



NEWSLETTER FOR THE NETWORK Nr 4 December 2016

Dear friends and colleagues

The year 2016 was marked by the Warsaw Conference, which should be mentioned as the 22nd event organized since the founding of the PGV network and, above all, the fact that she marks a turning point in the European project we are following and analyzing since 2009. The Conference concluded that the EU's ambitions regarding its status as a global economic player, its relations with the economic blocs and its potential for innovation should be called into question. On this last point, the conference observed two positive trends: the internationalization of training and research and a better use of the potential of enterprises and territories. The General Assembly of the Network was an opportunity to register new memberships. It is worth recalling that the PGV network, which counted at its creation just over 30 members, sees its numbers increase from year to year. In 2016, we are 129 active members from 40 universities. At the same time, the number of countries involved in the development of the Network has almost doubled, from 6 to 11.

All this was done thanks to the solidarity, the conviviality and the work of our members. As can be seen from the publications of the network, the means of information made available, such as the Journal Management & Governance, which was the subject of a referencement application to the Research Evaluation and Higher Education Agency (AERES), the use of e-mails which keeps interactivity within the network despite the diversity of partners, not to mention the site gregpgv.com periodically updated. The Association Réseau PGV created in 2009, has set up a Board of Directors responsible for the management, programming and control of the network's activities. After the Warsaw Conference, he has 30 members representing the partner universities. In accordance with our statutes, the Board of Directors periodically monitors the financial situation of the Association. The Network's resources come from annual contributions and from public or private organizations. In 2016, they amounted to 4819.5 euros. As at December 24, 2016, 62 members are up-to-date, 13 are exempt from payment and 54 are pending settlement. The Service of the Journal (manufacturing and shipping costs) represents the most important item of expenditure. In 2017, the network launched a 23rd Conference in Casablanca on the subject of borders, a topic of relevance and topicality. The organization of this event is everyone's business. A Board of Directors to Montpellier will punctuate it in May 2017. The choice of Casablanca in Morocco will, hopefully, expand our community to the researchers around the Mediterranean and to introduce socio-economic problems of the South. I have no doubt about the success of the operation and I thank you in advance for your support. I wish you all, individually and as family, a happy new year 2017. My wishes are addressed to the Board of Directors, to the whole network and universities that support us. My wishes accompany the European project whose ambition and success we wish to revive.

Dear colleagues and friends, I wish you a great Christmas and New Year.

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