



CPD FACTSHEET – ITIA (Ireland)

Name of association	ITIA (Irish Translators’ and Interpreters’ Association)
Founded in	1986
Country	Ireland
Number of members	300
Translators, interpreters or both	280 translators, 20 interpreters
Association has a CPD policy	NO
Is CPD a professional requirement provided for by law	NO
Brief description of CPD policy	-
Association organises CPD events	YES
Languages of CPD events	-
Type of events	-
Units of measurement in CPD policy	NO
Which units	-
How many and envisaged timeframe	-
Association offers record keeping	NO
Pros of CPD policy	-
Cons of CPD policy	-
Same rates as members for FIT associations	-
Mutual recognition of attendance	YES
Recognition of attendance at CPD events run by non-FIT third parties in the T&I sector where CPD is relevant	NO
Recognition of attendance at CPD events run by third parties not in the T&I sector where CPD is relevant	NO
Interested in collaborating with other FIT associations to deliver CPD events	YES
Interested in hearing other FIT associations’ experience	YES
Interested in identifying and exchanging best practices and how	YES You could share information on the FIT Europe website. If member associations share their information with you, then you could link to it or upload the info. The most important thing is to make people aware of best practice/to create a facility where people can find out more. The difficulty here is budget – it would be much more doable if FIT Europe had the resource to finance a meeting. How about someone giving a talk about CPD at the next FIT conference in Cuba? That would provide an opportunity to share information and highlight the importance of CPD and the different approaches. Or discuss the results of the CPD survey there.
Harmonisation of CPD across Europe	While it is important to encourage all associations to offer CPD, it may not be necessary to aim at harmonisation, which would be more complex given the different jurisdictions, local requirements, budgets etc.
CPD events that are "approved/certified" by FIT Europe	Does FIT Europe have the resources to approve CPD events? Surely the majority of CPD events offered by associations will be



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	worthwhile? It could be good for the profile of FIT Europe, but would such an initiative be too time consuming and impose too great a burden? I would see the role of FIT Europe as encouraging associations, particularly those that do not currently provide CPD, to come around to the idea. However, there may be very good reasons why some associations do not provide CPD at present.
Two issues of particular concern	The future of the translation industry – is there one? Lack of regulation of the industry. Lack of concern about public service interpreting.