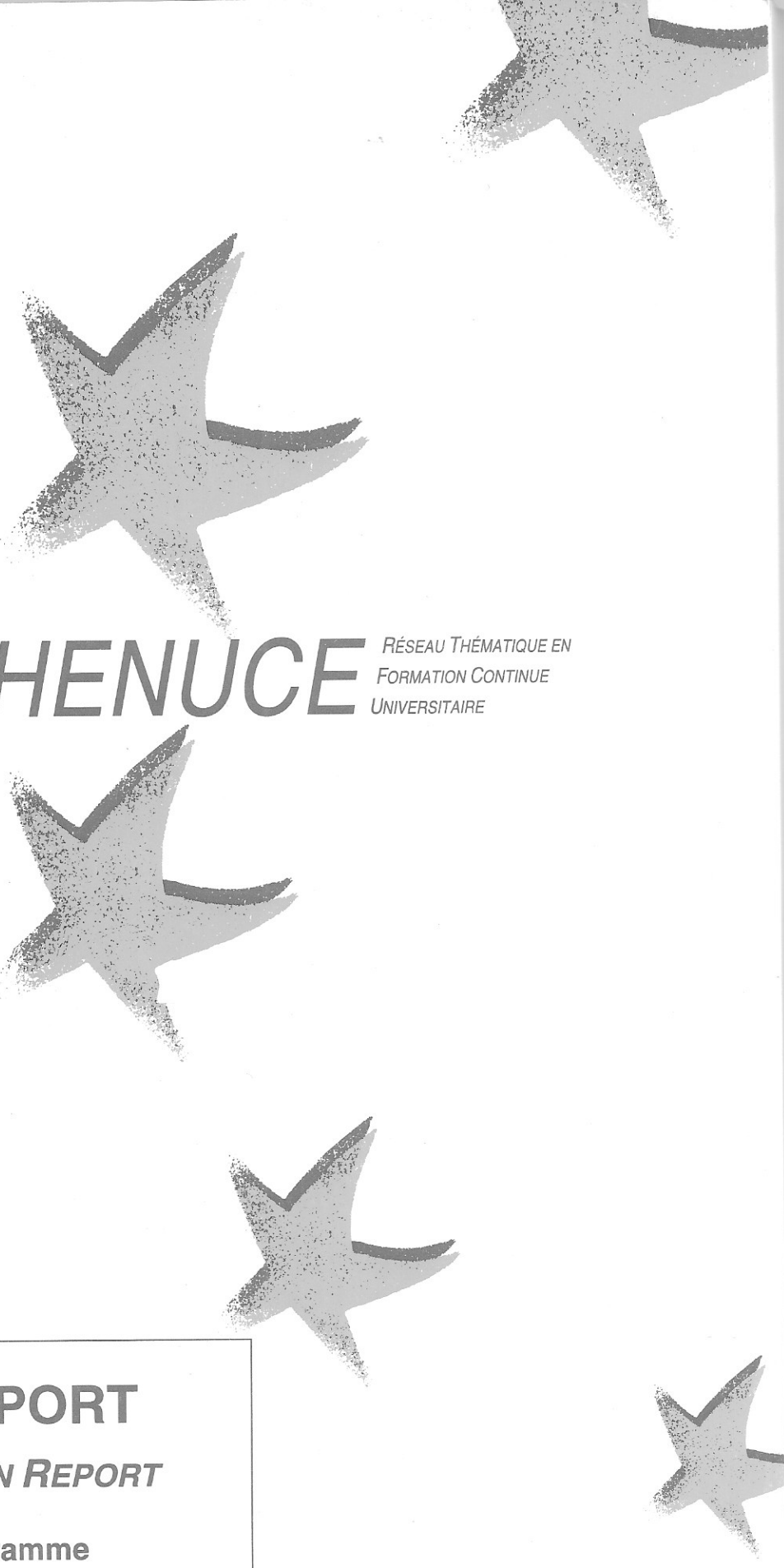




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## PREFACE

*This project was initiated by EUCEN, the European Universities Continuing Education Network, under the leadership and specially the vision of the future of Continuing Education (CE) by its President Prof. Victor de Kosinsky who is the Project Co-ordinator.*

*Since its founding meeting in May 1991 EUCEN has grown rapidly and today, with over 120 member universities in 20 countries it is the largest European University network in the field of CE.*

*Continuing Education is an integral and essential part of the universities contribution to European development through the provision of the Lifelong Learning process, as it is described in the Commission's "White Book".*

*The present Thematic Network project aims to give a new wider European dimension and target to the network activities by developing Europe-wide actions and means of identifying and disseminating good practice.*

*For the first year a Scientific Committee, with experts from 20 countries, had the task of identifying and collecting existing good practice and obstacles/problems in consultation with all partners in their own country and to prepare a national report for the Committee.*

*Based on the National Reports, the Scientific Committee Convenor, in conjunction with all partners, prepared a European Report on the theme, which, with the National Reports, intends to be a Working Document on European University Continuing Education.*

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*"All Men by Nature Desire to Know"*

*Aristotle, Metaphysics*