Target groups
Target groups are European School Head Associations, Departments of Education, head teachers, school leadership teams and other stakeholders.

What will you take home?
The conference will provide an insight into recent trends and existing good practice in educational leadership. Participants will have a deeper understanding of the changing framework and the changes in the everyday life of school leaders. Workshops will offer practical guidance. Through the discussion of country reports, participants will learn about current European trends in leadership programmes. National networks will be strengthened by sharing ideas, developing friendships and establishing informal networks. This will be an occasion to join the network in a national or European context – establishing a formal or informal cooperation. In short: an excellent opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and become better informed about the latest developments.

Local organisers
Junta de Castilla y León - Consejería de Educación

The venue: León - Spain
León, 350 kms northwest of Madrid, is the capital of the province of León. It is the last major city on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. León Cathedral is a masterpiece of the Gothic epoch, famous for almost 1,800 square metres of stained glass windows dating from the thirteenth to the fifteenth century. The Cathedral Museum houses a large collection of sacred art. Other sights are the Basílica de San Isidoro, with its tombs of the Kings of León and fine Romanesque paintings, the Convent of San Marcos (currently a luxury hotel), the Palacio de los Guzmanes, the site of the provincial parliament, the Casa de Botines, etc. The old quarter of the city contains a large part of the medieval wall and some remains of the original Roman wall.
Successful learning depends on the quality of schools and consequently on the quality of school leadership. In a continually more complex environment and as a result of the European tendency to give individual schools greater autonomy, school leaders are being confronted with additional challenges. The importance of school leadership has become clear in recent years from the large amount of leadership and management concepts and appropriate initial and further qualification programmes that have been developed in Europe. Network partners are systematically gathering information on existing models, concepts and programmes in this core area of school development. Examples of good practice in school leadership and concepts of initial and further qualification of acting and future school leaders are documented, weighted and disseminated.

### Accommodation

A contingency of rooms has been pre-booked for conference participants in hotels of different categories.

### Conference Fee

EUR 250,00 for a 4-day programme, including coffee breaks, lunch buffets, a conference dinner (Friday evening) school visits and a cultural heritage tour to explore Castilla y Leon.

### Travel Information

Via Madrid by bus: There are various buses from Madrid Barajas airport. A shuttle bus for conference participants will leave from the airport in the afternoon of October 18th and from Leon to the airport in the morning of October 23rd. Travel time is about 4 hours. See http://www.alsa.es

Via Madrid by train: There are high speed and regional trains from Madrid Chamartin railway station to Leon. For details see http://www.renfe.es

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**Preliminary Programme**

**Key issues / fields of work**

- Human resources development
- Health management: resilience, avoiding stress and burnout, cyber bullying
- A framework of reference for European school leadership
- Examples of good practice
- Training and support

**Wednesday, October 19th**  
Pre-conference programme
School visits in León area

**Thursday, October 20th**
- Welcome address
- Keynote & paper presentations
- Workshops

**Friday, October 21st**
- Keynote & paper presentations
- Workshops
- Evening: Conference Dinner

**Saturday, October 22nd**
- Reports from workshops
- Panel discussion
- Conclusions
- Adoption of a European Framework of Reference for School Leadership

After the official closure of the conference:  
Cultural heritage tour to explore Castilla y León.

A more detailed programme will be distributed soon.

**To register please visit our website**  
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**Siegfried Kiefer**  
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