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CareersNet is a professional network of experts in lifelong career guidance and career development, established in 2017 by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop).

CareersNet undertakes thematic research activities in the field of lifelong guidance and monitors policy developments and innovative practices in EU countries and in some European Economic Area (EEA), European Free Trade Association (EFTA), European Union (EU) accession countries. It includes experts from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

CareersNet provides access to harmonised, comparable evidence of relevant practices and promotes their transfer and adaptation; facilitates cross-national comparative analysis of national systems and initiatives; and supports countries in national policy development.

The inventories of lifelong guidance systems and practices of European countries (Cedefop, 2020b) are available on the website of Cedefop for interested practitioners, decision-makers and researchers across the world.

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Practitioners in career guidance have access to relevant European practices and opportunities for transfer and adaptation, peer learning and exchange of ideas on relevant topics such as: ICT use in career guidance or development of career management skills.

Decision-makers have the opportunity to consult information regarding the systems of career guidance in European countries and receive support and insights on national developments and the national relevance of EU initiatives.

Researchers in career guidance have access to cross-national comparative analysis of national guidance systems and initiatives.

The Inventory of lifelong guidance systems and practices – Romania (Cedefop, 2020a) offers insights on career development activities embedded in distinct policy fields, such as education, training, youth and labour market policy in Romania. It contains the following sections: Introduction, Coordination and collaboration among national, regional and local stakeholders, Access to guidance, Quality assurance, Career management skills, Evidence, monitoring and assessment of the effectiveness of career guidance, Career information and ICT in lifelong guidance, Training and qualifications, Funding career guidance, Career guidance for school pupils, Career guidance for vocational education and training (VET) participants, Career guidance for higher education students, Career guidance for the employed, Career guidance for unemployed adults, Career guidance for older adults, Career guidance for Early School Leavers (ESL), Career guidance for Not in education, employment or training (NEET) youth, Career guidance for immigrants and refugees.

In April 2020, CareersNet members contributed to content on how guidance services were adapting in the pandemic (Cedefop, 2020c). The network is involved in Cedefop's update of the 2009 Cedefop publication on professionalising career guidance in line with developments during the last ten years and the evolving digital context. This publication will be released at the end of 2021.

CareersNet plans to update the inventories of lifelong guidance in 2022 and to further develop country reviews using the inventory contents, in addition to a methodology for system assessment and evaluation.

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