Public Consultation on European Competence Standards for Career Guidance and Counselling

The Network for Innovation in Career Guidance and Counselling in Europe (NICE) aims at establishing common “European Competence Standards” for the professional field of career guidance and counselling. A first draft has been presented to approximately 200 stakeholders from 32 European countries at the European Summit on Developing the Career Workforce of the Future in Canterbury (UK) on September 4, 2014.

To validate the competence standards, NICE asks all interested career professionals, associations, public employment service managers, HR managers, citizen representatives, researchers, lecturers, and policy-makers concerned with questions of education, training, employment, inclusion and lifelong guidance to review them and provide feedback and comments until November 15, 2014.

The European Competence Standards shall be a living document, which NICE will update regularly as a responsible network, and which we hope to translate into many languages. Feedback will be collected and summarized by Johannes Katsarov (johannes_katsarov@hotmail.de), coordinator of the NICE network, and will be considered in the revision and publication of the first edition of the competence standards by the responsible team of researchers in 2015.

The relevant document for review can be found on pages 14-34 in the publication “European Summit on Developing the Career Workforce of the Future”, which can be downloaded from www.nice-network.eu.

Background Information

The Network for Innovation in Career Guidance and Counselling in Europe (NICE) supports all efforts to foster lifelong learning and lifelong guidance in Europe, as well as to develop quality and professionalism in career guidance and counselling. It was founded in 2009, with support of the European Commission, and currently includes 45 higher education institutions from almost all European countries, particularly universities that offer study programs in vocational and career guidance and counselling.

To professionalize career guidance and counselling NICE aims at:

- Developing a joint scientific basis for the academic training of career professionals,
- Promoting practice-oriented research and scientifically grounded practice – and bringing them together,
- Establishing cooperation in training, research and the development of degree programs related to career guidance and counselling.