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To :

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Dear Nicolas Pettiaux,

I write to express my support to Educode (educode.be) and, in particular, your project in association with Internet Society Chapter Belgium (ISOC.be) asbl/vzw to apply for a grant to COVID19 Emergency Reponse Grant Program from Internet Society Foundation.

Your project aims to develop and support services promoting and enabling distance learning for students by:

- Helping teachers to move from traditional classrooms to online education through Internet, with a « train the trainer » approach and coaching teachers through Internet;
- Developing real-time trainings and adapt them in reusable interactive training formats;
- Offering a global approach to teachers and schools to get everything needed: computer, Internet connection, Internet tools and online resources as training, coaching and support;
- Starting with local implementation in Belgium, being a multicultural and multilingual country, and rollout globally with partners over the world.

I strongly support this grant application focusing on online education and on the reduction of digital fracture in an open framework (free and open software and resources).

Through this letter, I recognize educode and Internet Society Chapter Belgium as being fully able to manage this large-scale project (budget 250.000 to 500.000\$).

Educode asbl/vzw associated with ISOC.be asbl/vzw will take responsibility to lead this COVID19 Education project to help teachers the transition from traditional learning prior COVID19 to Internet distance education. We look forward to support this initiative.

Sincerely,

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