**Irish Presidency Conference**

***Better Assessment and Evaluation to Improve Teaching and Learning***

***19-20 March 2013***

# Draft Programme

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***Day 1: Tuesday 19th March***

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| **8.45 – 9.15** | **Registration and Coffee** |
| **9.15 – 9.30** | **Opening Address:** Seán Ó Foghlú, Secretary General, Department of Education and Skills |
| **9.30 – 10.00** | **Opening Address:** Representative of the European Commission |
| **10.00 – 11.00** | **Key Note Address: *The Assessment of Key Competences in Schools:***Tapio Säävälä, Head of Sector, European Commission |
| **11.00 – 11.30**  | **Tea/Coffee** |
| **11.30 – 13.00**  | **Keynote Address: *The Assessment of Key Competences: Implications for Practice*:** Professor Paul Black, Emeritus Professor of ScienceEducation, King's College, London**The Assessment of Key Competences: A Response from Ireland** Professor Eugene Wall, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick |
| **13.00 – 14.00**  | **Lunch** |
| **14.00 – 15.00**  | ***School Evaluation to Support the Acquisition of Key Competences*** Professor Graham Donaldson, University of Glasgow |
| **15.00 – 15.30**  | **Coffee** |
| **15.30 – 17.00** | **Parallel Workshops: *Evaluation and Assessment of Key Competences in Practice*** This session will enable delegates to interrogate the specific themes of the conference with a focus on examples of good practice |

***Day 2: Wednesday 20th March 2013***

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| **9.30 – 10.45**  | **Keynote Address: *OECD Review on Evaluation and Assessment Frameworks for Improving School Outcomes***Dr. Paulo Santiago, Senior Analyst, OECD Directorate for Education |
| **10.45 – 11.15**  | **Coffee** |
| **11.15 – 12.15**  | ***Evaluation and Assessment: A Response from Ireland to*** ***The OECD Framework***Dr. Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector, Department of Education and Skills |
| **12.15 – 13.00**  | **Panel Discussion on Themes of Conference**Facilitator: Dr. Anne Looney, Chief Executive of National Council for Curriculum and Assessment |
| **13.00 – 13.30**  | **Ministerial Closure of Conference**Ruairí Quinn, T.D., Minister for Education and Skills  |
| **13.30 – 14.30**  | **Lunch** |

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