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Dear SICI-members and colleagues,

On behalf of the Standing International Conference of Inspectorates (SICI) and the Dutch Inspectorate of Education, we are delighted to invite you to the **30th SICI General Assembly**, taking place in **The Hague, the Netherlands**, on **19, 20, and 21 November 2025**.

Highlights

We aim to make SICI's thirtieth anniversary a memorable event for all our guests. Here's a brief preview of what to expect:

- ✓ Celebration of 30 years of SICI
- ✓ Discover The Hague's rich history and artistic heritage
- ✓ Visit to a VET school, including student performances and culinary treats
- ✓ Presentation of SICI's new strategic plan
- ✓ Conclusion of the STESSIE project during the National Coordinators' meeting (open for all)
- ✓ Introduction of strategic theme tables for Chief Inspectors
- ✓ And much more...

Strategic Theme Tables: Your Input Requested

For the first time, we will host '**strategic theme tables**' for Chief Inspectors or Directors, or representatives. These sessions aim to explore the most pressing and relevant issues in our organizations today.

To ensure the discussions reflect your current priorities, we kindly ask you to suggest one or two topics you would like to explore with your peers. No reports will be produced from these discussions, allowing for open and honest exchanges—on, for instance, political or media pressure. The organization team will make a selection from the proposed themes. Please submit your preferred theme by **Tuesday 8th July** by clicking on the link below.

Link: [Questionnaire Strategic Theme Tables Chief Inspectors](#)

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Practical information

Invitees

The strategic theme tables and the National Coordinators' meeting will take place in parallel. If your National coordinator is also the Chief inspector or Director, we encourage you to attend with a colleague so your organization can participate in both meetings. If that is not possible, please choose which session you will attend. The National Coordinators' meeting will be recorded for later viewing.

Venue

The Assembly will be held at [Spaansche Hof](#), a 20-minute walk from The Hague Central Station (or 3 minutes by tram, followed by a short walk). Direct trains run from **Schiphol Airport** (approx. 30 minutes), and there is also a convenient connection from **Rotterdam Airport** to The Hague centre (approx. 40 minutes). More information on public transportation will follow.

Programme and Schedule

The event begins on **Wednesday, 19 November at around 14:30**, with a cultural programme at Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, opposite the train station. That evening, we invite you to join a group dinner, if you wish. Please ensure that you have dropped off your luggage at your hotel before the start of the cultural programme, as luggage is not permitted inside the ministry for security reasons.

Thursday will feature a full day of workshops, concluding with a school visit and a gala dinner.

Friday will include a half-day programme, ending with lunch at around **13:00**.

Accommodation

We recommend booking your hotel early, as The Hague is a popular tourist destination and accommodations fill up quickly. Several hotels are located near the venue:

- [Hotel Ibis Den Haag City Centre](#) (5 minutes walk)
- [Park Centraal Den Haag](#), Part of Sircle Collection (7 minutes walk)
- [Hotel Indigo The Hague](#), IHG Hotel (10 minutes walk)
- [Boutique Hotel First City](#) (17 minutes walk)

You will receive the official registration form and additional details **after the summer break**.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to **The Hague** in November!

Kind regards,



Alida Oppers
Inspector General (Chief inspector) of The Dutch Inspectorate of Education