

PART I

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk can be defined as the possibility of an event occurring that will have an impact on identified objectives. Risk management is the process by which potential opportunities and adverse effects are handled. An important component of risk management is risk assessment. It comprises two principle components: risk analysis and evaluation. Risk analysis considers the range of potential consequences and their likely occurrence. Risk evaluation involves comparing estimated levels of risk with pre-established criteria, thus allowing the prioritisation of risks.

This section explores the strategies developed by countries to address risk in schools. It concerns the following questions:

- What methodologies have been used to identify, analyse and evaluate risk in different countries?
- What risk assessment tools are currently used in schools to manage threatening situations?
- Could these risk assessment methodologies and tools be feasibly and reliably adapted to an international context?