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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 13 May 2020

Dear colleagues,

Next week the ICN year 2019/2020 will be completed and the new ICN year will start. For the first time we are not able to celebrate the turn of the ICN year together at an Annual Conference; however, this will not prevent us from setting the course for the future of the network.

We will approve the draft work plans, first work products, and the working group leadership, and we will discuss the updated NGA toolkit. To share our new projects with ICN members and NGAs and to present the new teams, the Co-chairs are already working on a kick-off call, a format which was well received in past years.

I would also like to use our meeting to start a discussion on a new “Third Decade” project which will look a bit further into the future and will continue previous network-wide reviews leading to “The ICN’s Vision for its Second Decade”, presented at the 10th ICN Annual Conference in The Hague in May 2011, and “The Future of the ICN in its Second Decade”, presented at the ICN Steering Group Meeting in Paris in June 2016. Particularly in challenging times like these it makes sense to put routines to a test and to bring together new ideas and suggestions for further improvement.

Furthermore, we will hear an update on Annual Conference planning and our ICN/OECD Liaison will report back from the joint ICN/OECD webinar on COVID-19 that took place on 5 May.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next Wednesday.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt