



JECI-MIEC Information Pack

Welcome to JECI-MIEC

Imagine a world where young people unite to shape the future through dialogue, shared values, and a commitment to positive change. Welcome to JECI-MIEC! As the European Coordination for Catholic Youth and Student Organizations, we empower young people to create lasting impacts within their communities and across the globe.

This document introduces you to JECI-MIEC: who we are, what we believe, and how you can join our network.

Who are we?

Our History

JECI-MIEC traces its roots back to 1921, when two global movements - International Young Catholic Students (IYCS) and the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) - united Catholic youth and students worldwide. These movements worked to address societal and educational challenges through faith, solidarity, and action. Today, JECI-MIEC continues this mission in Europe, building a network of youth organizations dedicated to justice, dialogue, and democratic values.

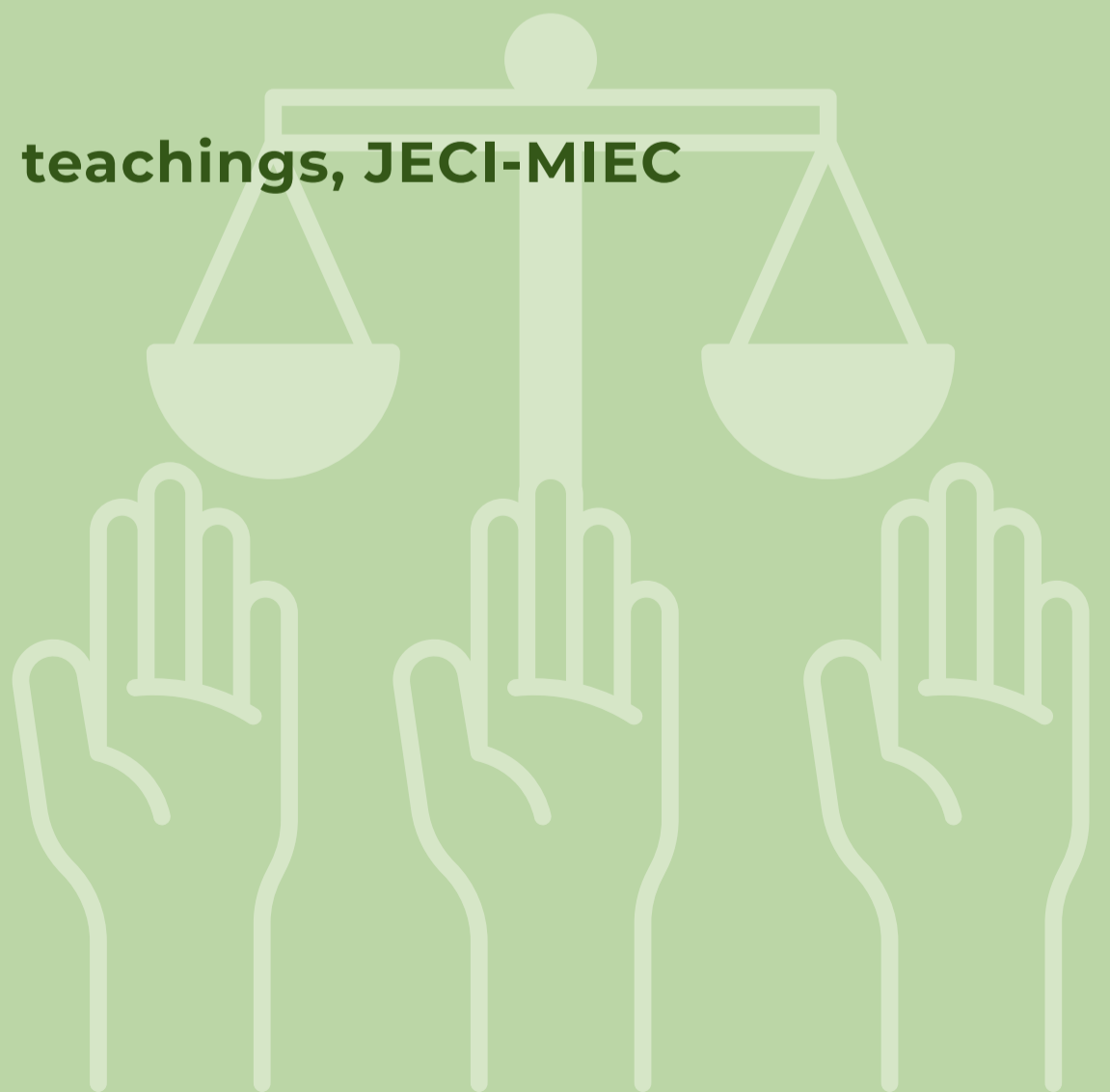
Our Mission

To inspire young people through education, intercultural exchange, and a shared commitment to building a democratic and inclusive Europe.

Our Values

Grounded in Catholic social teachings, JECI-MIEC emphasizes:

- Democracy
- Human Rights
- Solidarity
- Intercultural Dialogue
- Personal Growth



What connects us?

ECI-MIEC is a mosaic of over 50 member organizations spanning various European countries. Each organization brings unique cultural perspectives, enriching our shared mission and creating lasting partnerships. Below are some of our member organizations:



- **Austria:** Katholische Hochschuljugend Österreichs (KHJÖ)
- **France:** Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne France (JEC France)
- **Germany:** Katholische Studierende Jugend (KSJ)
Bundesverband Katholische Kirche an Hochschulen (BKKH)
- **Italy:** Federazione Universitaria Cattolica Italiana (FUCI),
Movimento Studenti di Azione Cattolica (MSAC)
- **Lithuania:** Ateitininkų Federacija (AF)
- **Poland:** Klub Inteligencji Katolickiej (KIK Drum Bun)
- **Portugal:** Movimento Católico de Estudantes (MCE)
- **Romania:** Asociația Tineretului Român Unit (ASTRU Cluj)
- **Spain:** Juventud Estudiante Católica (JEC Spain)
- **Ukraine:** Obnoviti vse v Christi (AUCS OBNOVA)
- **Greece:** Ευρωπαϊκό Κοινοβούλιο Νέων Ελλάδος (EKNE)
- **Czech Republic:** Vysokoškolské katolické hnutí Prague (VKH)

Our Activities

Signature Projects and Events

JECI-MIEC offers diverse opportunities for young people, ranging from local training sessions to international events. Here are a few highlights:



Strasbourg 2024

Study Sessions

Interactive sessions held in Strasbourg or Budapest on topics like social justice, sustainability, and youth engagement funded by and in collaboration with the European Youth Foundation.

Summer/Winter Camps

Deepening our understanding of democracy, mental health, and other key topics, while addressing discrimination and fostering community engagement through interactive workshops, outdoor activities, and cultural exchange.



Krutyń 2024



Brussels 2024

Advocacy Trainings

Hands-on workshops equipping young leaders with skills to advocate for democracy and human rights.



Why join JECI-MIEC?

Joining JECI-MIEC means gaining access to:

- **A dynamic network:** Collaborate with passionate individuals and organizations across Europe.
- **International exposure:** Participate in intercultural events and educational programs.
- **Empowerment tools:** Develop leadership skills, tackle local issues, and create global change.
- **Support:** Receive guidance, funding opportunities, and resources for your organization's growth.

Testimonials:

“In JECI-MIEC I got the opportunity not only to connect with beautiful people but also to have meaningful conversations about important topics.”

Petrina Voutsinou ~ Member from Greece (EKNE)

“JECI-MIEC was my introduction to European youth work and volunteering! It was enriching to see the different realities and perspectives from young Catholics all over Europe, and to bond and learn from each other. Besides invaluable friendships and experiences, JECI-MIEC also opened the door to many European and international advocacy opportunities for me. I will forever be grateful for the community and opportunities JECI-MIEC provided to me!”

Anna Holtkamp ~ Member from Germany (KSJ)

How to Become a Member?

So, you want to join JECI-MIEC? Awesome! Here's how it works:

JECI-MIEC distinguishes three types of membership: Contact Organizations, Collaborating/Corresponding Organizations, and Full Member Organizations. The admission process takes place in stages:

1. Contact Organizations

If your organization shares our vision but doesn't yet tick all the boxes for full membership, that's no problem. Send a written request to the European Team, and they'll review your application. If approved, you'll become a Contact Organisation - an exciting first step on your journey with us! The European Committee will have the final say on your status.

2. Collaborating/ Corresponding Organization

After at least two years of active participation, Contact Organizations can apply to become Collaborating/Corresponding Organizations. This means even more engagement in JECI-MIEC's work. The application process includes a consultation with the European Team, whose recommendation will be considered by the European Committee.

3. Full Member Organization

After at least two years as a Collaborating/Corresponding Organisation, your organization can apply to become a Full Member - gaining full voting rights and a say in the big decisions. To apply, submit a presentation of your organization, its Statutes and Internal Rules (in French and/or English), a report on your activities, your orientations, a motivation letter, and an acknowledgment from the National Bishops' Conference. The European Committee will review everything and vote on your membership.

Becoming a Member

Each membership level comes with different rights and responsibilities. But no matter which stage you're at, you'll already be actively involved in the Coordination, making a difference in the student world. So, if your organization shares our mission and wants to be part of a dynamic European network - come join us!

If you have any questions, reach out via email and our team will guide you every step of the way!

Our Vision for the Future

Together, we aim to build a Europe where youth are empowered to lead, where diversity is celebrated, and where communities thrive through collective action.

Acknowledgments and Partnerships

JECI-MIEC proudly collaborates with the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, ensuring impactful initiatives such as the Summer Camp and many other activities.

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Be a part of our movement– connect with us, grow with us ,and make a difference!