International Life Saving Federation of Europe (ILSE) as Partner in Europe

The European Branch of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS)
History

1910  Foundation of the FIS (Fédération Internationale de Sauvetage Aquatique et des Sports Utilitaires) in Saint-Quen, a small city near Paris in France.

1993  Fusion of FIS with WLS (World Life Saving, founded 1971 in Cronulla, Australia) to one world body: International Life Saving Federation (ILS) with four Regions:
     • Africa
     • America
     • Asia-Pacific
     • Europe
Vision and Mission

about 35,000 people drown every year in Europe

Our Vision is a World free of (preventable) Drowning.

ILSE - is Europe’s authority for drowning prevention, lifesaving and lifesaving sport.
- leads, supports and collaborates with national, European and international federations engaged in drowning prevention, water safety, water rescue, lifesaving, lifeguarding and lifesaving sport.
ILSE represents more than 5 millions of Lifesavers and Lifeguards all over Europe.
Membership

Full Members 37 (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany (DLRG), Great Britain (SLS GB), Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal (ISN), Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (RLSS UK))

Associated Members 3

(Germany (DRK), Portugal (ASNASA), United Kingdom (RNLI))

Corresponding Members 3

(Andorra, Luxembourg, Netherlands)
Structure (strategic work)

**ILSE General Assembly**
Representation of the national Member Associations of ILSE

**ILSE Board of Directors**

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Structure (operational work)

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Juridical Advisor
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Rescue Commission
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College of Referees
Frans Kenis (Belgium)

Medical Advisor
Dr. Anthony Hendley (UK)

Sport Commission
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Management Commission
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Strategic Areas of Emphasis

1. Information Exchange and Standard Setting
2. Prevention and Education
3. Medical Affairs
4. Water Rescue Service
5. Lifesaving Sport
6. Development Aid
7. Management and Administration
8. Global Activities
Prevention and Education

- media communication and public information
- teaching water confidence
- teach to swim and survive (children, adults, 50+, disabled)
- teaching lifesaving and first aid (incl. rescue skills, basic life support and resuscitation)
- teaching for preparing rescue services
  - on the water (pool/beach lifeguards)
  - under water (rescue diver)
- training programs for potential new members
- developing, transferring and exchanging of teaching material
Partnership for Prevention

ILSE co-operates already with:

- European Union / European Commissions / European Parliament
- European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EuroSafe)
- European Child Safety Alliance (ECSA)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) European Branch
- International Federation of Swimming Teachers' Associations Limited (IFSTA)
- World Health Organisation (WHO), European Branch.
Medical Affairs

- teaching
  - first aid
  - resuscitation
- AED
- development of training books
- paramedical education
- medical equipment for the water rescue services
Partnership for First Aid

ILSE co-operates already with:

- European Resuscitation Council (ERC)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) European Branch
Water Rescue Service

at bathing places (expanding Europe-wide)

- beach and inland rescue
- developing and updating safety standards for pools, beaches, marinas, lakes and rivers
- flags, signs, information boards
- training programs for lifeguards
- concepts for various rescue cases (spinal injuries, cliffs, caves, white/swift water, different surf conditions etc.)
- risk assessments and evaluations
- college of assessors

- concepts for lifeguard stations, staffing and equipment
- public rescue equipment
- development of special rescue equipment
- rescue management
- beach/pool management
Water Rescue Service

Special services

- white/swift water
- ice rescue
- rescue boats
- disaster prevention and help
Partnership for Rescue and Risk Assessment

ILSE co-operates already with:

- European Committee for Standardisation CEN
- Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) European Branch
- International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF)
- Corps Touristique e.V.
Sport

- competitions for
  - national teams
  - juniors
  - pool
  - lifesaving clubs
  - nippers
  - ocean
  - beach
  - masters
  - disabled
  - SERC
  - pool
  - ocean
  - beach
  - masters
  - disabled
  - SERC

- interest to present lifesaving as sport in an attractive way for media
- demonstration of main skills to rescue in high level sport events
- education of referees (College of Referees), organizers and trainers
- European Championships have a long tradition
Partnership for Sport

ILSE co-operates already with:

- European Network of Sport Science, Education and Employment (ENSSEE)
- European Non-Governmental Sport Organisation (ENGSO)
- European Sports Conference (ESC)
- International Military Sports Council (CISM)
- International Olympic Committee Europe
- Trim and Fitness International Sport for all Association
- Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)
Development Aid Activities

- co-ordination of support for weaker associations
- interest in self-sustaining associations in all countries
- organisation of training and qualification seminars
- encourage and support multinational exchange and co-operation projects
- enable multinational consulting
- developing strategies for assisting weak members and for first activities in countries without lifesaving organization with the aim of helping the associations for self-help
- two projects for an European Qualification Framework for lifesaving
Global activities

- support and strengthening of the national member associations
- development and realisation of pilot projects and best-practice models on the ILSE level as example for taking over by national associations
- training of the staff of national organisations
- negotiations for fundraising concepts
- co-operation with other international organisations e.g. in Europe
LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF
THE LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION,
DAMAGED BY THE TSUNAMI OF 26.12.2004
WAS RENOVATED WITH FUNDING BY
DLRG
(DEUTSCHE LEBENS-RETTUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT E.V., GERMANY
AND WAS OPENED ON 10TH OF APRIL 2006 BY
ORTWIN KREFT,
DIRECTOR OF RESCUE SERVICES DLRG
Partnership for Development Aid

ILSE co-operates already with:

- European Union / European Commissions / European Parliament
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) European Branch
- United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace
Management & Administration

- development and analysis of drowning statistics
- administration concepts
- financial accounting
- marketing for members
- fundraising
  - donations
  - foundations
  - sponsoring
- merchandising/purchasing and selling cooperation between associations
- increasing the number of franchise agreements
- supporting the work of the commissions
Partnership for Statistics

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- European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EuroSafe)
- European Child Safety Alliance (ECSA)
- World Health Organisation (WHO), European Branch.
We can reach our goals only with co-operation!
ILSE works for a safer Europe
ILSE works for a world free of drowning

Thank you for your co-operation.
Please support us in our fight against drowning! Thank you!