



## NEWS UPDATE

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### Introduction

The SICI Executive Committee would like to improve communications with members, especially concerning the implementation of our new Strategic Plan. One approach to this is to issue a regular 'News Update', usually produced after each Executive Committee meeting. We would encourage members to respond to the information in this update, and to submit any information that they would like to highlight to other members. Please use the contact details at the end of the newsletter.

### Update from the Executive Committee

An Executive Committee meeting was held on 30-31 March in Prague. Key points at this meeting were:

- **National coordinators** – 27 of 38 inspectorates have nominated a national coordinator. Please send in the name of your national coordinator, should you not have done this. The first meeting of the national coordinators is planned to be held on 6 October, in connection to the General Assembly in Malta. National coordinators will contribute to the implementation of the strategic plan.
- **Development officer** – Erik de Bou of the Flemish Inspectorate has been appointed Development Officer. Erik de Bou will soon contact the national coordinators about setting up a network. He will also plan the first meeting for the national coordinators. This meeting will focus on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and future SICI priority themes. The Development Officer will also start planning for an Erasmus plus project.
- **SICI workshop Austria** – the next SICI workshop will be held in Vienna, Austria, 17-19 May 2017. The theme is 'Roles and Responsibilities in School Quality Management'.
- **General Assembly** – the meeting will be held in Malta 3-5 October 2017. At this meeting there will be a close up on the theme 'internal and external evaluation from the inspectorate's point of view'. The next priority theme, 'impact of inspections', will also be introduced.
- **Priority themes** – Each year SICI will focus on a priority theme that will be in focus in the workshops during the year. The Impact of Inspection will be the focus in 2018. The EC will send out a list of priority themes and ask members to prioritize among them and add new ideas for future themes for the next years. The General Assembly in Malta will decide which themes are finally chosen.



## Updates from the SICI Network

This section is for SICI members to highlight new developments to other members. Please contribute by sending information to the contact details at the end of this bulletin.

- **Review of Swedish school authorities** – the Swedish Government has appointed a commission to review the school authorities, including the Swedish Schools Inspectorate. The commissioner will among other things evaluate how national school improvement activities and school inspections interact. Another question that will be dealt with is how government agencies are organized, for instance in regions.
- **Flemish Inspectorate** – coordinated the development of the first ‘framework for educational quality’, involving stakeholders and using scientific research and literature. The framework expresses a consensus on expectations for quality education. It will be implemented by schools with help from the pedagogical support organizations. At the moment, the inspectorate builds a new system for external control around this framework. Features of the renewed inspection will among other things be more focus on school internal quality care, more frequent inspections visits, a learner-centered approach, less administrative burden for schools.

## Other information

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