# OECD PISA: Student Achievement and ICT Use at School and at Home



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### Research programs regarding ICT in schools

- IEA (International Association for Evaluation of Educational Achievement) COMPED (Computers in Education) (1989 - 1992 - 1995)
- IEA SITES (Second Information Technology in Education Study) (1996-2000)
- IEA SITES 2006
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) PISA (Programe of International Student Assessment) (1998 - 2014)

## ICT component in OECD PISA

- ICT component was administered in <u>all</u> OECD PISA cycles
- Data collection on ICT was performed from
  - School questionnaire
  - Student questionnaire and ICT questionnaire (part of student questionnaire), BUT we should keep in mind that
- IMPORTANT!!! ICT questionnaire was not designed to assess directly the quality of ICT use at school and the integration of ICT in pedagogy.

#### Results and problems regarding ICT in education indicated in the period 1990 – 2009 (different sources)

- Digital literacy is now a fundamental learning objective for all
- ICT in schools requires an extended professional role for teachers
- School Leadership and management must be fully committed to adopting ICT
- The need for pre-service and in-service professional development for teachers
  - $\circ$  To equip them with the technical skills for using ICT
  - To know how to incorporate ICT effectively into their teaching (how to get added value from ICT use).

# Some «expected» results from OECD PISA

### Number of computers at home and average achievement in OECD PISA 2012 (Latvia)

| # of computers<br>at home | Average achievement of students (Latvia) |         |         |  |
|---------------------------|--|---------|---------|--|
|                           | Mathematics                              | Science | Reading |  |
| No                        | 443                                      | 465     | 440     |  |
| One                       | 485                                      | 499     | 488     |  |
| Two                       | 501                                      | 510     | 501     |  |
| Three or more             | 519 🖌                                    | 523     | 515     |  |

### Age of first use of computer and average achievement in OECD PISA 2012 (Latvia)

|                              | Average achievement of students (Latvia) |         |         |  |
|------------------------------|--|---------|---------|--|
| Age of first<br>computer use | Mathematics                              | Science | Reading |  |
| 6 years or<br>younger        | 505                                      | 514     | 502     |  |
| 7 – 9 years of<br>age        | 497                                      | 507     | 499     |  |
| 10 – 12 years<br>of age      | 488                                      | 500     | 485     |  |
| 13 years or<br>older         | 453 🖌                                    | 477     | 463     |  |

## Some «alarming» results from OECD PISA

#### Access and use of computer at home and at school and average achievement in OECD PISA (Latvia)

| Availability of computer         |                             | Average achievement (Latvia) |         |         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                  |                             | Mathematics                  | Science | Reading |
| Desktop<br>computer at<br>home   | Yes, and I use it           | → 494                        | 504     | 490     |
|                                  | Yes, but I do not<br>use it | → 504                        | 515     | 508     |
|                                  | No                          | 477                          | 495     | 479     |
| Desktop<br>computer at<br>school | Yes, and I use it           | 486                          | 498     | 482     |
|                                  | Yes, but I do not<br>use it | 508                          | 519     | 510     |
|                                  | No                          | 468                          | 480     | 485     |

#### ICT Program/Software use index and student achievement (OECD PISA 2000 – 2006)



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#### Use of computers in regular classroom lessons (OECD PISA 2009; Latvia)

| Subject area | Students' report on<br>ICT use in regular<br>classroom lessons | Average<br>achievement (OECD<br>PISA 2009; Latvia) |
|--------------|--|--|
| Reading      | Never  | 494  |
|              | 0 - 30 minutes   | 477  |
|              | 31 - 60 minutes  | 439  |
|              | More than 60 minutes   | 431  |
| Mathematics  | Never  | 492  |
|              | 0 - 30 minutes   | 471  |
|              | 31 - 60 minutes  | 450  |
|              | More than 60 minutes   | 460/ 🕈   |
| Science      | Never  | 502  |
|              | 0 - 30 minutes   | 490  |
|              | 31 - 60 minutes  | (474)  |
|              | More than 60 minutes   | 481  |

## What we have?

- Inconsistent or even mutually exclusive results about access to computers and ICT use (at home and at school) and student achievement in OECD PISA.
- More detailed analysis should be performed to clerify the results presented on previous slides.
- It is clear that the problem of «added value of ICT in education process» is not solved yet

## Problem of added value due to the use of ICT

- <u>Added value</u> of ICT to the instruction process and outcome - <u>something we cannot</u> <u>gain without ICT</u>
- Is it possible to determine precisely this added value in different subject areas?
- What are the main steps to reach understanding of added value in... (physics, history, languages ...)?
- This is one of the most important challenges for school teachers regarding ICT use in education.

# Thank You for attention!