

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

- Albert Einstein

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses and organizations had to shift their operations to remote work to comply with health and safety guidelines. As a result, many face-to-face interactions and meetings became impossible or discouraged, leading to the increased use of technology to maintain communication.

For ENTEP, the organization likely had to rely on phone calls, emails, and video conferences to continue its daily operations and maintain communication between the ENTEP members. This would have allowed them to continue working and cooperating without risking the spread of the virus.

While it may not be ideal, it has been an effective way to keep operations going and maintain relationships. One result will be, for example, the new ENTEP publication which aims to bridge the gap between the beginnings of ENTEP, which date back 20 years, and what teacher education has to achieve today. Behind us lies a difficult and challenging time that will certainly keep us busy for quite some time. We have had to adapt to new situations on an ad hoc basis and have learned a lot in the process. Numerous good ideas were developed, but mistakes were also made, which, after a constructive review, will help us to develop a basis for the near future.

Especially for the educational sector, in which we want to make a change, it therefore seems to make sense to draw a kind of interim summary at this point in order to present so far essential findings or questions for the further development of Initial Teacher Education (ITE). ENTEP would like to do this with a new publication that focusses on "lessons learned" / "best practice examples" that have emerged for teacher education as a result of the crises and their management of recent years. We plan on presenting a colourful bouquet of different aspects.

The working title is “Education in times of uncertainty and crisis. Teacher Education Policies and a look into the future”. Among the authors will be, among others: Prof. Bártolo Campos, the first coordinator and a very important mind for ENTEP, just as very dedicated and outstanding ENTEP members as Prof. Michael Schratz (Austria) and Prof. Romita Iucu (Romania) and Ursula Uzerli (Germany).