



NETWORK FOR INNOVATION IN
CAREER GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING IN EUROPE

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Editorial

As we are getting ready for the European Summit on the Career Workforce of the Future that will take place on September 3rd and 4th, 2014, at Canterbury Christ Church University in England, we can't help but wonder "Is career counselling and guidance the answer?"

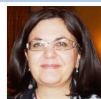
We live on a time of social, economic and political changes with a sharp rise of unemployment and widespread feelings of insecurity around Europe, when it comes to career-related questions. People need to develop new skills and characteristics, so they can adapt to ongoing changes more flexibly and master necessary transitions. Enabling people to cope with the complex and rapidly changing labour market and to engage successfully with the world of work is becoming a key factor for securing welfare in our societies. This highlights the emphasis we should put on the education and training of counsellors who will support individuals in dealing with such questions. Still: "Is career counselling and guidance the answer?"

We strongly believe in the benefits of career guidance and counselling, if the people who offer career services are competent, cooperation with policy makers, employers and social partners is strong, and adequate structures for quality assurance and continuous learning exist. With the European Summit, our network, a community of about 85 experts on career guidance and counselling from 45 higher education institutions around Europe, has managed to attract the interest of professionals, policy-makers and academics dealing with career guidance and counselling from all of Europe. We expect approximately 200 participants

from 30 European countries at the summit. Now we look forward to discussing central questions and concrete proposals on the future of education and training of the career workforce with these key stakeholders. Central questions will relate to the competences that career professionals need, to the connection between practice, policy and academia, and to major research themes, which we need to investigate.

Thanks to our many engaged members, news about our network, our products and projects is being published in various national and international journals. Now our newsletter has turned to 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. It makes us proud that for our second issue, we already received news from colleagues from over 15 European countries. We want to create a communication tool that will be continuously improving.

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Quality and Sustainability of the NICE Network

What makes NICE a successful network? This issue features a presentation of our quality model for network development and the strategic objectives, for monitoring our progress (pages 2-3).



NICE Working Groups Progress

Here, our working groups report on their aims and activities, allowing readers to get an overview of what is going on in NICE (pages 4-7).



European Summit on the Career Workforce of the Future

On September 3rd & 4th 2014 the European academic network NICE will hold a summit at Canterbury Christ Church University in England (page 8).

News from around Europe

Find news from 15 European countries in this issue of the NICE Newsletter: New degree programs, important policy developments, invitations for cooperation etc. (pages 9-14).

News from European Doctoral Programme in Career Guidance and Counselling

Find news from the ECADOC project and the Symposium at the ICAP Conference in Paris (page 15).