



Institute for vocational training, continuing education  
and research founded by CGIL

Foundation is a non-profit charitable institute for adult education and research, which was founded by the Italian labor union CGIL. ECAP has been active in Switzerland since 1970. In 1984, the institute legally became a foundation, entered into an agreement of cooperation with the Swiss Federation of Trade Unions (SGB/USS) and afterwards with the Spanish union Comisiones Obreras as well as the Portuguese union CGTP.

## **OUR GOALS**

The foundation's activities are oriented towards its supporting organizations' values of solidarity and the basic right to education. Its goal is to promote education and training for younger and older adults, especially for migrants and lowly qualified workers in Switzerland, in order to:

- support the private and occupational integration of immigrated persons in our society;
- promote the acquisition and strengthening of the cognitive means and knowledge that are useful for leading an autonomous and responsible life in our modern society.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES**

Our activities, which are geared to pursuing and reaching the foundation's goals, thus comprise the following sectors:

- General education, language and occupational training for foreign workers living in Switzerland
- Training of adult education instructors as well as language and cultural mediators
- Research on the need for education and on the social effects of education
- Planning, implementation and evaluation of new educational models
- Participation in and promotion of trans-border educational activities
- Organization of conferences and student seminars
- Publication of research, essays and didactic materials

## **OUR ORGANIZATION**

The foundation's diverse range of training programs is accessible in fourteen cantons. It is managed and coordinated by eight regional centers with offices in Aarau, Basle, Berne, Lamone, Lucerne, Solothurn, Winterthur and Zurich. Our strength lies in the daily deployment of over four hundred motivated and trained employees.

## **OUR FUNDING**

The funds for our activities stem from:

- Contributions from Swiss public institutions
- Contributions from institutions from migrants' countries of origin
- Course costs
- Income from the sale of books and didactic materials

## OUR PARTNERS

The ECAP Foundation is a member of:

- Associazione SMILE, Rome
- Swiss Federation for Adult Learning (SVEB)
- Swiss association of organizers of active job market measures (SVOAM)
- EUNETZ, a European economic interests organization
- and other organizations
- ECAP works together with:
  - Swiss institutions at federal and cantonal levels
  - migrants' countries of origin and their representations in Switzerland
  - migration organizations
  - trade unions
  - numerous public and private companies
  - and other organizations
- Furthermore, ECAP belongs to networks of European educational institutes, which cooperate on the development of educational projects, train their own instructors and exchange experiences and didactic materials.

▶ **[www.ecap.ch](http://www.ecap.ch)**

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