Subject: Study Visit The impact of school evaluation on quality improvement (2013)

Dear colleague,

The Portuguese Inspectorate of Education and Science (IGEC) has the responsibility for the current model of external evaluation of schools, which has been applied for 6 years now. With the purpose to share and discuss both the Inspectorate and the school work and to share and debate school evaluation across countries, from 25 to 29 November 2013, IGEC is hosting the Study Visit **The impact of school evaluation on quality improvement** (ISEQI).

The Study Visit is organized in the scope of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) / Visit code 2013_35. Please, visit the CEDEFOP website

(http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/publications/21004.aspx)

and the Catalogue (page 67). Due to the success in the previous four years, the Inspectorate decided to host a fifth similar Study Visit, keeping the same framework and approach, although different institutions will be visited.

Those who intend to participate shall apply for a LLP grant. Besides the CEDEFOP website, you may also visit your LLP National Agency and look for additional information and the application form.

Participants will be based in Faro and the visits will take place in the region of the Algarve. They will have the opportunity to visit

- schools with far different characteristics and rated differently in the scope of the external evaluation;

- schools with self-evaluation mechanisms;

- a regional authority of education and a municipality with important roles in school support;

- a higher education institution with training programmes designed for teachers and school managers.

Besides the visits, the participants will also

- attend seminars, aimed at familiarizing them with the Portuguese education and inspection systems, the school external evaluation programme and the school management;
- and provide an overview of their own education and school evaluation systems.

For any question feel free to contact

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We look forward to meeting you in Faro.

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