

A COLLECTIVE, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROJECT - IN AN OPEN AND DYNAMIC SPACE

In a European context marked notably by the rise of populism, civil society and members of these countries, facilitators are encouraged to play a major role in the future of the European plan, by working as closely as possible with citizens to make them 'live Europe'. It is through the mobilisation of each Euro-citizen in his own jurisdiction that Europe can overcome the major challenges of the various societal, political, climatic, digital and cultural challenges the 21st century presents.

A unifying body, Europa Nantes forms part of a wider European policy aimed at making every citizen an active participant in Europe. Nantes Métropole, along with the Loire-Atlantique and Pays de la Loire regions are the local centres activating this policy.

Set right in the heart of the creative district, Europa Nantes is part of a living and dynamic ecosystem, open to Europe and indelibly linked to the worlds of social associations, media, economy, culture, art, invention and the world of academia.

I. Values

To live up to this ambition, Europa Nantes is based on the values of openness, creativity and exchange.

OPEN AND INNOVATIVE

- **A visible place, accessible to all citizens wishing to learn about Europe and discover the opportunities it offers**
- **A place for economic facilitators seeking to discover methods of inter-community development**
- **A welcoming and friendly workplace for everyone**
- **A space that encourages understanding of cultural, linguistic, political and economic diversity**
- **A space conducive to debate, for the exchange of opinions and experiences**
- **A space for reflection on the many different challenges facing Europe in a global context**
- **A space that contributes to the development of a European citizenship**

CREATIVE and DYNAMIC

The space will:

- **Allow the creation of links between the various facilitators (associative, social, educational, cultural, political and economic) in order to build and maintain projects which both complement and innovate**
- **Promote the emergence of individual/ collective, casual or sustainable initiatives**
- **Stimulate and enhance the realisation of experimental projects, based on the collective skills assembled within the structure**
- **Develop an audience, and maintain links with citizens in Europe and beyond**
- **Support mobility actions across Europe**

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Define collectively and share with all members the priority guidelines of Europa Nantes

Develop, implement and promote appropriate actions under the auspices of the guidelines

Call on members to assimilate opinions and analysis on actions planned or realised

Develop and maintain links with local, national and Europe-wide associative, professional and business partners

II. THE OBJECTIVES

Unique within Europe, the unifying body of Europa Nantes has set the following objectives:

*** OPEN AND INNOVATIVE:**

- **To be an easily identifiable showcase for Europe in Nantes**
- **Communicate on available resources, activities and all events**
- **Establish a place of shared, ambitious and modern communication**

*** EVERYONE IS WELCOME:**

- **To organise a welcoming reception area, the coordination of which will be shared by each of the permanent on-site teams (schedules, opening hours, signposting, etc)**
- **To ensure accessibility for all**

*** PROPOSE USER-FRIENDLY SPACES FOR EVERYONE:**

- **To include co-working, meetings and meeting points, bar, exhibitions**

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- **Learn ‘differently’ about Europe:**
 - **On all European dynamics, as experienced by our citizens**
 - **Monitor current European policies and activities**
 - **Make information available to the public**

- **Develop a research institute of European ideas in close connection with associations, local authorities, the University and Alliance Europa:**
 - **A veritable incubator of innovative and creative collaborative projects**
 - **Accompany and create synergies between all facilitators and academia**

- **Design shared programmes: cultural activities, workshops, conferences, debates on European issues, exhibitions, events...**
 - **Offer linguistic and intercultural training**
 - **Provide training to understand Europe and how it works**

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- **Link and support facilitators and partners, creating synergies**
- **Coordinate Europa Nantes programmes, associations and interested investors who share our values for improved visibility and efficiency**
- **Bring together the activities of the associations in new premises, promoting improved working conditions in a positive and constructive spirit**

III. Services consistent with priorities

OPEN AND INNOVATIVE:

- **A reception area providing visitors to Europa Nantes with:**
 - **information**
 - **staff to assist with visitors' needs and expectations**
 - **direction towards relevant personnel**

- **A Europe Direct Information Centre (CIED) accredited by the European Commission**

- **A Franco-German Info Office for Youth (OFAJ) and a German Academic Exchange Info Office (DAAD)**

- **A company info point (partnership with local facilitators: CCI, Development Committees, COFACE, CAFANA)**

- **Friendly co-working spaces where each user of Europa Nantes will be able to:**
 - **Exchange opinions on European themes, and on projects**

- **Exhibitions, conferences, talks, debates and citizen exchanges on a variety of European issues**

- **A shared resource centre: a European-centred paper and digital library**

- **Shared communication: newsletter, website**

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Everyone (individual, association, company, etc) will find:

- Access to resources (skills, tools) to develop creativity with others to complete projects**
- A programme of activities, cultural events: theatre, singing, music, dance, gastronomy, cinema, sustainable development, history of art, travel, conferences and debates on Europe, workshops of reflection...**
- Language courses for all ages and learning abilities offered via a variety of methods, and with certifications of language proficiency levels**
- An offer of training sessions on Europe (research to finance a project, etc ...)**
- Support adapted to create innovative projects within the framework of the research institute of European ideas, from subjects such as assembly to fundraising**
- Practical information for working on an internship, volunteering, or finding a job; support to host a civic service or a European volunteer**
- Information, assistance, advice and offers to help applicant companies to develop in Europe, via networking and exchange of good practices, enabling intra-community trade**

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- Thanks to the sharing of local/ European networks of each individual or structure**
- By creating synergies between civilians, researchers, academics, the world of business, etc...**

Each user of Europa Nantes will be able to:

- Enrich their ideas and projects**
- Meet other European citizens**
- Participate by contributing to the construction of collective projects**

IV. GOVERNANCE

Europa Nantes is supported and facilitated by an association, ‘Maison de l’Europe à Nantes’, re-established with both a new identity and new statutes, bringing together all the associative members in respect of their independence

The association is administered by an administrative council:

- The council proposes debates, reflections and political orientations of the association, going towards a General Meeting (AGM)**
- The council implements the decisions defined by the General Meeting (AGM)**
- The council guarantees to respect the orientations of the associative projects, the ethics and the values of the association, the use of the premises**

The council is composed of two groups:

- One group comprises members of the following institutions: Nantes Métropole, Departmental Council, Pays de Loire Region, University of Nantes, City of Nantes

- The other group comprises the following non-institutional members:

*** Founding associations: European Association of Education; European Movement 44; the four binational cultural centres of the European Cultural Centre (Franco-German Cultural Centre, Franco-Italian Cultural Centre, Franco-Spanish Cultural Centre, Franco-British Cultural Centre); the Junior Economic Chamber of Rezé Sud Loire**

*** associative members**

*** direct members**

All the founding members have two members present on the council and two substitutes, except for the four binational cultural centres - which together have two members and two substitutes on the council - as well as the Junior Economic Chamber of Rezé Sud Loire (which is not represented on the council)

An office is elected by the administrative council:

- **The office (the Bureau) implements (and ensures the implementation) of the decisions taken by the council**
- **It ensures the day-to-day management of the association in the interim between council meetings.**
- **The bureau prepares the meeting agendas, to allow objective and effective decision-making**
- **The bureau comprises a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary and Deputy Secretary - elected from among the full or alternate members of the non-institutional group**

The creation of commissions (sub-committees):

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- **The setting up of commissions is a way to associate administrators, volunteers and employees in projects and aspects of association life**
- **The commissions constitute a space for debate and proposals concerning the themes for which they were created, contributing towards the development of the project of the association, implementing actions**
- **The commissions have an advisory and proposal role on both the bureau and in meetings**
- **The creation of a commission, its composition, management and objectives are decided by the bureau, proposed by one or more members**
- **Commissions can be either ad-hoc or permanent**
- **A commission may be open to any member of the association such as administrators, employees, qualified personnel and regular visitors to the centre**
- **A specific commission on the management and use of the premises is created on a permanent basis - known as the premises commission:**
 - **It is registered in the statutes of the association and can submit proposals to the bureau and meetings**
 - **Its composition, powers and functions are specified in the internal regulations, according to the principle of a fair and just representation between user members, according to their degree of use of the premises. Thus it is proposed:**
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 - * **A majority of members represented for permanent residents (in particular those who have employees and use the offices): an equality between the 4 binational centres on one side and the MDE on the other (founding members of this new project)**
 - * **The presence of temporary residents representatives**
 - * **Occasionally, facilitators will be able to use the premises on demand. Even if they are not represented in the commission, their requests will be considered**
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- **A specific Commission on the creation and dissemination of information is created permanently - to be known as the communication commission. It will be responsible for proposing and implementing a global communication strategy, following validation**

V. Human and financial resources

The management association has a team of salaried employees enabling it to carry out its missions. Resident, permanent and/or temporary associations undertake participation in the performance of these missions, by providing paid or voluntary work time (the rules of procedure will specify the terms and conditions)

As part of this provision, employees or volunteers undertake to respect the functional and organisational authority of Europa Nantes, which will be defined in a Charter. Each employer association retains hierarchical authority over its employees.

The creation of Europa Nantes, in its new premises, requires additional resources to carry out its missions, including reception, communication and management of the resource centre.

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