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Letter of acknowledgement

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THANK
YOU!

Dear European EDICs,

We got to the end of our 3-year-journey, and this is therefore the last time I address you with this name. When I started writing the customary editorial, I realised how hard it is to address a generation, which will see some of its members leaving. And I also realised that this issue will be very different from those you have seen ... this will be an **open letter of acknowledgement**.

Today I will not portray the broad political developments. Instead, on behalf of the Commission, the DG Communication and my team, I want to express our gratitude for **your work, flexibility and dedication**. Amidst the pandemic tragedy, you and your staff adapted swiftly to the online reality, proving what it means to be great communicators.

As the EU braces for an unprecedented commitment to dialogue within the **Conference on the future of Europe**, we count on all of you to help grow this commitment. I mean all of you, no matter if you continue or not. For those of you who stop the journey, the effort will be of a different nature, yet we count on you to participate in the debates and spread the word across your communities. I encourage you to follow the workings of the Conference with the same determination and share your expertise with the new generation. To those of you who continue the journey: we look forward to your renewed commitment.

Our beloved "EDIC" name is becoming history. Gone are the days when you were mere providers of information about the EU. You have grown into full-fledged communicators whose expertise and ability to translate the European message for the local communities has become a quality brand. This is quite an achievement. You should be proud of it!

The big picture ... from the Prague Annual General Meeting in 2019



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Life of our network



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Looking ahead

To those who continue the journey: the customary EDIC Newsletter will be replaced by a renewed product in the course of May. You will hear from us.

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