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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 2 September 2020

Dear Colleagues,

After a break which was slightly shorter this year I am pleased to welcome you back. The COVID-19 pandemic still has a tight grip on the world, but I nevertheless hope that you were able to relax a bit.

Our last meeting before the first-ever virtual ICN Annual Conference will be held next Wednesday. We will receive updates on the sessions and planned video modules, on additional initiatives regarding the Host Showcase Program, the Third Decade Project, and the events organized by the working groups that will follow the core conference week later this year.

We will also hear from the host of the 2021 Annual Conference. Due to the pandemic planning is very difficult, which is why our Hungarian colleagues had to take action and reschedule the conference.

This brings us to the next item on the agenda concerning the workshops. We will not take a decision on timing of future workshops next week, but we should start thinking about how to best plan and schedule workshops as soon as international in-person meetings are once again possible – and I am very much looking forward to meeting you in person again!

Our ICN/OECD Liaison will update the Steering Group on the joint work on cooperation. The team has circulated an impressive draft report and will inform us about the next steps.

The pandemic and the ICN's work under these special circumstances will be the focus of our Steering Group meeting on 23 September.

I look forward to speaking with you next Wednesday.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt