



**Progress report SICI.**  
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This document presents an update on the progress on actions.  
It will be discussed during the General Assembly in Bucharest in October 2007.

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## **1. Strategy**

The General Assembly has in October 2007 decided on priorities for the coming years. These priorities are:

- Strategies for Inspection to the enhancement of the Quality of Education. This topic has been the subject of a workshop in Edinburgh and will be on the agenda on two occasions in France in November this year.
- Professional development of Inspection, including a Virtual Inspectorates' Academy. A proposal for further development of this idea will be on the agenda of the GA in Bucharest.
- Risk analysis as basis for Inspection, including the Access and Use of Data. The Czech inspection has organised a conference on ICT in the work of inspections in September. The Flemish and Dutch inspectorates will jointly organise a follow-up in 2009.

## **2. Finances**

The SG has finalised the accounts for 2007 and prepared the budget for the year 2008. Both have been approved by the EC and will be on the agenda of the GA in Bucharest, October 2008.

All fees for 2008 have been paid with the exception of Belgium-Wallonia, the German speaking community of Belgium and Macedonia.

## **3. Memberships**

SICI now counts 25 members.

As decided during the GA in Bruges, Luxembourg and Bavaria have been informed that their membership of SICI has ended. There has been no response to these messages.

Estonia, Macedonia and Rhineland Palatinate are now full members of SICI.

There is a possibility that Bulgaria will apply for membership. The Chairman and the SG have discussed this with representatives of the Bulgarian inspection in September. There is also a possibility that Croatia will apply for membership. Croatia and Bulgaria have been invited to attend the GA in October as observers.

The EC restated that potential members must meet the three basic criteria: they are public organisations, they are formally related to the education authorities in their country or region, and external evaluation of education is substantial to their role.

## **4. The Executive Committee**

The present assignment of primary responsibilities is as follows:

Chairman	Ferry de Rijcke
Strategy issues	Roger-François Gauthier
Blue book	Paul Schatteman/Ferry de Rijcke
Partnerships	Ferry de Rijcke/Paul Schatteman
Deputy Chair	Paul Schatteman
Finances	Paul Schatteman
Support staff	Yvan Verbauwhede
Editor SICI Review	Heinz Kipp

Communication	Heinz Kipp
Statutes	Ferry de Rijcke
Workshops' co-ordinator	Franz Kappelmüller
Membership issues	Tim Key
INSIGHT development	Tim Key
New members CEE	Petr Drabek

Ferry de Rijcke will step down as chairman and as member of the EC. His successor will be appointed during the meeting in Bucharest.

## **5. European Schoolnet (EUN)**

The P2V project in which EUN and SICI cooperated has been completed. The results have been presented at a SICI workshop in September 2008.

A new contract has been negotiated with EUN concerning the publication of the Blue Book and the restructuring of the website, including hosting and maintenance. It will be signed in the second week of October.

Further information on the cooperation with EUN is under item 6: website.

## **6. [www.sici-inspectorates.org](http://www.sici-inspectorates.org)**

The SICI website does not function as it should. Partly this due to lack of time for appropriate and timely up dating. This has been exacerbated by complications in the technical set-up of the site. EUN will develop a new version of the site using open source software (Liferay). The graphical design of the site will remain the same, apart from improvements in page set-ups etc.

## **7. Workshops/ Conferences 2008 and 2009**

Workshops and conferences in 2008:

*New approaches to inspection an professional development for inspectors, Edinburgh 2-3 June*

*ICT within the inspection activities, Prague 11-12 September*

*P2V, Brussels 22-23 September*

*Governance and performance of schools, Poitiers 6-7 November*

*Evaluation of schools, Paris 20-21 November*

During the GA in Bucharest an overview of planned conferences and workshops in 2009 will be presented.

## **8. Blue Book**

The questionnaire has now been sent in by 18 members. Unfortunately, our contract partner, the University of Antwerp, has not carried out the work as agreed.

Efforts to improve their performance have not been successful.

After legal counsel from the Flemish Ministry of Education, the University of Antwerp has formally been informed that we consider them in default under the terms of the contract. Financially this

means the second and third instalment will not be paid and the first instalment has been reclaimed. The University at this moment (October 1) is considering its response.

In order to proceed with the production of the Blue Book, we have contacted Johan van Bruggen. He has agreed to:

- Check all contributions and make proposals for adjustments
- Write a summary of each profile in a fixed format
- Write a document in which a number of topics are treated in a comparative fashion.

Requests for clarification and additions will be channelled to the liaison persons through Paul Schatteman.

The first profiles have been revised and as soon as the new website is launched the online publication will start.

As the information provided by SICI members refers to the year 2005-2006, members will be invited to provide updated information as soon as profiles are published.

## **9. Review**

The first issue of the SICI Review will be presented during the GA in Bucharest.

## **10. Inspectorates' Academy**

A group chaired by Yvan Verbauwhede has met twice to elaborate the idea of a European Inspectorates' Academy. A proposal will be presented during the GA in Bucharest.

It is intended to apply for financial support from the European Commission to develop the Academy. Contacts for that purpose have been established. Most likely SICI will submit a proposal under the Leonardo Programme early next year.

## **11. P2P/P2V**

The P2V project has been completed successfully.

The project manager, Bert Jaap van Oel, has presented the results during a SICI workshop in Brussels in September. After publication of the final reports, a proposal for follow-up will be made. It will be aimed at applying the validated instrument for evaluation of the state of ICT-use in schools to collect comparative data in a number of countries.

An update on the project has been posted on the SICI website.

## **12. ICALT**

The ICALT project has completed its data-collection. The project manager, Wim van de Grift, plans a dissemination meeting early 2009.

An update on the project has been posted on the SICI website.

## **13. Work processes**

- Next EC: 6 October 2008 in Bucharest, in connection with the GA
- Meeting on website: December 11, Brussels
- EC-meeting: December 12 Brussels
- GA 2009 will be held in Dublin, Ireland.