

ANNEX II – TABLE OF EQUIVALENCES OF TEACHING LEVELS/YEAR GROUPS

Year	European School		National schools																		
			United Kingdom				Belgium	Denmark ^{XIII}	Germany ^{XI}	Greece ^{XIV}	Luxembourg	Netherlands	Austria								
			England, Wales Northern Ireland ^{XII}	Scotland																	
1 ⁱ	1st	Primary	year 2	Primary	2	Primary	1ère	Primaire	0.	Folkeskole	1.	Grund- schule	1st	Primary	Cycle 2	Enseignement fondamental	Groep 3	Basisonderwijs	1.	Volks- schule	Grundschule
2	2nd		year 3		3		2ème		1.		2.		2nd		Groep 4		2.				
3	3rd		year 4		4		3ème		2.		3.		3rd		Cycle 3		Groep 5		3.		
4	4th		year 5		5		4ème		3.		4.		4th		Cycle 4		Groep 6		4.		
5	5th		year 6		6		5ème		4.		5.		5th		7e		Groep 7		1.		
6	1st		year 7		7		6ème		5.		6.		6th		6e		Groep 8		2.		
7	2nd	Secondary	year 8	Secondary	1	Secondary	1ère	Secondaire	6.	Gymnasium	7.	Sekundarstufe I	1st	Lower Sec	Enseignement secondaire	1ste	School voor V.W.O.	3.	(Real) Gymnasium Unterstufe/ Mittelschule	Sekundar- stufe I	
8	3rd		year 9		2		2ème		7.		8.		2nd			5e		2de			4.
9	4th		year 10		3		3ème		8.		9.		3rd			4e		3de			
10	5th		year 11		4		4ème		9		10.		1st			3e		4de			1.
11	6th		year 12		5		5ème		1.		11.		2nd			2e		5de			2.
12	7th		year 13		6		6ème		2.		12.		3rd			1re		6de			3.
											3.		13.								4.

Year	European School		National schools																		
			Italy				Ireland		Spain		France ^{XVI}				Portugal			Finland		Sweden	
			1a	Scuola Elementare (Primary)			1st	Primary	1°	Educacion primaria	Cours préparatoire	CYCLE DES APPRENTISSAGES FONDEMENTAUX	1°	Ensino Básico	1° ciclo	1	Comprehensive school <i>Peruskoulu Grundläggande utbildning</i>	1	Comprehensive school <i>Grundskola</i>		
2	2a	2nd	2°				Cours élémentaire 1ère année		2°		2		2								
3	3a	3rd	3°				Cours élémentaire 2ème année		3°		3		3								
4	4a	4th	4°				Cours moyen 1ère année		4°		4		4								
5	5a	5th	5°				Cours moyen 2ème année		5°		5		5								
6	1st	Secondary	I	Scuola Media (Lower Secondary)			6th	Junior Certificate	6°	Educación secundaria obligatoria	6ème	CYCLE DE CONSOLIDATION	6°		2° ciclo	6		6			
7	2nd		II				1st		1°		5ème		7°			7		7			
8	3rd		III				2nd		2°		4ème		8°			8		8			
9	4th		IV				3rd		3°		3ème		9°	9		9					
10	5th		V	Ginnasio	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th	Liceo Scientifico	4th Transition		4°		Seconde		10°	Ensino Secundário	10/1	Upper Sec. <i>Lukiokoulutus Gymnasie- utbildning</i>		1	Upper Secondary <i>Gymnasium</i>		
11	6th		I				5th	1°	Première			11°	11/2		2						
12	7th		II				6th	2°	Terminale			12°	12/3		3						
				III	Liceo Classico		Liceo Scientifico														

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European School			National schools																		
			Czech Republic					Cyprus		Estonia			Hungary				Latvia				
1 ⁱⁱⁱ	1 st	Primary	1	Základní vzdělávání 1. stupeň základní školy / BASIC SCHOOL (primary)			1 st	Primary	1 ^{iv}	Põhikool	I aste	1.	Általános iskola (Primary school)	Ált. isk. (Pr. sch.)	Ált. isk. (Primary sch.)	1 ^v	Obligātā pamat-izglītība (Compulsory Basic Education)	Pirmā posma pamat-izglītība (First Stage Basic Education)			
2	2 nd		2				2 nd		2			2.				2					
3	3 rd		3				3 rd		3			3.				3					
4	4 th		4				4 th		4			4.				4					
5	5 th		5				5 th		5			5.				5					
6	1 st	Secondary	6	Základní vzdělávání 2. stupeň základní školy / BASIC SCHOOL (lower secondary)			6	Lower Secondary (Gymnasium)	6			III aste				6.			Középiskola (Primary school)	Középiskola (Secondary school)	Középiskola (Secondary school)
7	2 nd		7				1 st		7		7.		7								
8	3 rd		8				2 nd		8		8. Certific.		8								
9	4 th		9	Střední vzdělávání / UPPER –SECONDARY			3 rd	Gymnázium / Gymnasium	9		Gümnaasium		9	Középiskola (Secondary school)	Középiskola (Secondary school)	Középiskola (Secondary school)			9	Vidusskola (Secondary education)	
10	5 th		1				1 st		Upper Secondary				10						10. (II.)		
11	6 th		2				2 nd		(Lyseum or Technical school)	11			11. (III.)				11				
12	7 th		3				3 rd			12			12. (IV.) Certific.				12				
							4														

European School			National schools													
			Lithuania				Malta ^{xv}		Poland			Slovak Republic		Slovenia		
1 ^{vi}	1st	Primary	1st ^{vii}	Pradinė mokykla (primary)			Yr 2	PRIMARY	1	Szkoła podstawowa (primary)		1	Primary	Osnovna šola (Primary)		
2	2nd		2nd				Yr 3		2			2				
3	3rd		3rd				Yr 4		3			3				
4	4th		4th				Yr 5		4			4				
5	5th		5th				Yr 6		5			5				
6	1st		Secondary	Pagrindinė mokykla (Lower secondary)			Form I	LOWER SECONDARY	6			6	Lower Secondary			
7	2nd						7th		Form II			7				7
8	3rd						8th		Form III			8				8
9	4th						9th		Form IV			1				9
10	5th						10th		Form V			2				1
11	6th			11th	1st Yr	3	2									
12	7th			12th		2nd Yr	4	3								
			Vidurinė mokykla (Upper secondary)	Gimnazija	3rd											
					4th											

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			European School		National schools									
					Romania					Bulgaria			Croatia	
1 ^{viii}	1st	Primary	1st	Compulsory education (învățământ obligatoriu)	Primary education	Primary school (Învățământ primar)		1st	Primary	1st ^x	Osnovna škola (Primary education)			
2	2nd		2nd					2nd						
3	3rd		3rd					3rd						
4	4th		4th					4th						
5	5th		5th					5th						
6	1st	Secondary	6th	Lower secondary Education (Învățământ secundar inferior)	Gymnasium (Gimnaziu)	Lower secondary		6th	Lower secondary	6th	Gimnazija -opća, jezična, klasična, prirodoslovno-matematička, prirodoslovna (Secondary education)			
7	2nd		7th					7th						
8	3rd		8th					8th						
9	4th		9th					8th						
10	5th		10th			High school -lower cycle- (liceu – ciclul inferior)	Vocational education – Arts and Trades School (învățământ profesional - Școala de arte și meserii)	9th	Upper -secondary	1st				
11	6th		11th					High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior) ^{ix}		Vocational – education Completion year (învățământ profesional - An de completare)			10th	2nd
12	7th		12th			Upper secondary education (Învățământ secundar superior)	Technical education - High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior)						11th	3rd
			13th							12th			4th	

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- i First year starts at age of 6
- ii First year starts at the age of 6
- iii First year starts at the age of 6
- iv **Estonia:** The legislation stipulates 7 as the age at which children must start compulsory schooling
- v **Latvia:** The legislation stipulates that part of nursery is compulsory education, 7 is the age at which children must start compulsory basic education.
- vi First year starts at the age of 6
- vii **Lithuania:** The legislation stipulates 7 as the age at which children must start compulsory schooling. The legislation provides for starting compulsory schooling at the age of 6. The usual practice, however, is for children to start primary school at 7 years of age.
- viii First year starts at age of 6
- IX **Romania:** High school is including also technical education.
The legislation stipulates 6 as the age of at which children start compulsory education, with the possibility for the parents to postpone the beginning of 1st grade with one year. The last 2 years of compulsory education (grades 9 and 10) can be followed either in high school (lower cycle of high school) or in arts and trades school (vocational education). Graduates of arts and trades schools can continue their studies in a completion year at the end of which they have the right to enter the upper cycle of high school. At the end of high school, the graduates of both paths (4 years direct path or 5 years progressive path) may participate in the baccalaureate exam.
- X **Croatia:** The legislation stipulates 6,5 as age at which children must start compulsory primary education. Prior to this they have 1 year of compulsory pre-school education. The legislation provides for starting compulsory education at age of 6. The usual practice is for children to start primary education at 6,5 and 7 years of age.
- XI **Germany:** Please note in Germany two versions of the Gymnasium exist: the G8 and the G9 model. At the G8-Gymnasium the 'Mittelstufe' or 'Sekundarstufe 1' is deprived of one year (10) compared to the G9-Gymnasium. Students at the G8-Gymnasium have a total of 12 school years, whereas students at the G9-Gymnasium have a total of 13 school years. The states have the liberty to decide which model to run.
- XII **Ireland:** Education is compulsory for children in Ireland from the age of 6. In Ireland, the primary cycle is preceded by two years in the infant cycle with pupils being enrolled in the first year of the infant cycle in the September after they turn 5. The majority of children will complete the two years in the infant cycle before beginning the primary cycle. In effect, this means that children will usually be turning 7 in their first year of primary. It is very important that children are placed in classes that are age appropriate.
- XIII **Denmark:** Education is compulsory from August of the year in which the child reaches the age of six. In Denmark, education is compulsory for 10 years.
- XIV **Greece:** Compulsory pre-school education in Greece is a two- year period, starting at the age of 4 years.
- XV **Malta:** Education is compulsory from the age of 5 (Primary yr 1) to the age of 16.
- XVI **France:** Decree No. 2013-682 of July 24, 2013 of the Education Code redefines the educational cycles in primary and middle schools, and Article 1 rewrites Section 4 of Chapter I of Title I of Book III of Part II (regulatory section) of the Education Code: Art. D. 311-10.