



Thematic conferences and seminars held by the CSI have become an important form of cooperation between the CSI and MEYS management, cooperation with professional institutions, officials of regional authorities and with pedagogical staff. During the 2010/2011 school year national and international meetings of representatives of basic and secondary schools were organised and thematic conferences dealing with reading and mathematical literacy and one international conference were held.

In the 2010/2011 school year in total 257 school inspectors and 86 control officials worked for the CSI together with 141 external education experts who were invited to participate in the activities of the CSI.

The findings gathered within all the activities of the CSI are divided in the Annual Report into two main parts.

The first part, Part A, describes individual segments of the education system divided according to different levels of education. It encompasses summary findings on the course, conditions and results of education and overall evaluation of the situation observed in the schools visited in compliance with a four-grade rating scale in six key areas: provision of education; overall education achievement and effectiveness of the support for pupils' personality development; outcomes of innovative and preventive programmes; school management and an effective strategy of education; support of pedagogical staff (staffing, equipment provision and financial prerequisites); and school systems of self-evaluations and checks. This scheme and the selection of the monitored indicators enable inspectors to monitor not only the current situation in the education system and year-to-year comparisons but also trends occurring within the programme cycle (comparisons of progress made during the three past years).

The second part, Part B, deals with in-depth structural analyses using table summaries designated for experts. A list of them is published in the introduction to the tables concerned.

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