

Dear colleagues, dear friends, dear FICE Europe

It is a great honour for me, as president of FICE Romania, to wish you the most sincere and most positive thoughts, now, in this festive moment.

From this microphone I wish health, happiness, professional and personal accomplishments, accompanied by the greeting: Happy birthday, FICE Europe!

Beginning with 1990, FICE Romania collaborated with many of the branches of the big family of FICE Europe and I will remind FICE Finland, FICE Switzerland, FICE Poland, FICE Hungary, FICE Czech Republik, FICE Austria, FICE Germany. FICE Denmark, FICE Netherlands,.

Of decades, FICE Romania organized with each of you common activities which connected us as humans and fulfilled us as specialists.

Together we realized exchanges of specialis and practicioners, study visits, documentaries, seminars and conferences, all for the benefit of children, and, especially, of children in need.

I can not forget that, 27 years ago, with the support of FICE Switzerland, at Trazem House of Pestalozzi Foundation, were trained the first romanian educators who worked in child houses, laying back then the foundations of some quality services designated to children from Romania.

Also, I can not forget the people which I had the honour to meet:

- Gert Schemenau-ex General Secretary of FICE Europe
- Dr Steen Mogens Lasson
- Aad N. Vroon
- Theo Binnendijk
- Rolf Widmer
- Roland Stübi
- Robert Soisson-president of FICE Europe and who became friends of FICE Romania.

- Martti Kemppainen
- Monika Niederle

Although I should not say these things in this festive moment, please forgive a man with my experience!

I am sorry that some activities of FICE Europe have become less visible in recent years.

FICE Europe family must grow, to generate more projects and partnerships, all for the benefit of children, families and communities.

Thank you once again for the honour you made me and FICE Romania to be today in front of you and near you and I wish you to grow professionally and as organization, to be healthy and satisfied!

Happy birthday, FICE Europe! Let's see your 30th anniversary!

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