals in major learning events organised by EIfEL in Europe and worldwide. EIfEL members are entitled to discount and free access to the conference proceedings.
Quality	Develop the learning quality policies and assurance systems of the 21st century. EIfEL members are entitled to membership of the European Foundation for Quality in E-Learning (EFQUEL); EIfEL is a founding member of EFQUEL.
ePortfolio	Benefit from the development of one of the fastest growing learning technologies worldwide. Join the Europortfolio Consortium, which is leading the ePortfolio movement in Europe. Europortfolio is the place to benefit from the latest ePortfolio research and innovation, and implement ePortfolio development across Europe.



Q & A

Membership

Who are the members?

ElfEL has individual and organisational members. Organisational members include consultancies, publishers, solution providers, universities, training bodies, professional bodies and public authorities.

Who can join?

Human resource and education professionals, consultants and all those responsible for policies, design and implementation of technologies.

What are the benefits for the organisations?

When joining ElfEL you join a community that will support you in

- developing an eStrategy for learning in your organisation to develop the competencies of your staff and partners and grow as a learning organisation
- improving the quality of learning and the return on your investment in individual and organisational learning
- selecting the right technology and partner for your programmes
- supporting interoperability and conformance to standards
- exploring the potential of innovative technologies like ePortfolios and Web 2.0

What are the benefits for the individuals

When joining ElfEL you join an international community of practitioners that will support you to

- plan your continuing professional development
- develop your competencies in using technologies for learning and development
- obtain recognition for your competencies



MEMBERSHIP CHARTER



The parties agree to

EIFEL

1. Provide an opportunity for the Member to contribute to publications, communications, events, activities and presentations.
2. Provide access to EIFEL collaborative portal 'members only' area - special interest groups, online discussion forums, documentation, learning resources, etc.
3. Provide opportunities for the Member to meet and discuss with the experts of the EIFEL community.
4. Provide access to the Europortfolio Consortium ePortfolio activities and resources - special interest groups, studies, workshops
5. Provide access to EFQUEL quality services - special interest groups, documentation, studies
6. Provide guides, studies, research outcomes
7. Feature the Member as a Member of the association, and provide the opportunity for online visibility and advertising on the EIFEL portal.
8. Provide consultancy and support for internal projects, and call for tenders (discount on regular consultancy fee)
9. Provide discount for EIFEL continuing professional development events and seminars and where applicable

The Member

1. Participate actively in the community's activities
2. Take part in the association's development, in particular through the annual general assembly and other member meetings.
3. Pay appropriate membership fee:
 - **Sponsor Membership**¹ - Ministries, public authorities:
3,000, 5000, 10,000 € + VAT (19,6%)
 - **Professional Membership** - open to all organisations:
750 € + VAT (19,6%)

NB: individual membership is also available

The principal contact will be:

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The Member

This agreement shall take force from the date of signature for one calendar year and may be extended by mutual agreement.

Either party may terminate the agreement subject to 30 days notice on either side, subject to their best efforts to resolve any issues that give rise to any decision to terminate

For EIFEL Date:.....
Signature:

For the Member Date:.....
Signature:

¹ Dependent on the level of engagement and support