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Concerns : letter of support

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As professor of the école polytechnique de Bruxelles, Université Libre de Bruxelles, I hereby 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.

The recent pandemic outbreak impacts a lot my daily routine as researcher and teacher, the availability of robust and trustful systems to help my work is essential, therefore, I strongly support this grant application and the focus on online education and reducing digital fracture.

Best regards,

Pr. Olivier Debeir