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ICCDPP supports the organizing and hosting of international symposia on career development and public policy, the most recent of which was held in Tromse, Norway, June 2019 (<u>https://www.kompetansenorge.no/iccdpp2019/</u>). It also undertakes the international and national follow-up to the recommendations of these symposia.

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<u>COVID 19</u>

IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND SOCIAL INCLUSION POLICIES AND CAREER LEARNING PRACTICES

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that this email finds you all safe and well in these very difficult times.

COVID 19 was not on the agenda at the International Symposium last June in Tromse. That symposium now seems like a bright memory and I hope that the network it created can bring value to the present and the future.

Countries are facing unprecedented challenges in education, training, employment, and social inclusion policies and practices. Local, regional, national and international labour markets will be impacted; likewise education and training systems including career learning.

I am sure that countries can learn from each other through sharing national impact analyses, reports, projections, and resources emanating from government agencies, social and economic institutions, employers and trade union organisations, and other relevant national organisations.

International organisations such as OECD, UNESCO, ILO, the European

Commission, CEDEFOP, and ETF, are undertaking international macro analyses.

COVID 19 is going to be an ongoing feature of all of our lives for the immediate, short-term, and long-term futures, and will change behaviours in many spheres of human activity including work and career learning.

ICCDPP is offering you the possibility for international sharing of impact analyses, reports, projections, and resources. It has added a <u>specific</u> <u>section COVID-19</u> to the drop down menu of its website to facilitate such sharing. Some national and international material has already been placed there! Check it out!

Please send relevant national and international organisation documents and resources with website links to jmc@iccdpp.org.

While English is the main language of the site, be assured that ICCDPP will publish materials in any language, as it has always done.

Stay safe

John McCarthy, Director, ICCDPP 3rd April 2020

PS: ICCDPP will survey you in the next weeks on the impacts of the COVID crisis on career guidance/learning provision in your country

Sharing developments and progress in our field benefits everyone.

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