France

**Ministry of Education**

The french educational system is very centrally driven by the Minister and his services.

Since 1959, the instruction is compulsory for the children under 16 years old.

65 000 schools in France, 15 millions of pupils and students

**Levels and kind of schools**

Nursery school, from 3 to 6 y.o.

Elementary school, from 6 to 11 y.o.

Secondary school, from 11 to 15 y.o.

High school, from 15 to 18 y.o., provinding general studies or vocationnal training

Training center for apprenticies

**Other kind of schools**

Private schools, from nursery to high school

French schools in foreign countries

**Management of the educational system**

The official texts

Global evaluation

Reports coming from the General Inspection Services

The performance indicators

**The actors of the system**

The parents

The local education office

The local authorities : the town, the departemental council and the regional council

The board of directors

Different committees in each school

**Shared skills**

The french ministry of education pays the teachers

The towns are in charge of the nursery and elementary schools (buildings and some extra activities)

The departments are in charge of the secondary schools

The regions are in charge of the High schools

**The partners**

Some authorized associations

The partners in different companies for work experience placement

**Europe and international**

The ministery and the international organizations

The bilateral cooperations

The european program for education and formation all life long

Official websites of the french government : education.gouv.fr eduscol.education.fr