



SICI WORKSHOP
FUTURE-ORIENTED INSPECTION AS A DRIVER FOR
EDUCATIONAL QUALITY

Plovdiv, Bulgaria
(10)-11-12 June 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The National Inspectorate of Education and the SICI Executive Committee are delighted to invite you to the SICI workshop on June 10th, 11th and 12th 2026 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria – one of the oldest cities in the world. We hope that our workshop and cultural program gives you the best opportunity to enjoy the blend of history and the future (Please find attached the draft program).

You can take direct flights to the capital Sofia or to Plovdiv. Information on how to travel to Plovdiv is attached to this invitation.

The workshop will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Plovdiv Center – ([DoubleTree by Hilton Plovdiv Center](#)). We have negotiated special room rates for the 10th and 11th of June which are valid until 27th of May. To reserve rooms at the hotel on these dates, please use the link - [Hilton Event Email](#). Should you wish to extend your stay after 12.06.2026 or you arrive before 10.06.2026, please contact the hotel via email at reservations.dtplovdiv@hilton.com. We have also negotiated special rates for these dates. Should you prefer to arrange your own accommodation, the GrandHotel Novotel - (www.grandhotelplovdiv.bg) is an option.

The workshop will be held in online format too; more information on this will be sent later.

Please confirm your attendance at the SICI workshop no later than April 30th, 2026 by completing the form at this link [SICI WORKSHOP – Fill out form](#). In accordance with the SICI theme for 2026, the title of the workshop is “Future-Oriented Inspection as a driver for Educational Quality”. The workshop will include presentations of key speakers, panel discussions, plenary sessions, and group work. Participants will have opportunity to gather insights and exchange experiences on the new approaches for quality assurance as a driver for developing the competences required for the 21st century from the perspective of educational experts, inspectors and representatives of school communities.

Participants and guests will have opportunity to hear about how new educational policies are shaped, implemented, evaluated and improved – from the governmental, through the regional and municipality level to every school and kindergarten in Bulgaria. Representatives of each level will be involved in the workshop. Experts from partner organizations will provide detailed information about current developments and innovation in the external evaluation of schools and students related to quality improvement.

Please contact Mrs. Stela Mitsova, Head of Inspection Directorate at s.mitsova@mon.bg, +359888892829, if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you in ancient Plovdiv.

Kind regards

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