

# THE GIFOD : DISTANCE EDUCATION

Economic Grouping of Interest

Who is the GIFOD?

Why the GIFOD ?



GIFOD is an Economic Grouping of Interest which uses Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in general and more specifically for distance education.

GIFOD is aimed at facilitating, developing and mutualising ICT use among its members

In October 2000, the CFA (training center for apprentices) of the Pharmacists and the Sport, both located in Burgundy, initiated the project about distance education.

Searching for common solutions to issues such as geographical dispersion and individualized teaching, they created GIFOD that appeared to be the most appropriate structure to achieve their goal.

From 2003, GIFOD capitalized on

- learning contents
- a tested teaching organization
- a project management methodology for internet-based e-learning system.

GIFOD counts 12 members at the beginning of 2010.

The European Social Fund, the French State and the Regional Council of Bourgogne supported the GIFOD since its creation.

Its innovative model rests on a strong commitment of its members:

#### **Contents mutualization**

Principle founder and pillar of the GIFOD, the mutualization of the teaching resources make it possible for each member to use the existing contents and to come on the platform.

#### **Commitment of resources production**

Each member begins to create some contents which will be put at all members disposal.

They must also discharge payment of their annual fee

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