

Vienna, March 2017

Dear SICI members and colleagues,

On behalf of the Standing International Conference of Inspectorates and the Austrian Ministry of Education we would like to invite you to a SICI-workshop in Vienna that will take place on May 17-19, 2017.

The topic of the workshop is “Roles and Responsibilities in School Quality Management – the Austrian Approach”.

The workshop is focusing on the currently implemented model of the Austrian system of school quality development and assurance in general education (SQA). We want to share our approach to this topic with you and exchange knowledge and experiences with other inspectorates.

It is our great pleasure to inform you that well-known researchers from the OECD, Germany and Austria will share their knowledge in this field of expertise with us.

In addition you will have the opportunity to discuss the SQA-approach with Austrian stakeholders from the Ministry of Education, from the school inspectorate and from school representatives.

Furthermore school visits with the special focus on SQA will take place in small groups of 5-6 people (compulsory or upper secondary level). This will enable you to get an insight into SQA in practice.

School inspectors and SICI members as well as policy makers are kindly invited to this workshop. The Austrian Ministry of Education will host a conference dinner on 18 May for the participants of the workshop.

Please find the registration form for this International SICI workshop attached to this e-mail. We kindly ask you to fill in the registration form and send it to both of the addresses given at the bottom of the form by email. Please note that you have to confirm the registration and the hotel room no later than **31 March 2017**. After this date you would have to find accommodation in Vienna on your own.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the beautiful and vernal city of Vienna and to share and exchange knowledge as well as discuss the questions, arising from the different approaches to school quality development and assurance.

With kind regards

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