



Introductory speech by the Secretary-General of the OIEC

WEBINAR Education and Migration (2)

Education of young migrants
and compulsory schooling

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Dear friends, dear Daniel

First of all, I would like to wish you an excellent year 2025, placed under the sign of Hope.

Thank you for the invitation to participate in this webinar with ease.

The OIEC (International Office of Catholic Education) is present in 110 countries around the world, for 210,000 schools and nearly 68 million young people, including young migrants.

The OIEC is divided into 6 regions, including the CEEC (whose SG is Louis-Marie Piron).

It is therefore in a joint way that we are taking part in this webinar.

The Holy Father has invited us to an educational revolution that obliges us to take action, by taking concrete action.

The 3 main areas of work of our body are as follows.

- _ The implementation of the global education pact (Around 7 contours.)
- _ The representation of our body at the International to carry the voice of our schools and young people.
- _ The functioning of our body.

On the issue of migration, we were fortunate to be able to listen to the Holy Father in Marseille in September 2023.

The journey he has been making for the past 4 years around the Mediterranean is a succession of invitations to take action.

We cannot remain insensitive to this call.

It is therefore our duty to inspire and propose projects.

Our body will try to set an example by launching the Mediterranean relay which will leave Tunis in February 2025.

This project is aimed at young people from the different countries of the Mediterranean who will have to testify to projects carried out in the field of education for peace, fraternity and migration.

In October 2025, we will be able to share with you the short film that will result from this Mediterranean relay.

This is obviously a simple example of a possible project.

We must multiply them and live up to the expectations of this issue and this opportunity to bear witness to universal brotherhood.

You can count on our great determination.

Thank you for what you do for the children, for these young migrants.

Let us help one another in this pilgrimage of hope.

Dare:

- The Exodus,
- Conversion
- and Hope.

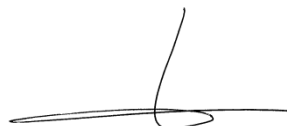
Together, we will make this prophetic dream of Pope Francis a reality.

In this webinar, we offer you some testimonies :d Austria, Scotland and France.

I now give them the floor and wish you an excellent webinar.

THANK YOU.

Hervé LECOMTE
Secretary-General of the OIEC.

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