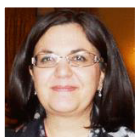


Online Database and Dissemination



by Lea Ferrari

The members of the online database and communication group met for the first time at the NICE Conference in Istanbul. We agree that the evolution of the World Wide Web is creating subtle but profound changes in the ways human beings locate and access information, communicate with and learn from each other. This gives us a large number of possibilities to increase our knowledge and our working modalities as a network. Our goal is to make adequate use of these opportunities.

During the meeting, the structure and contents of NICE website were initially examined. A general consensus was achieved regarding the possibility to develop a more attractive website in the future. It shall better represent the NICE members and working groups and give the opportunity to download tools and materials (slides, videos, questionnaires, training programs etc.) useful for many aims. For example, existing results of

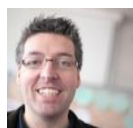


NICE are useful for the development of personal knowledge on trends in our field, for the development of academic training in career guidance and counselling, and the actual guidance practice.

Secondly, the group started discussing about the publication of a newsletter. We decided to put our priority on this newsletter, because we can actively disseminate it as a business card for all working groups and our network in general. The result is this first NICE Newsletter.

In our next step, we will tackle the development of a new, more interactive and attractive website for our network. Next to the people active as editors of the NICE Newsletter, we would be happy to involve more NICE members in this step.

The NICE Memorandum



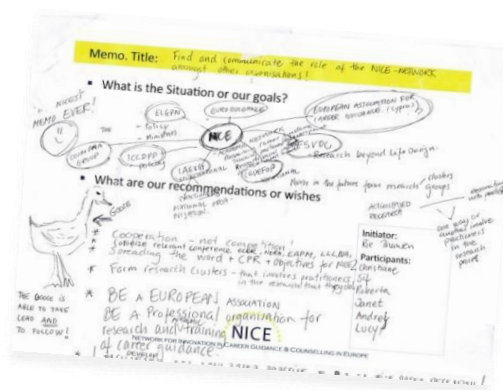
by Peter Weber

In order to be acknowledged as an important voice in the international and national discourses regarding CGC, the members of NICE are jointly formulating a vision of potentials and challenges for our field. We are developing a memorandum as a roadmap for training and research and how we as responsible actors for research and academic training in CGC can contribute to release the potentials of career guidance and counselling in Europe. The memorandum will be more than formulating a joint position regarding the current state. Rather, we will formulate development needs regarding research and training, define how they can be addressed and make suggestions for policy.

How did we start? How far we get?

At the Istanbul Conference in May 2013 we had an Open Space session. All partners had the opportunity to introduce ideas and draft short memos on potentials and issues that need to be addressed. Since the conference a small work-group including Peter Weber (DE), Rie Thomsen (DK) and Johannes Katsarow (DE) has developed a compilation of the memos and discussed the first draft with the Steering Committee in the Montpellier meeting in September 2013. Since then, the members of the Steering Committee have

been working on the memorandum, with the next discussion taking place at the Steering Committee meeting in Mannheim in January 2014.



What are the next steps? How can you participate?

The next step will be to present a second draft to all members of the network. All members will be invited to give their feedback and to volunteer to line out topics from the Memorandum in short papers. We aim to have the Memorandum with significant and clear statements as well as a longer description ready for the "European Summit on Developing the Career Workforce of the Future" in Canterbury, September 2014. At the Summit the NICE network will present the Memorandum to a wider community of stakeholders, who will be invited to contribute actively to this paper.

