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SICI WORKSHOP

# Embedding Innovative Inspection Practice

Dublin, Ireland - 23 and 24 September 2019

Dear SICI members and colleagues,

On behalf of the Standing International Conference of Inspectorates and the Inspectorate, Department of Education and Skills, Ireland, we would like to invite you to attend the workshop organised in Dublin on 23 and 24 September 2019.

The topic of the workshop - **“Embedding innovative inspection practice”**, proposed as part of the SICI theme for 2019, Innovation in Inspection, will explore the following:

- how innovative inspection practices can support change and improvement in education systems in a changing education landscape
- how innovative inspection practice can be embedded and achieve the right balance between control and support of schools and teachers
- how to assess the impact of innovative inspection practice

Speakers and inspectors from Ireland and other countries will present on the topic. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss in small groups and with presenters effective ways to encourage and embed innovation in external evaluation.

School inspectors, SICI members, and policy makers are kindly invited to participate in this workshop. A dinner for participants will be hosted by the Inspectorate, Department of Education and Skills on the evening of Monday 23 September.

**Participants are kindly asked to fill the registration form in this link at their earliest convenience but not later than Tuesday 3 September, 2019:**

LINK: <https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Events/sici-2019/sici-conference-2019.html>

The SICI workshop takes place in the **Academy Plaza Hotel**, 10-14 Findlater Place off O'Connell Street Upper, Dublin 1, D01 X2X0. We have agreed preferential accommodation rates with the Academy Plaza Hotel that will be applied until 25 July 2019, so early booking is advisable.

Accompanying this invitation, you will see the arrangements for booking the hotel, along with a list of other hotels, most of which are near the venue (see **Appendix 1**). **September is a very busy month in Dublin, and we recommend that you book your accommodation as soon as possible.**

Information on transfers from the airport also accompanies this invitation (see **Appendix 2**).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Dublin and exchanging experiences and knowledge in order to develop the quality of our inspection systems.

If you have any further queries, please email [SICIDublin2019@education.gov.ie](mailto:SICIDublin2019@education.gov.ie) Kind

regards,

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