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**Join ISSA's growing network!
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40 countries, dedicated to
exploring and improving quality,
equity, and access in early
childhood education and care
through innovative initiatives
and partnership projects.**



**INTERNATIONAL
STEP by STEP
ASSOCIATION**

**We look forward
to welcoming you
to our community!**

Levels of Membership

▶ Friend of ISSA (Individual)

As a Friend of ISSA, you are invited to join free of charge ISSA's Online Community, where you can read relevant news and information and have access to an online library. You will also have the opportunity to join professional groups, discussion forums, and collaborative initiatives around topics of common interests, either online or during ISSA events.

▶ Affiliate Member (Organization)

As an Affiliate Member of ISSA, you will enjoy the benefits of the Friends of ISSA, as well as the following:

- Organizational capacity building through participation in ISSA trainings/meetings and projects
- International representation by ISSA
- Support to create new partnerships for joint fundraising
- Access to licensing for rights to ISSA's resources
- Participation in partnership projects or program initiatives related to ISSA's mission and goals
- Opportunity to attend and contribute to Council Meetings as a non-voting member

▶ Full Member (Organization)

Full Members are the organizations which shape and create ISSA. As a full member, your organization will have access to the entire range of services and initiatives provided by ISSA, from the benefits enjoyed by Friends and Affiliates to helping to shape ISSA programs and voting on ISSA strategy and policy.

Testimonials from Members of the Network

For us, being a part of ISSA means professional and meaningful support, international cooperation and inspiration, enjoyable and educational meetings with colleagues and friends. As a member of ISSA, we have gained confidence in what we do and we have grown as an organization and as individual professionals.

—Centre for Education Initiatives (Latvia), Founding Member of ISSA

ISSA is like a family: we work hard and have a lot of fun together. We learn from each other and enjoy each other's presence. The diversity of ISSA provides endless opportunities to learn about different approaches, cultures and education systems.

—Center for Interactive Pedagogy (Serbia), Founding Member of ISSA

We joined ISSA because it is a vibrant network spanning multiple regions, through which we can continue to enhance the content of our programs by learning from ISSA resources, expand the reach of our best practices by collaborating with other ISSA members, and continue to learn from each other through conferences and meetings.

—Mother Child Education Foundation/ACEV (Turkey), Full Member of ISSA since 2012

We highly value ISSA's professionalism, especially in the areas of quality in early years services, evaluation and strengthening the capacity of network members.

—Comenius Foundation for Child Development (Poland), Full Member of ISSA since 2012

I love ISSA's Online Course! I want every early childhood educator I know to take it, so they may learn, understand, and embrace the practices that ISSA values. These are principles that I believe in, try to uphold, and promote, so it is exciting to think of so many countries embracing the same goals, and adapting them in ways that are culturally relevant.

—Friend of ISSA (USA)



About ISSA

ISSA is a membership organization that connects professionals and organizations working in the field of early childhood development and learning. ISSA promotes equal access to quality education and care for all children, especially in the early years of their lives, and supports family and early years practitioners' empowerment. Established in the Netherlands in 1999, ISSA's network today stretches across the globe, with Members and Friends from more than 40 countries. While ISSA offers general membership and information-sharing to all interested individuals and organizations, ISSA's core members are non-governmental organizations, located primarily in Central Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Within its network, ISSA supports a wide array of programs that collectively provide a comprehensive set of educational services and advocacy tools intended to influence policy reform for families and young children, with a special focus on the years from birth through primary school.

Applying

To learn more about the benefits and responsibilities of each membership level, as well as how to apply to become a Friend of ISSA, an Affiliate Member, or a Full Member, please send all inquiries to membership@issa.nl. You can also visit www.issa.nl for application forms and guidance on the application process.