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**Review Itinerary**

*Monday 10 March: Bern*

9:00 Stefan Wolter and Stefan Denzler, National Co-ordinators;  
9:45 Karin Müller Kucera and Martin Stauffer, authors, Country Background Report;  
11:00 Welcome by the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK/CDIP): Head Department Quality Development, EDK/CDIP;

- 12:00 Lunch with Hans Ambühl, Secretary General EDK, Olivier Maradan, Deputy Secretary General EDK and Heinz Rhyn (NAC).
- 14:00 Regional conferences of education authorities (issues of co-ordination at regional and intercantonal level): CIIP – *Conférence intercantonale de l'instruction publique de la Suisse romande et du Tessin* – and EDK-Ost - *Erziehungsdirektorenkonferenz der Ostschweizer Kantone und Liechtenstein*.
- 15:45 Senior officials of the EDK (issues of co-ordination at federal level): Head of Compulsory Education Department; Head of Vocational and Adult Education Department; Head of Department of “Hautes Ecoles”; and Head of International Co-operation Department and Culture and Society Department.

*Tuesday 11 March: Bern*

- 9.00 Primary and Secondary School, Schule Schwabgut, Bern.  
Tour of school, Class visit (mathematics, secondary II), roundtable with head of school, teachers, local school board, and representative of parents.
- 14:00 Swiss Institute of Pedagogy for Vocational Training (SIBP), Zollikofen.  
Tour of institution, meeting with Director, roundtable with teachers, meeting with students.

*Wednesday 12 March: Luzern*

- 9:15 Primary School Erlen at Emmenbrücke  
Welcome by the director of the cantonal office for compulsory education, representative of Education Department of Luzern and the principal of the schools of the community of Emmen.  
Tour of school including visit to classes, introduction to school development in the Canton of Luzern, discussion with heads of school, head of local school board, and teachers.
- 12:30 Lunch with local school authorities
- 14:30 Cantonal Administration  
Minister of Education of Canton Luzern (Vorsteher Bildungsdepartement des Kantons Luzern) and Director of cantonal office for compulsory education.
- 15:15 Pedagogic Training Centre Musegg (teachers' seminar), teacher training institute at upper secondary level.  
Discussion with Director, teacher educators and students.
- 16:00 University College of Education (PHZ) of Luzern (Haute Ecole Pédagogique), teacher training institute at tertiary non-university level to open in September 2003.  
Discussion with Director.

*Thursday 13 March: Bern*

- 9.00 Delegation from the Swiss Teacher Union (LCH/ECH) – umbrella organisation – with representatives from different cantons and educational levels.  
Deputy-Secretary General of LCH/ECH and Representatives of Bern, Fribourg, St.Gallen, Continuing Education, Hautes Ecoles Spécialisées, Primary and Secondary Education.
- 11.15 Teacher Education Institute of the University of Bern (LLB)  
Director of Social and educational department and Vice-president of Cantonal Conference of Teacher Education (KKLL)  
Tour of school and discussion with teacher educators.
- 12:15 Lunch with key persons of teacher education in the Canton of Bern.  
Director social & education Department and vice-president of KKLL; Head continuing teacher education; Prof. of French at LLB and Head Dept. teacher education in cantonal education administration.
- 15:00 Presentation of work commissioned by EDK on the image of the teaching profession
- 16:00 Meeting with representative of the Federal administration (Federal Department of Education and Science) and delegate to OECD's Education Committee.

*Friday 14 March: Lausanne*

- 10.30 Minister of Education of Canton Vaud (Conseillère d'Etat, Département de la formation et de la jeunesse).  
Head of *Service de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur et de la formation (SESSFO) du Département de la formation et de la jeunesse du Canton de Vaud*.

- 11:30 Haute Ecole Pédagogique du Canton de Vaud (HEP VD), teacher training institute at tertiary non-university level.  
Visit of institution, discussion with institution's management including Director, several teacher educators and meeting with teacher trainees.
- 14:00 Gymnase Auguste-Picard, Secondary School, Lausanne.  
Roundtable with school management and teachers.
- 16:30 Meeting with representatives of teacher unions and parents' organisations  
SER: Syndicat des Enseignants Romands;  
SPV: Société Pédagogique Vaudoise;  
APE VD: Association Vaudoise des parents d'élèves;  
FAPERT: Fédération des Associations de Parents des Ecoles Romandes et Tessinoises.
- 18:15 Discussion with:  
Head of *Service de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur et de la formation (SESSFO) du Département de la formation et de la jeunesse du Canton de Vaud*;  
Director of Haute Ecole Pédagogique du Canton de Vaud;  
Vice-Recteur, Université de Lausanne.

*Sunday 16 March: Bern*

- 9:30 Review team meetings

*Monday 17 March: Bern*

- 10:00 "Avenir Suisse", Think Tank for Social and Economic Development: presentation of project "Best Practices";
- 11:00 Seminar with educational researchers: Hans Joss, Continuous Teacher Training, Canton of Bern (ZSLLFB); Judith Hollenweger, Yuka Nakamura and Stefan Albisser, Teacher Education Institution Zürich (Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich, Département Forschung und Entwicklung, PHZH); Stefan Wolter and Stefan Denzler (Swiss Co-ordination Centre for Research in Education, SCCRE).
- 14:15 Councillor of the City of Bern (Member of the Government and Head of the Department of Education of the city of Bern).
- 15:30 Parents' organisations  
"Schule und Elternhaus Schweiz", umbrella organisation of Swiss Parental organisations;  
"Elternlobby Schweiz", parental organisation defending free school choice.
- 17:30 Review team meetings

*Tuesday 18 March: Bern*

- 9:30 National Advisory Committee – Initial impressions by review team and feedback by Swiss authorities.
- 11:30 Farewell drink and lunch.
- 13:00 Visit conclusion.