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European Council of National Associations of Independent Schools

**ECNAIS CONFERENCE/ AGM
Istanbul, Turkey**

Hotel Suadiye

Thursday 16 April to Saturday 18 April 2015

**Self-evaluation as part of a culture
of school improvement**

In the last few decades, schools have become increasingly accountable to students, parents and society; in response they have developed procedures for evaluating their own practice and performance.

As external evaluation and inspection of schools has developed, internal evaluation and assessment by schools has become increasingly necessary. In order to develop a vision of school-wide aims and goals, a culture of self-evaluation has become increasingly important to drive developing standards and school improvement.

Each school must develop its own procedure of self-evaluation to reflect its own vision and structure; this will include both the leadership's and the teachers' contribution as individuals and as part of a team to the learning process.

As an ongoing and developing process, self-evaluation should actively involve all stakeholders in order to give them a sense of ownership of the process itself, their role in the process, and the school in general.

Key questions about self-evaluation:

- Is it more than just individual reflection and internal assessment?
- What part does peer review and critical feedback play?
- How does self-evaluation feed into and develop the learning process?

Key concepts about self-evaluation in the wider aspects of the school:

- Assessment of students as part of the learning process
- Communication with all the school's stakeholders
- Development of a whole school vision: its aspirations and ethos, and their delivery pedagogically and pastorally

How self-evaluation recognises:

- Learning and teaching
- Teachers as professionals
- Students as learners



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| 08.45 – 09.15 | Welcome and registration |
| 09.15 – 10.30 | Opening of the Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cem GÜLAN, Co-chair Turkish Private Schools Association- Simon STEEN, Chairman ECNAIS- Prof. Dr. Nabi AVCI, Minister of National Education from Turkey |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee-break |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | Prof. Dr. Üstün ERGÜDER , Chair of the Executive Committee of the Education Reform Initiative, Turkey
Dialogue with the audience included |
| 13.00- 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | An example of international cooperation on self-assessment.
Video presentation by Sofia REIS about a multilateral Comenius school project
Dialogue with the audience included |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee-break |
| 16.00 – 18.30 | Presentation of the schools (which we will visit the next day) |
| 18.30 | Cocktail with representatives from schools |
| 19.30 – 22.30 | Dinner at the hotel restaurant |



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Friday 17 April 2015

09.00 – 12.00	School visits (lunch included)
12.30 – 13.30	School Pupil's music and dance show <i>(outside the hotel)</i>
13.45	<i>Return of participants to the hotel</i>
14.00 – 15.30	Prof. Patrick SINS , professor Reform Education, School of Education, Saxion University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands Dialogue with the audience included
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee-break
16.00 – 17.30	Simone DALSGAARD , advisor Danish Private School Association Dialogue with the audience included
17.30	Closure of the Conference
19.30 – 22.30	Official ECNAIS conference dinner on a boat on the Bosporus

Saturday 18 April 2015

09.00 – 12.00	Formal Annual General Meeting and Management Committee Meeting (open for members only)
Optional	Excursion (reservation with registration for the conference)
10.00 – 12.00	for non MC-members Visit to the old town of Istanbul (included pick up from the hotel, guided tour, lunch and in the afternoon free time that can be used for museums or shopping)
12.00 -13.30	Lunch (MC members and non-MC members together in restaurant Istanbul)
12.00 – 17.00	for MC-members Visit to the old town of Istanbul (pick up from the hotel, lunch and guided tour)