



NETWORK FOR INNOVATION IN
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Editorial

The creation of a newsletter has been under discussion for a quite a while already in the NICE network. Since our network was founded in 2009, the interest in our efforts has continually grown among professionals, policy-makers and academics dealing with career guidance and counselling – in Europe and worldwide.

Thanks to our many engaged members, we have frequently reported about our network, our products and projects in various national and international journals. Yet, a regular update has been requested frequently – also from our own partners. As a community of about 85 experts on career guidance and counselling from 45 higher education institutions around Europe, working together on a variety of different projects, we need to co-ordinate our efforts and keep each other informed, too.

Now, with the NICE 2 work program aiming at setting up sustainable structures for our network, the time has come for us to establish a newsletter which appears regularly and channels the news of our diverse activities in Europe in a more systematic fashion, filling a gap in our network's communication strategy.

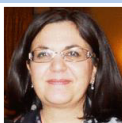
As the editors of the first NICE Newsletter, we hope this newsletter will be a useful tool for NICE members to co-ordinate their efforts and an opportunity for other career guidance professionals to know more about the NICE network. We are beginning with a simple structure, which we want to continuously

improve over the next years, and thank you in advance for your feedback.

The "Head Article" of our first newsletter comes from Christiane Schiersmann, our network's chief coordinator. It presents our network's strategic goals until 2015, and also introduces the new structure of our network. This section is followed by "Updates from the NICE Projects", where the speakers of all project groups share some news about what they are doing at the moment.

Under the permanent heading "Coming Up", you will find news about upcoming events that are organized by NICE members. Similarly, the section "Past Appointments" portrays activities organized by various members of the network to keep everybody up to date on what has been going on.

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The Challenge of NICE 2

The members of NICE enjoyed a very fruitful conference in Istanbul in May 2013 where, inter alia, Christiane Schiersmann presented the goals and tasks in the 2nd period of EU funding for NICE (page 2).



NICE Working Groups

Five of our working groups explain their role, aim, functions and progress in a short presentation, allowing readers to get an overview of the network's progress (pages 4-6).



Past events

Short presentations of various events that have taken place within the NICE network (page 7).

And more...

There are also reports of developments/ news regarding career guidance and counselling in each country (pages 8-10) and an outlook on the next NICE Conference in Canterbury (page 11).