



The voice of the European Outdoors

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European Confederation of Outdoor Employers (EC-OE)

International non-for-profit organisation (ivzw) – Belgium

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Membership (as per 25/05/2020)

Full members

- Belgium: www.bfno.be
- Czech Republic: (www. under construction)
- France: www.francepleinair.fr
- Greece: www.hateoa.gr
- Ireland: www.iaat.ie
- The Netherlands: www.vebon.nl
- Portugal: www.apecate.pt
- Switzerland: www.swissoutdoorassociation.ch
- Spain: www.aneta.es

Representing ± 13.000 outdoor companies (SME's) in the EU

Regional members

- Belgium (Wallonia): www.tourisme-aventure.be
- Germany (Bavaria): www.va-outdoor.de

EC-OE is a full member of the 'Active Leisure Alliance': <https://www.active-leisure-alliance.eu>

International confederation registered in Belgium

Mission

EC-OE, which is devoid of any profit-making spirit, has the following objective:

- *To look after the interests of entrepreneurs established within the European Union that professionally offer and execute outdoor activities and related activities and that offer guidance to the participants of these activities;*
- *To unite the federations of these entrepreneurs into a confederation;*
- *To assist these federations in the realization of their objectives;*
- *To represent, promote commercial outdoor activities, both to the public at large as to national and supra national authorities.*

In order to achieve its objective EC-OE aims at the following actions:

- *To organize consultation and cooperation between the federations in the EU member states that unite the 'outdoor' entrepreneurs and to inform them regarding commercial outdoor activities;*
- *To take actions in order to promote commercial 'outdoor' activities, both to the public at large as to national and supra national authorities;*
- *To negotiate with third parties for example the authorities in view of the sectors interests;*
- *To establish, participate and enhance social dialogue at European level;*
- *To intervene with the authorities, to consult and to inform them regarding the present or the future regulation concerning the execution of activities in the outdoor sector;*
- *To install a European information and documentation centre;*
- *To participate in research programmes;*
- *To register and protect intellectual property rights relating to standards, definitions, rules, frameworks, procedures, norms ... and any other common works and intellectual research published by its members.*

Research projects & publications

- *EQFOA "European Qualification Framework for Outdoor Animators" (2006-2008): http://ec-oe.eu/?page_id=371*
- *CLO2 "Professional training and mobility for Outdoor Animators ..." (2008-2010): http://ec-oe.eu/?page_id=373*
- *DG SANCO "Non-regulatory measures related to the safety of outdoor leisure activities in the EU" (2013): http://ec-oe.eu/?page_id=19*
- *ELESA "European Learning Syllabus for Outdoors Animators" (2013-2015): http://ec-oe.eu/?page_id=373*

Partner in

- *DIAL "Dialogue in Active Leisure" (2014): DG EMPL (ref. VP/2012/001, bud. 04.03 03 01)*
- *"Support for social dialogue" (2015): DG EMPL (ref. VP/2015/001, bud. 04.03 01 08))*
- *SIQAF "Sector & International Qualification Framework" (2016-2018): <http://ec-oe.eu/ec-oe-home/ec-oe-projects/siqaf/>*
- *BLUEPRINT "Blueprint for Skills Cooperation and Employment in Active Leisure" (2019-2020): work in progress*

Publications

- *Smulders Herman, Defining the Outdoors (revisited in 2016): http://ec-oe.eu/?page_id=11*
- *Smulders Herman, Feasibility study on an EU 'safety audit' system for the Outdoors, VP/2015/001/0333 "Supporting the test phase of the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for sport and active leisure", Berlin, 2017*

Representation

- *ESCO (European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations):*
 1. *Sector reference group "Arts, entertainment and recreation"*
 2. *Cross sector reference group*