

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

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

  

Year		European School		National schools																	
				Italy					Ireland		Spain		France			Portugal		Finland		Sweden	
1 <sup>II</sup>	1st	Primary	1a	Scuola Elementare (Primary)	1st	Primary	1º	Educacion primaria	Cours préparatoire			1º	Ensino Básico	1º ciclo	1	Comprehensive school <i>Peruskoulu</i> <i>Grundläggande utbildning</i>	1	Comprehensive school <i>Grundskola</i>			
2	2nd		2a		2nd		2º		Cours élémentaire 1ère année			2º			2		2				
3	3rd		3a		3rd		3º		Cours élémentaire 2ème année			3º			3		3				
4	4th		4a		4th		4º		Cours Moyen 1ère année			4º			4		4				
5	5th		5a		5th		5º		Cours Moyen 2ème année			5º			5		5				
6	1st	Secondary	I	Scuola Media (Lower Secondary)	6th	Junior Certificate	6º	Educación secundaria obligatoria	Vlème	Enseignement secondaire	1er cycle	6º	Ensino Secundário	3º ciclo	6	Upper Sec. <i>Lukokoulutus</i> <i>Gymnastie- utbildning</i>	6	Upper Secondary <i>Gymnasium</i>			
7	2nd		II		1st		1º		Vème			7º			7						
8	3rd		III		2nd		2º		IVème			8º			8						
9	4th		IV	3rd	3º	IIIème	9º	9													
10	5th		V	4th Transition	4º	Seconde	10º	10/1													
11	6th		Liceo Classico	Liceo Scientifico	5th	Senior Certificate	1º	Bachillerato	Première		2ème cycle	11º	11/2	12/3	11/2	3					
12	7th	III			6th		2º		Terminale			12º			12/3			3			

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European School		National schools																								
		Czech Republic				Cyprus		Estonia			Hungary			Latvia												
1 <sup>III</sup>	1st	Primary	1	Základní vzdělávání 1. stupeň základní školy / BASIC SCHOOL (primary)		1 <sup>st</sup>	Primary	1 <sup>IV</sup>	Põhikool	I aste	1.	Általános iskola (Primary school)	Ált. isk. (Pr. sch.)	Ált. isk. (Primary sch.)	1 <sup>V</sup>	Pirmā posma pamatizglītība (First stage basic education)	Gimnāzija (Gymnasium)									
2	2 <sup>nd</sup>		2			2 <sup>nd</sup>		2.			2															
3	3 <sup>rd</sup>		3			3 <sup>rd</sup>		3.			3															
4	4 <sup>th</sup>		4			4 <sup>th</sup>		4.			4															
5	5 <sup>th</sup>		5			5 <sup>th</sup>		5.			5															
6	1 <sup>st</sup>	Secondary	6	Základní vzdělávání 2. stupeň základní školy / BASIC SCHOOL (lower secondary)	Gymnázium / Gymnasium	6	Lower Secondary (Gymnasium)	Põhikool		II aste	8. Certific.		Középsiskola (Sec.sch.)	Középsiskola (Secondary school)	Középsiskola (Secondary school)			6	Pamatizglītība (Compulsory basic education)	Otrā posma pamatizglītība (Second stage basic education)						
7	2 <sup>nd</sup>		7			1 <sup>st</sup>												7			7					
8	3 <sup>rd</sup>		8			2 <sup>nd</sup>												8			8					
9	4 <sup>th</sup>		9			3 <sup>rd</sup>												9			9					
10	5 <sup>th</sup>		1			1 <sup>st</sup>												10			Gimnaasium	10	Gimnaasium	III aste	9. (I.)	Középsiskola (Sec.sch.)
11	6 <sup>th</sup>		2			2 <sup>nd</sup>			11			10. (II.)				11										
12	7 <sup>th</sup>		3			3 <sup>rd</sup>			12			11. (III.)				12										
		4			12. (IV.) Certific.																					

European School		National schools																						
		Lithuania				Malta		Poland			Slovak Republic		Slovenia											
1 <sup>VI</sup>	1st	Primary	1 <sup>stVII</sup>	Pradinė mokykla (primary)		Yr 2	PRIMARY	1	Szkola podstawowa (primary)	Primary	1	Osnovna šola (Primary)	1	Gimnazija	Splošna Klasična Umetniška Ekonomsk a Tehniška									
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	6th	Pagrindinė mokykla (Lower secondary)	Gimnazija	Form I	LOWER SECONDARY	6		Szkola podstawowa (primary)	Lower Secondary		6			Osnovna šola (Primary)	6	Gimnazija	Splošna Klasična Umetniška Ekonomsk a Tehniška					
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					10											
11	6th		12th			Vidurinė mokykla (Upper secondary)		Gimnazija	1st Yr			GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY	3	Technikum (secondary)	Liceum ogólnoksz tałcące (secondary)		Upper Secondary			1	Osnovna šola (Primary)	1	Gimnazija	Splošna Klasična Umetniška Ekonomsk a Tehniška
12	7th								2nd Yr				4							2		11		
							5				3		3											
											4		4											

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	European School	National schools										
		Romania				Bulgaria		Croatia				
1 <sup>VIII</sup>	1st	Primary	1st	Compulsory education (învățământ obligatoriu)	Primary education	Primary school (Învățământ primar)		1st	Primary	1st <sup>X</sup>	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)		6th	Lower secondary	6th			
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	Gimnazija -opća, jezična, klasična, prirodoslovnomatemička, prirodoslovna (Secondary education)
											2nd	
11	6th		11th				High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior) <sup>ix</sup>	Vocational – education Completion year (învățământ profesional - An de completare)	11th	3rd		
		4th										
12	7th	12th	Upper secondary education (Învățământ secundar superior)	Technical education - High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior)	12th	4th						
		13th										

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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 High school is including also technical education.  
**Romania:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7 as age at which children must start compulsory education (primary education). The legislation provides for starting compulsory education at age of 6. The usual practice is for children to start primary education at 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.