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To: Secretary General,
EUCEN Executive Office,
Balmes 132,
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Re: Election to the Steering Committee of EUCEN 2016

Dear Professor De Viron,

As a long standing member of EUCEN and the National University of Ireland Maynooth representative since 2005, I wish to go forward for election to the Steering Committee at the next General Assembly meeting in Dublin in June 2016.

I have been in adult education for over thirty years. I am a graduate of Maynooth University. I began my third level studies as a mature student completing my bachelor's degree in 1994. Like many adult educators, I commenced my career as a 'freelance' lecturer. I worked in a number of higher education institutions, community education initiatives, industry and as a group work consultant. I joined the staff of Maynooth in University in 2000 as Head of Continuing Education. I was appointed for a five year term as Head of Department of Adult and Community Education in 2010.

During my time in these posts I continued my engagement with EUCEN attending conferences, collaborating in research, presenting and writing papers. I am a strong advocate for lifelong learning as a means of promoting human agency for personal and collective empowerment. I have a deep interest in policy development in university adult education and lifelong learning. In particular I am interested in the conditions that shape it and the interlocking regimes and societal and economic circumstances that drive it.

My relationship with the organisation has been very engaging because we share common interests and concerns. I now wish to extend my participation by becoming part of the Steering Committee. If I am elected I will:

- i) accept the position,
- ii) be active in the Committee,
- iii) Attend at least half the annual meetings in full
- iv) Submit a report on my actions at least 10 days in advance when not attending a Steering Committee Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Josephine Finn'.

Signed:

Date: 28th April 2016

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