

SICI – The Newsletter

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We support the improvement of education

through improving inspection processes

From the President

I hope all members were able to enjoy a restful and restorative summer period. For many across our network, the past months also brought significant challenges, from environmental pressures to disruptions affecting schools and communities. These experiences have varied across countries, but they remind us of the resilience and commitment that characterise our inspectorates and evaluation bodies.

This edition marks an important moment as we move into the next phase of our shared work for 2026. Across the network, members are engaging in activities that reflect the spirit of our Strategic Plan, strengthening professional learning, deepening cooperation, and contributing to international dialogue on inspection and evaluation.

As we move into the busy months ahead, I look forward to continuing our collective work and to deepening the connections that make SICI such a vibrant and supportive community.

With warmest wishes,

Janie

Governance update

Working Groups Established

Members have received separate information about the establishment of our three Working Groups, which will prepare the draft internal regulations required to enact the new Statutes agreed at the Extraordinary General Assembly in May.

We are grateful to all members who volunteered to participate. Your willingness to contribute your expertise ensures that our governance arrangements will be shaped by the collective insight of the network. Each Working Group has been assigned according to members' first or second preference and will be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee.

- **Working Group 1 – Membership & Elections** (Chair: Ana Pires)
- **Working Group 2 – Finance & General Assembly Procedures** (Chair: Wilma Brings)
- **Working Group 3 – Integrity, Data & Ethics** (Chair: Pádraig Mac Fhlannchadha)

Our Development Officer, Erik De Bou, will support the groups.

This work will form an important part of our governance transition.

Upcoming Workshop – Scotland, 30 September–2 October 2026

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education will host our next workshop in Edinburgh, focusing on:

Embedding Learner Voice in Policy, Practice and Inspection

Delegates will explore how learner participation can be meaningfully integrated into educational improvement, policy development, and inspection approaches. The workshop will provide opportunities to share evidence, challenge assumptions, and learn from one another's experience.

Strengthening Cooperation and Mutual Learning Across Members

Collaborative Projects

We are pleased to confirm the approval of funding for a new collaborative initiative: the Professional Learning & Moderation (PL&M) Network. This project brings together five member inspectorates in a 30-month programme focused on professional learning, moderation, and cross-national dialogue.

This project exemplifies the value of member-led collaboration and reflects SICI's commitment to supporting innovative approaches to inspection and evaluation

Internationalisation in Education Inspection – Spanish Journal Special Issue

The latest issue of Avances en Supervisión Educativa (Issue 45, June 2026) is a special edition on the internationalisation of education inspection. It includes an article on SICI's contribution to international cooperation as a learning infrastructure, available in both English and Spanish.

The issue is open access at: <https://avances.adide.org>

Catalan Education Inspectorate – Annual Conference Reflection

At the end of the 2025-2026 academic year, the annual Conference of the Catalan Education Inspectorate was held conceived as a day of meeting in which all the education inspectors of Catalonia come together to share experiences, reflections and learnings related to inspection practice. The Conference began with a presentation entitled "Communication: a challenge and a strategy", focused on the role of communication as a key element in the processes of leadership, institutional relations, and educational transformation.





The Internationalization Area of the Catalan Inspectorate presented various experiences developed in European programs and international networks: an Erasmus+ job shadowing stay in France to learn about the school evaluation model and contrast it with the Integrated Evaluation for Improvement (AVIM) of Catalonia; the presentation of the AVIM model at a SICI workshop in Plovdiv (Bulgaria); an Erasmus+ mobility in Amsterdam focused on

coaching and mentoring strategies; and participation in the SICI workshop in Cardiff (Wales) dedicated to the application of artificial intelligence in the field of educational inspection. This set of actions highlights the commitment of the Catalan Education Inspectorate to internationalization as a way to share and transfer improvements in knowledge and professional practice.

National Coordinators Open Forum

The next National Coordinators Open Forum will take place on 29th of October.

Call for Member Articles – Thank You for Your Contributions

With the summer pause now behind us, we warmly encourage members to submit pieces for upcoming newsletters. Articles of around 250–300 words work well, and photographs from events or activities are always welcome. Contributions can be sent to contact@sici.international.

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