



FIT EUROPE

REGIONAL CENTRE EUROPE OF THE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRANSLATORS

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CPD FACTSHEET – SFT (France)

Name of association	SFT (Société française des traducteurs)
Founded in	1947
Country	France
Number of members	1617
Translators, interpreters or both	1576 translators, 509 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	Hours, days
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	NO
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	-
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 A portal on the FIT website, if there is a page on CPD, could include a monthly or quarterly update on the forthcoming CPD sessions, including online ones. Accordingly, a "newsletter" could be sent out to the member organisations with this update, they would in turn make it available to their members (translators and interpreters) or individual members could also sign up for a monthly or quarterly newsletter, which would be sent out by FIT. The organisations wishing to launch a CPD programme could invite their counterparts with a tradition of CPD to come and explain how they proceed but those organisations that are just starting should also look into the local legislation on vocational training/CPD.
Harmonisation of CPD across Europe	We do not think it is possible because the laws are very different btw countries (in France there is a legislation on such programmes). The least we could try is to make sure that trainers are thoroughly selected and chosen among the best in their category.



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CPD events that are "approved/certified" by FIT Europe	Approved would be interesting but who would be granting the approval? A board of high-profile translators? This needs further thinking. As for the certification, it is bound to be attached to a standard and if so which standard? We know about a standard that is being worked on in France but would it be a CEN or ISO standard? We are aware that we are raising many questions but such an approval or certification process needs time and a broad consensus which would involve many representatives from FIT member organisations and possible standardisation and certifying bodies from Europe.
Two issues of particular concern	-