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Christian LAGE, General Secretary, since 2004.

Created in 1947, SNETAA is the major trade union for the public Vocational Education and Training sector in France since 1969. It is deeply devoted to this sector, fighting to give it back its dignity. SNETAA sees the values of independence (from any political, religious, philosophical or economical groups), solidarity, secularism, unity, democracy, non-discrimination as essential.

SNETAA thinks VET has to be taught in specific VET schools by specifically trained VET teachers. Education must remain a public service and give quality education on an equal basis to all the students who want to integrate our schools.

SNETAA fights for the moral and material rights of VET teachers. It managed to make the sector more valuable, giving the possibility to the students to study from the lowest level to further education in our VET schools. This recent work also gave the possibility for our teachers to work for further education.

SNETAA is working on themes like fighting school violence, fighting discrimination in our schools and during the training periods...

SNETAA is organised at local, regional, national and international levels. It is part of a national federation called eil which groups many trade unions from the civil service sector together. It is also part of ETUCE at the European level and of Education International, in which it plays an active role, defending VET's interests.

SNETAA has developed many partnerships with foreign trade unions sharing the same values and interests, like BLBS (Germany), KTOEOS (Cyprus), CSI-CSIF (Spain), COC (Belgium) or DTL (Denmark).

Together with BLBS, SNETAA wrote a resolution for the Berlin Congress in 2007 about VET, which was unanimously voted, showing the urgent needs of the sector to be defended and promoted. It is necessary and essential to unite our forces at the international level to struggle for a strong VET sector.

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