



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
AND RESEARCH

Tartu, Estonia

Dear SICI colleagues and guests,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of SICI and of the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, it is our pleasure to invite you to the workshop in Tartu that will take place on 13th and 14th of June 2024. The theme of the workshop is as follows:

“Inspection and school autonomy: Benefits and challenges in a changing world”

The aim of the workshop is to explore how inspection systems have evolved and have effect across educational systems that give recognition to school autonomy in varying ways and in different circumstances. The workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to hear about and discuss the experience of several countries, including Estonia where schools have extensive autonomy which allows them to conduct their own necessary methods in terms of shaping the school environment. Participants at the workshop will be facilitated to reflect on the key learning from the experience of different Inspectorates and on how this might potentially transfer to their own inspection context.

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to hear about and discuss the success of Estonia in PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) and the factors that contributed to this successful change in the performance of Estonian students. Information on PISA in Estonia is available from the [website](#) of the Ministry of Education of Estonia.

We are also happy to invite you to join the official dinner by the SICI and Estonian Ministry of Education and Research in the evening of 13th of June.

Registration

We would be most grateful if you could complete the registration at your earliest convenience by using the following link: https://hm.ee/sici_workshop_in_tartu.

NB! The registration is open until **10th of May 2024**.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Venue: [V Spa hotel & conference centre](#), Tartu, Estonia

Address: Riia 2, 51004 Tartu

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Accommodation

SICI Estonia working group team has an agreement of fixed prices with Hotel Dorpat in Tartu, therefore, we recommend planning your stay there when booking accommodation. [Hotel Dorpat](#) is located in Tartu city centre, in the middle of the main business area. The hotel is also an easy stroll from the Old Town and major shopping centres. Many rooms enjoy views over the city or the Emajõgi River – scenes of Tartu you'll never forget!

A **special accommodation rate** at Dorpat applies for the SICI 2024 delegates:

- Standard single room: **60 EUR**
- Standard twin/double room: **80 EUR**

The special price is valid for the rooms that have been booked for 12th until 16th of June. We have reserved 15 rooms for 11th until 12th of June as well if anyone has planned their arrival a day earlier. The same discount price applies for this occasion.

Rates include accommodation, full buffet breakfast, Wi-Fi, use of leisure centre and VAT. The prices apply for one room a night.

If you wish to stay at Dorpat Hotel, please send your booking request to the email address info@dorpat.ee. When sending the email, **use the keyword SICI**.

Given rates are valid until **10th of May 2024**. Please note that regarding the events of European Capital of Culture Tartu 2024 there are a lot of tourists in town. Therefore, we recommend booking your stay in Tartu at your earliest convenience.

In case of questions, please contact by e-mail info@dorpat.ee or Marje Kallion, marje@dorpat.ee or over the phone (+372) 5328 5485.

If you wish to stay at another hotel than Dorpat Hotel, there are multiple located right in the city centre. In this case, we recommend planning your stay at [V Spa Hotel](#), [Art Hotel Pallas](#), [Lydia Hotel](#) or [Hotel SOHO](#). We hope you will be enjoying your stay in Tartu!

City of Tartu

To our great joy, there are many events happening at the time of the SICI workshop in Estonia. **Tartu** is the **European Capital of Culture of 2024**, which means that the city has a lot to offer in terms of entertainment and cultural experience. Feel free to learn more about the events of Tartu 2024 at the following site: <https://tartu2024.ee/en/>.

Should you have any questions or remarks about the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact at Hille Voolaid (sici@hm.ee). We are looking forward to welcoming you in Tartu and we hope you will enjoy the workshop!