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**To Professor Belinda Tynan, The President of ICDE  
To Professor Morten Flate Paulsen, the Acting Secretary General of ICDE**

### **The 80th Anniversary of ICDE**

On this great occasion, EDEN would like to convey warmest congratulations to the leaders and all colleagues of International Council for Open and Distance Education on behalf of the European academic and professional community of learning innovation in open, distance and e-learning.

ICDE and EDEN relations for the development of open distance and e-learning have always been substantial. We appreciate the long – lasting collaboration with your flagship institution, promoting open and distance education for 80 years globally. ICDE as an umbrella organisation has been important partner for EDEN in shaping the internationalisation and professionalisation of higher education institutions, leading their professional and academic communities in the development of open, distance and e-learning for decades.

The progress, both, in the information technology and in the professional - academic fields has been particularly intensive in these years. Open, distance and e-learning have entered into a new phase, becoming the mainstream. New conditions in the era of globalisation should bring regional communities to global network to continue discussion and collaborative developments. No doubt, ICDE role will become more and more significant and recognised as an asset for the successful operation and collaboration of higher education institutions.

On behalf of EDEN community, Governance and Secretariat, allow me to wish you the continuation of success promoting and supporting global developments in open and distance education. EDEN is looking forward to the fruitful co-operation with ICDE community.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the European Distance and E-learning Network

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