**Adult Education: Dancing with Minds**

It will take some time to recover from Covid 19 and we have learned so much in this crisis. As in each crisis – economic or refugees - we are challenged to learn more in order to make the world safer. We also face a climate crisis. We need huge and urgent learning.

Covid is mostly understood and solved by science – vaccines, masks, washing hands. Because of the damage done to relationships, Covid is also a social disease. Grandparents cannot hug their grandchildren, as adults we cannot easily care for our aging parents, teachers only zoom across on-line learning platforms. Many have close family members who must work in hospitals, medical facilities and other risky places – for low salaries too. The damage to jobs and business is in billions of Euro. The real damage is social. Covid is a social disease.

The social closeness we need as parents, children, grandparents, workers, teachers and students has become a way of transmitting Covid and is a threat to our survival. Social distancing is not good for us socially. We need to be connected and now re-connect with an increased awareness that we share our humanity, to affirm again how important teacher-student relationships are for learning, for teaching. We will build again bonds of care and concern for each other that are only properly expressed in face to face social relationships. Zoom is for now, maybe for then, but only for now and then. The ideas and dreams we exchange, express and nurture, the resilience we foster and the learning we facilitate are done when we engage in the dance of minds that is an actual physical expression of a social relationship. Teach me to Dance (Mikis Theodorikis, *Zorba*).