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Dear Colleagues in International Education,

We are happy to introduce our first newsletter treating topics in international education. We will mail a new issue every other month and we look forward to continued conversations and creative interactions very soon.

A Brief Note from educPLAN

educPLAN works with educational institutions to support internationalization through focused professional development and program design. Our core areas include Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI), Global Competences, and Cross-Cultural and Professional Communication. Our work is designed to help institutions strengthen teaching, learning, and collaboration across international contexts. We start the new year 2026 with the first issue of a bimonthly newsletter and hope you enjoy it.

In Focus: Introducing Our Micro Appraisal Program

As we celebrate International Education – a time to recognize the power of learning across borders and cultures – we are pleased to introduce a new initiative: the educPLAN Micro Appraisal Program, *Celebrating International Education*.

Designed for today's dynamic educational landscape, the Micro Appraisal Program provides brief, focused, and actionable feedback to support continuous growth and

timely improvement. It reflects our ongoing commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and lifelong learning – core values at the heart of international education.

We invite institutions to join us in this new chapter in professional development via empowering educators, enriching classrooms, and strengthening our global learning community.

The Micro Appraisal Program is open to educational institutions (schools, institutes, and academies) wishing to present their programs for appraisal. An international commission of experts representing multiple continents will evaluate each submission. The process is conducted primarily online and follows the structure below:

1. Online application
2. Pre-audit by representatives of educPLAN
3. Extensive online presentation (written documentation and video) by the applicant institution
4. Evaluation of submitted materials by the educPLAN Experts Commission
5. Online conference with members of the Experts Commission
6. Evaluation conference and final decision
7. Formal presentation of the appraisal document to the applicant (online or, upon request, in situ)

For more information: contact@educplan.com

Reading & Resources

We leave you with some resources to share more information about some of the topics in this month's newsletter. Feel free to browse the selections and be in touch with any comments.

[Recommendations and Guidelines on Appraisals and Micro-Credentials](#)

European Higher Education Area

This document outlines shared European principles for the design, quality assurance, and recognition of micro-credentials. It offers useful context for institutions exploring structured, expert-informed appraisal and recognition processes.

[Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Changing Contexts and New Approaches](#)

UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning

This overview from UNESCO's International Institute for Educational Planning examines how quality assurance systems in higher education are evolving in response to global changes, emphasizing student-centred learning, outcomes focus, and flexible external review mechanisms aligned with institutional autonomy and international standards.

[Spotlight on EMI – English as a Medium of Instruction](#)

British Council

This collection brings together recent research and practitioner perspectives on English as a Medium of Instruction, highlighting current trends, challenges, and implications for teaching quality, policy, and faculty development in international contexts.

[English as a Medium of Instruction: A Growing Global Phenomenon](#)

British Council

This older (2014) but widely cited report examines the global expansion of EMI, highlighting institutional motivations, challenges, and implications for quality, faculty development, and internationalization strategies.

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Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Changing Contexts and New Approaches:

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Spotlight on EMI: English as a Medium of Instruction:

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/community/top-stories/spotlight-emi-english-medium-instruction>

English as a Medium of Instruction: A Growing Global Phenomenon:

https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/english_as_a_medium_of_instruction.pdf