The tourism sector includes hotels, restaurants, catering, bars, casinos, thalasso therapy, wellness centres and bowling. As leading touristic destinations in the world, France and Ireland generate more than 150 billion euros in hotels, restaurants and travel agencies. This dynamic sector hires more and more people: +50% in the last 15 years. 80% jobs are long-term positions. There are 400,000 winter and summer jobs. Training in this sector involves high-standard schools of hospitality and culinary arts and also includes apprenticeship and internships.

### Ireland
- 8.4 million international visitors in 2016 (annual growth of 8.8%)
- employment in the industry is estimated to 220,000 by the end of 2016
- 9 billion euros internal tourism expenditure (54% international)

### France
- 89.4 million International visitors in 2018
- over 2 million jobs (1.3 million direct)
- a positive contribution of 56.2 billion € to 2018 foreign trade balance
- 147 billion € internal tourism expenditure (37% international)
- 7.5% of GDP (5% from French residents, 2.5% from non-residents)

The FICAHT network aims at bringing together French and Irish Higher Education Institutions delivering training in Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism, encouraging student mobility and apprenticeship, developing EU-wide programmes through the Erasmus+ scheme and exchanging good practices.

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In April 2015, Campus France and the Higher Education Authority signed a protocol agreement with the aim of promoting student mobility in hospitality, catering and tourism sectors. This agreement has several objectives:

- encouraging student mobility and apprenticeship;
- developing EU-wide programmes through the Erasmus+ scheme;
- supporting knowledge sharing through study/work abroad programmes;
- exchanging good practices;
- promoting and increase the visibility of hospitality, culinary arts and tourism sectors;
- creating a network of French and Irish Higher Education Institutions and organise bilateral events.

The Dairy Chef 2020 final and the 5th annual Forum will take place from the 31st March to the 4th April 2020 in Galway.

FICAHT forum

Every year, all members and partners have the opportunity to meet and share good practices during the FICAHT forum. The 1st and 3rd editions took place in the Dublin Institute of Technology and the 2nd edition in the Lycée hôtelier de Biarritz and the 4th edition in Paris (CFA Médéric, Ferrandi and French Ministry of Higher Education).

Dairy Chef

Launched in 2018, Dairy Chef is a competition for French & Irish students in culinary arts. The purpose of this friendly competition is to give students an opportunity to showcase the skills and knowledge learnt within their institution. The 2020 Cook Off final will be hosted by the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology.

This competition is sponsored by:

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THE NETWORK

In Ireland

Institutes of Technology:
- Athlone
- Cork
- Dundalk
- Galway-Mayo
- Letterkenny
- Limerick
- Sligo
- Tralee
- Waterford

Colleges of further education:
- Colaiste Ide
- Crumlin

Universities:
- University College Cork
- Technological University Dublin
  - Cathal Brugha St Campus
  - Tallaght Campus

In France

Lycées:
- Albert de Mun
- Alexandre Dumas
- Anne-Sophie Pic
- Bazeilles
- Biarritz Atlantique
- Christian Bourquin
- François Rabelais
  - Dardilly
  - Dugny
  - Ifs
  - Gascogne

Schools:
- Ducasse Education
- Ecole Ferrandi
- ESH Paris
- Grand Sud Formation
- Institut Paul Bocuse

Apprenticeship institutes (CFA):
- Médéric
- La Noue
- UTEC

Colleges of further education:
- Nord-Caraibes
- Paul Augie
- Renouveau
- Sacré-Cœur
- Savary - Ferry
- Saint Martin
- Simon Lazard
- St-Quentin Yvelines
- Tezenas
- Thonon
- Valery Larbaud
- Vincent d'Indy

Universities:
- Angers
- Cergy Pontoise
- Corse
- Lorraine
- Nantes
- Nice
- Orléans
  - IUT de l’Indre
  - Paris 1
  - Paris 13
  - IUT de Saint-Denis

Our partners

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- Restaurants Association of Ireland
- Seabourn
- Solas
- Trainee
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Map of all FICAHT members in Ireland and in France