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Frances Kelly is the Ministry of Education's Europe Education Counsellor, based at the New Zealand Embassy in Brussels.

The aim of establishing the counsellor position in Brussels is to strengthen New Zealand's education system and intellectual wealth through the mutual understanding of policy, and by building relationships with individuals, organisations and institutions. A particular focus to Frances' role is analysing and monitoring the Bologna process in Europe and its implications for New Zealand.

European Commission countries, and in particular the UK, France and Germany where we have bilateral relationships, are initially where Frances is concentrating her attention.

Prior to taking up this position, for seven years Frances was Senior Policy Manager with the Ministry of Education, where she managed the provision of strategic policy advice to government on the overall direction and investment priorities for the education system. From 2001 her responsibilities also included the opportunity to represent New Zealand on two OECD committees: the Education Committee and the Board of the Centre for Research and Innovation.

Prior to joining the Ministry, Frances was Academic Services Manager at Auckland College of Education from 1992 – 1999. She was responsible for academic planning, quality assurance and student support.

From 1977 she taught secondary classes primarily in Music and English at a variety of schools in New Zealand and England. She was Assistant Principal at Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton, New Zealand from 1990 – 1992.

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