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Board Member Krisztina Horvát †

On Monday 4th of November our Board Member Kriszta Horvát from FSZK in Hungary passed away. Kriszta worked a long time as supporter for Mari Bognar in the Board. 2018 in the GA she was elected as a Board Member. For all in the Board and for all who had worked with her it is a great human loss. Read here the condolence letter of our President Michel Haudry.
The Board decided in Matosinhos about the replacement of Thomas Idenas as President and brought this point also to the GA at the same day. Michel Haudry thanks Thomas for his work he has done and for his initiative for the renewal of our network. A further decision in both meetings at 24th of October was to go forward with the negotiations about the new structure of E2C. Here you find the minutes of the GA.

Michel Haudry as the new President of E2C
Due to the situation that Thomas Idenas left the Board for health reasons his place in the Board as President is replaced by Michel Haudry from the SCS Chambéry. Read here more about his person and his ambition about E2C.

The position of the the Vice President, Michels former position in the Board, is replaced by Kikki Liljeblad from the City of Norrköping. More about her and her involvement in Second Chance Education will follow in the next Newsletter.

News from the INCAS Project
Dear members of E2C!

The work in the project with partners from I, F, P, Bu, D, Se, Hu continues. In the beginning of 2020, the website will be available with a lot of useful information for the preparation, implementation and evaluation of internships abroad (mobilities). We are currently working on e-learning content for students.

For this work we ask for support. We want to find out how e-learning offers that are used in your work are designed.

If you have any please send a link to me: rschiffers@arcor.de

Find here the minutes of the 3rd INCAS Transnational Meeting in Matosinhos.

Thanks a lot for your supporting this E2C project.
Reinhold Schiffers

2nd National Meeting of E2O Portugal - 16.12.2019

We are pleased to inform you that next 16 December will take place the 2nd National Meeting of the Portuguese Network of Second Chance Schools and Initiatives, E2O Portugal, in Valongo, a municipality close to Porto.

Read more

Educational tip December 2019

Why is it so hard to learn something new?
You all know this situation: The students come with familiar habits and acquired attitudes. To be successful, they have to learn something new.
To understand why this is often so difficult for them, it helps to know how the brain works.
With the link below you find a brief introduction that helps to stay patient as a teacher and to follow the right path.
Do your best - support your students
Reinhold Schiffers

Klick here or above to find the brief introduction.
Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth.

During the plenary session (25-28 November 2019) in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Ursula von der LEYEN, President-elect of the EC, presents her potential College of Commissioners and their programme. In her speech, the efforts of the members of the CULT showed success. They had demanded that the portfolio of the Commissioner should also explicitly mention Education and Culture in the future.

Meeting with Sabine Verweyen, new Chair of the CULT Committee

On 18/11/2019 Reinhold Schiffers, member of the board, had a meeting with the newly elected chair of the CULT committee in the European Parliament, Sabine Verweyen, MEP. Both live near the Dutch border in Germany only 50 km apart. Ms. Verweyen explained how difficult it is for the Parliament to push through the demand to triple funding for the Erasmus program. She sees many opportunities in the development of a European Education Area, but these are by no means clearly described and used. Reinhold Schiffer pointed out that in addition to prevention and intervention it is necessary to pay more attention to compensation for disadvantaged young people in the future EU policy and to provide greater support to offers such as Second Chance schools. He also informed about the process of forming a network of Second Chance School networks in Europe. Both sides agreed to stay in an intensive exchange in the future.

OECD Education Statistics and Transition from School to Work

Looking to education statistics is a useful resource. With the following links you find interesting figures about NEET Youngsters
and transition from school to work. 
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**Turn of the Year**

With the beginning of December comes the period called by Christians "Christmas time". For all of us in the Northern Hemisphere of the World, it's the time of shorter days and of the longest nights.

This is a time for introspection. A time for exploring ourselves, our presence this year in the World, to feel what we have done, who we have been, and what is going on.

Let's remember that, under the limelight of the cultural, entertainment and leisure industries disseminated everywhere, we need this poetical or spiritual movement towards interiority.

We know individual distresses in our schools, and we know the global distress of our time.

To all of us, whether we are Christian or not, I wish a clear meditation « cleansing the merchants of the Temple ».

I hope that we will be together, stronger, present under the new light of the days in a few weeks.

Your President of E2C
Michel Haudry

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**Next Newsletter in 2020**

Our next newsletter will send out in early 2020. We want to inform our members beside other important ongoings more about what happens in our network, in the schools, institutions e.g. in your institution. Therefore the Board and I ask you to send us small articles with a picture or logo or a link about news in your work area and what could be interesting for the other members, or what implicate important changes in your work or political area.
In this mind the newsletter editorial office hopes that the year 2020 will be successful and healthy for all of us.