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Staatsinstitut für Schulqualität
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SICI-Workshop in Nuremberg September 25-26, 2025

The essential role of inspection in a
dynamic educational environment:
challenges, opportunities and impact



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September, 24th 2025

17:00 – 19:00 Guided city tour (pick-up-point at the lobby of the hotel)

19:00

Option 1: Dinner at the “Zum Albrecht Dürer-Haus” (Obere Schmiedgasse 58, 90403 Nürnberg)
(end of the city tour)

Option 2: Free time/dinner (individually)



September, 25th 2025

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome and registration

9:30 – 10:15

Opening ceremony

Welcoming:

Ms Anna Stolz, Bavarian Minister of State for Education and Culture (online)

Ms Janie McManus, president of SICI

Ms Margit Schmidbauer, Department Quality Agency/SICI National coordinator

10:15 – 11:00

Presentation

The Bavarian Education System

Dr. Alfons Frey - Head of the Institute for School Quality and Educational Research - ISB

Development and Status Quo of External School Evaluation in Bavaria

Ms Margit Schmidbauer - Department Quality Agency - ISB

11:00-11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00

1st Keynote address

The Learning School System

Prof. Dr. Anne Sliwka - Institute of Educational Science at the University of Heidelberg

Q&A

12:00 – 12:30

Reflections on the keynote (small groups) and short feedback

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch (Hotel NH Collection Nürnberg City)

14:00 – 15:00

Joint presentation

Making School Supervision Measurable: The Policy Theory Behind the Impact

Ms Mariëlle Klerks - Dutch Inspectorate of Education

and

Measuring Impact of Inspection Work: The Case of Flanders

(What Aspects of Inspection Work Really Do Matter?)

Mr Jeroen Lauwers/Ms Amy Quintelier - Inspectorate of Education/Flanders

Q&A

15:00 – 15:30

Reflection and discussion (small groups):

Aspects of measuring relevance, impact and usefulness of external school inspection: requirements, definitions, functions/who do we want to reach, methods,...

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 16:15

Conclusions/Feedback (one member of each group)

17:15 – 18:45

Cultural program (optional): Guided tour of the Duerer-Museum ([Albrecht-Dürer-Straße 39, 90403 Nürnberg](#) (way to the museum see information below))

20:00 Gala dinner (Hotel NH Collection Nürnberg City)



September, 26th 2025

9:00 – 10:00

2nd Keynote address

From Regulatory Delivery to Impact

Ms Giuseppa Ottimofiore - Deputy Head of the Regulatory Delivery Programme, Regulatory Policy

Division, OECD

Q&A

10:00 – 10:30

Reflection on the keynote and discussion (small groups): Aspects of maintaining and developing the relevance of external school inspection

10:30 – 11:00

Group photograph and coffee break

11:00 – 11:30

Conclusion/short feedback (one member of each group)

11:30 – 12:15

Round table, moderated by Mr Padraig Mac Fhlannchadha, Ireland - Assistant Chief Inspector at Department of Education and Skills:

‘Good practice’: Maintaining and Developing the Relevance of External School Inspection/Evaluation

Ms Noelia Campos - Regional Inspectorate of Madeira - Portugal

Mr Rolands Ozols, Latvia - Head of the Quality Assurance Department at the State Education Quality Service

Mr Richard Lloyd/Ms Heledd Thomas, Wales - Estyn/Research and International Links Lead Inspector

Ms Dana Pražáková- Czech republic (Head of the Quality Assurance Department at the State Education Quality Service

Ms Wilma Brings – Head of the district government Düsseldorf/North Rhine-Westphalia/Germany

12:15 – 12:30

Q&A Feedback (plenary)

12:30 – 12:45

Welcome to The Hague

Ms Tessie Kuiper - Coordinator of International Affairs/Dutch Inspectorate of Education

12:45 – 13:15

Conclusions

13:15

Lunch (Hotel NH Collection Nürnberg City)

14:00

End of the workshop



Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Bavarian State Institute for School Quality and Educational Research (ISB) and the SICI Executive Committee, we have the honor of extending the official invitation to the SICI workshop on September 24th, 25th and 26th, 2025 – at the same time we are thrilled since it's the first time for Bavaria to set up a SICI-workshop.

In line with the SICI theme for 2025, the title of the workshop will be: 'The Essential Role of Inspection in a Dynamic Educational Environment: Challenges, Opportunities and Impact' and will include presentations and group activities on the two main aspects of measuring ensuring relevance, impact and usefulness of external school inspection: requirements, definitions, functions/who do we want to reach, methods, etc. and of exchanging and discussing examples of good practice (see draft program above).

Our aim with this workshop is, on the one hand, to provide a worthy framework for gaining valuable and inspiring insights in the field of external evaluation and school inspection, and, on the other hand, to provide insight into the specifics of the Bavarian way of life and mentality. Overall, this workshop represents the goal of promoting international exchange and understanding between nations and bringing the vision of the European idea to life.

You may register for the workshop by completing the form available at the provided link by Friday, 11th of July by the latest:

<https://terminplaner6.dfn.de/de/e/833820c9bd5a0b903af39583b523292a-1291201>

For those who unfortunately can't manage to attend the workshop on site, it will be carried out in a hybrid way.

The workshop will take place at the NH Collection Nürnberg City hotel, located close to the heart of the old town and its historic sights, and offering excellent connections to Nuremberg Airport. The main train station is just a few minutes away, as is the long-distance bus stop. The hotel is easily accessible from the airport at Nuremberg or Munich:

Hotel information:

Hotel NH Collection Nürnberg City
Bahnhofstr. 17-19
90402 Nürnberg

Telephone number: +49 30 2238 8599
E-Mail: reservierungen@nh-hotels.com
keyword: "SICI-WORKSHOP"

We recommend booking as early as possible, as a limited number of rooms has been agreed with the hotel.

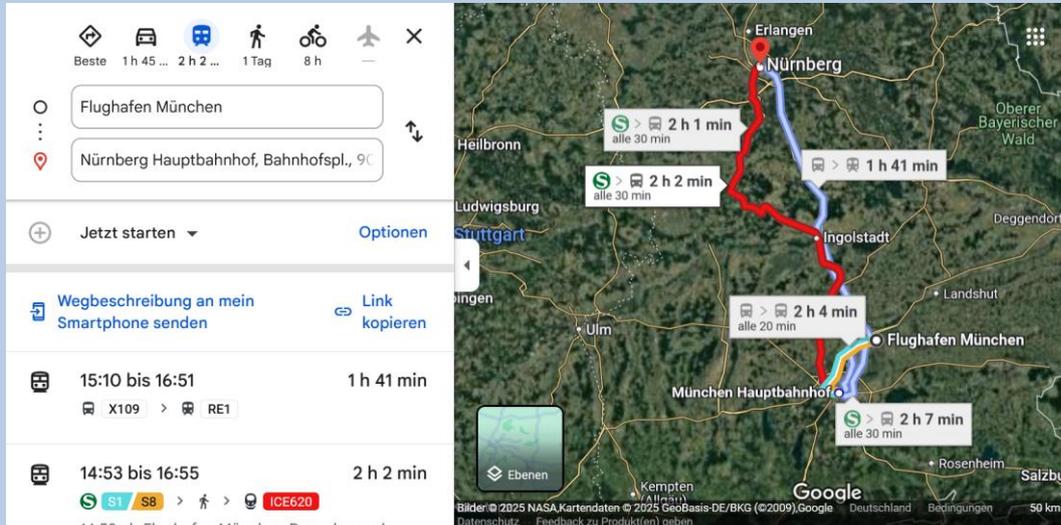
In case you'd like to stay at another hotel, there are a number of suitable options to choose from in the surroundings. However, early booking is also recommended.

Arrival Airport Munich

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The tram runs every 20 minutes.

From Munich Central Station there is an ICE train directly to Nuremberg Central Station.

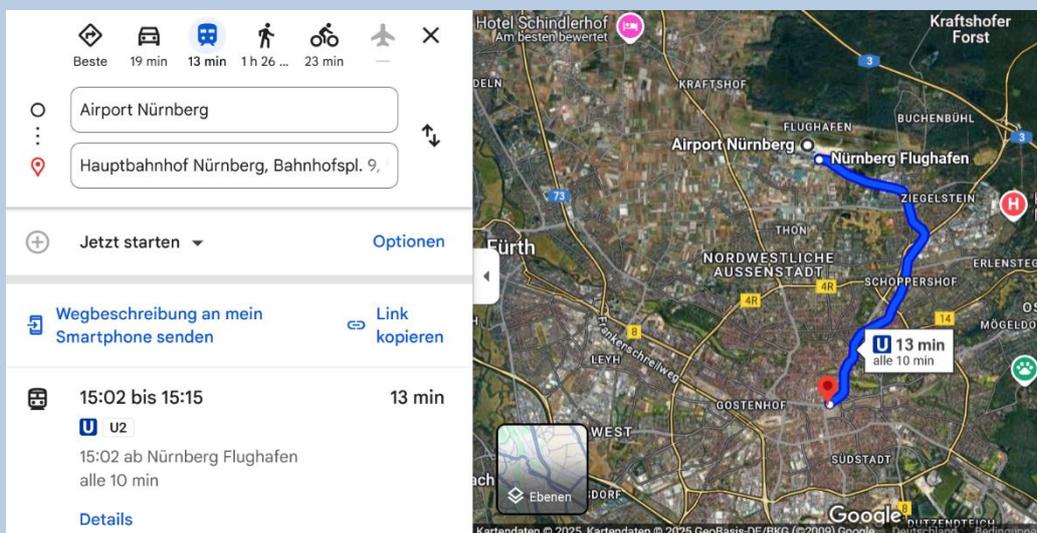


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Arrival Airport Nuremberg

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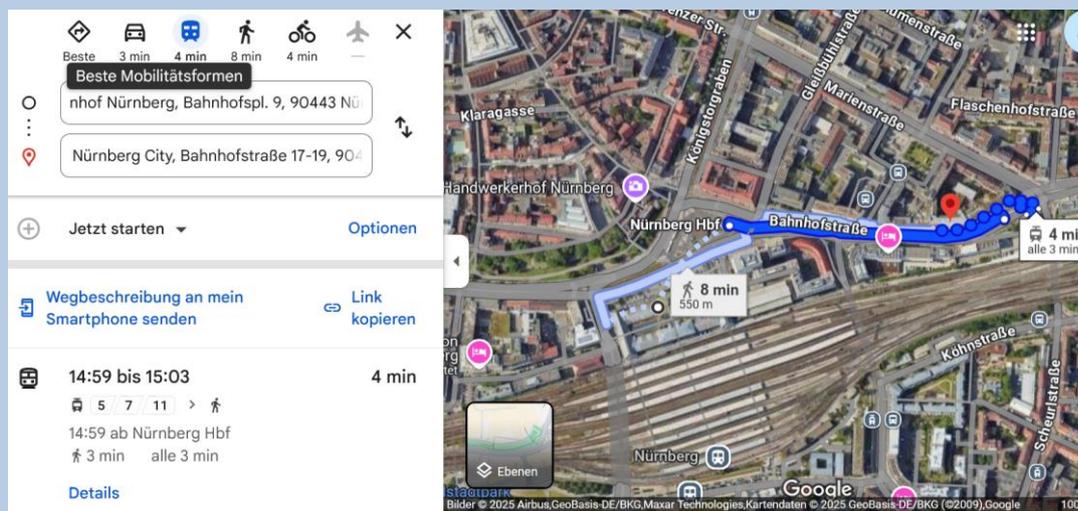


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From Nuremberg Central Station to NH Hotel Nürnberg City:

The way to the hotel is an 8-minute walk or you could take the tram in 4 minutes.



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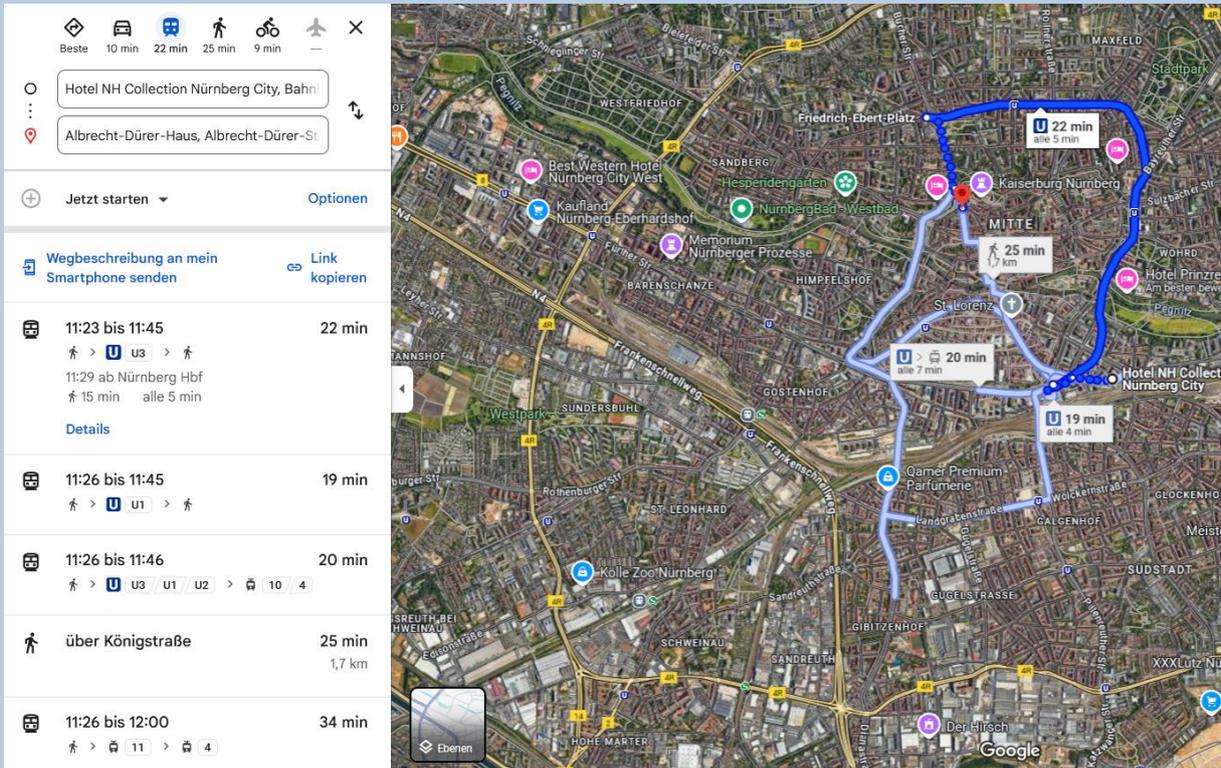
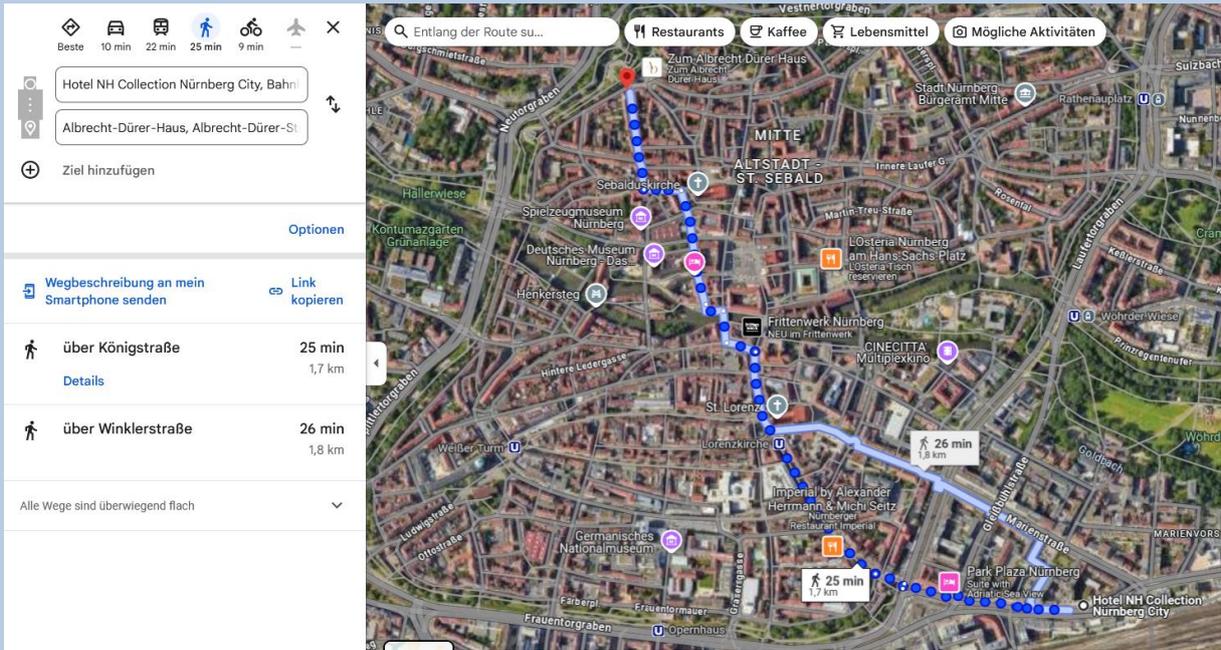
Information on the cultural program:

On September, the 24th we will offer a guided city tour through the picturesque medieval old town of Nuremberg providing information on the city's various roles in the course of the history of Germany and Bavaria. The tour will start at the entrance of the hotel and will end at the restaurant where you have the option either to have dinner together at the charming restaurant "Zum Albrecht Dürer-Haus" or to explore the city's choice of restaurants on your own.

For the guided tour of the Duerer-Museum on September, the 25th please go to the Museum independently. In order to be on time, please keep in mind that it is an about 25 minutes walk from the hotel to the museum. Since the museum is rather small, two tours will take place at staggered times.

From NH-Hotel to Duerer-Museum

The way from the hotel to Duerer-Museum is a 25-minute walk or you could take the tram in 22 minutes.



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On behalf of the Institute for School Quality and Educational Research we are looking forward to welcoming you to Bavaria and to the workshop in September!

Kind regards,

Dr. Alfons Frey, Head of the Institute for School Quality and Educational Research (ISB),
Munich

Jürgen Katzenberger, Head of the Department Quality Agency/ISB, Gunzenhausen (branch office)

Margit Schmidbauer, speaker at the Quality Agency and SICI national coordinator

