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Formal Invitation to participate in IEA's International Civic and Citizenship Education Study 2027

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to extend a formal invitation to participate in ICCS 2027; the fourth cycle of the International Civic and Citizenship Education Study and one of the flagship studies of IEA. ICCS has assessed civic knowledge, attitudes, and engagement of eight-grade students, as well as the schooling and teaching contexts for civic and citizenship education, since 2009. The study provides unique and comparative data that are recognized as a solid evidence base for researchers, educators, and policymakers interested in monitoring education policy agendas and improving teaching and learning practices in this critical area.

Education systems around the world face persisting and new challenges in educating young people for citizenship. Building on the first three cycles of ICCS, and its predecessor CIVED (Civic Education Study), the ICCS 2027 data collection is well timed to provide insight into the degree to which young people are prepared to undertake their roles as citizens during changing and uncertain times. As well as continuing to monitor changes over time in key aspects of civic and citizenship education, each cycle of ICCS evolves in order to maintain the relevance of its data to the civic and citizenship demands of our changing world.

Participating in ICCS provides countries with robust, comparative, and actionable data and indicators to help monitor and shape education policies in these critical areas. ICCS makes a substantial contribution to our knowledge about civic and citizenship education in schools, and our understanding of how diverse countries prepare their young people for citizenship.

In particular, ICCS data are recognized as the main existing source of data for SDG indicator 4.7.4, the percentage of students by age group (or education level) showing adequate understanding of issues relating to global citizenship and sustainability. In addition to participating in the international study, there are opportunities for countries to participate in regional modules to explore specific topics of common interest.

This next cycle of ICCS also brings with it several advances and will also complete the study's transition to a fully digital assessment. This mode of administration is particularly appropriate for ICCS given young people's consumption of information increasingly from digital sources and their engagement in civic activities through social media and internet-based tools. ICCS 2027 will take advantage of this by implementing a computer-based assessment that places students in scenarios that reflect these contexts.

The first ICCS 2027 National Research Coordinators meeting will take place between 28 February and 1 March 2024 in Hamburg, Germany. The meeting will be hosted by IEA in close collaboration with the new International Study Center, located at the University of Bath, and will be led by the International Study Directors, Dr. Maria Magdalena Isac and Dr. Andrés Sandoval-Hernández. It is strongly encouraged for all interested countries to send a representative to this meeting, even if participation in ICCS 2027 is not yet fully confirmed. More detailed information about this meeting can be found attached, and please register to attend by filling in this form [here](#).

Furthermore, please find attached to this letter the ICCS 2027 Information Package containing the study brochure, an overview of estimated national costs, information sheets outlining National Study Center tasks and job descriptions, as well as a provisional timeline for ICCS 2027. The costs of participating in ICCS 2027 are €385,000 (euro) and the participation fees document is also contained in the Information Package. More information about ICCS 2027 can be found on our website: iea.nl/studies/iea/iccs/2027.

If you have any questions about participating in ICCS 2027 or if you would like to receive the draft participation agreement, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Andrea Netten, Director of IEA Amsterdam (a.netten@iea.nl). We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to the next cycle of this unique study.

Yours sincerely,



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