

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

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

Year	European School		National schools																				
			Italy				Ireland		Spain		France			Portugal		Finland		Sweden					
1 ⁱⁱ	1st	Primary	1a	Scuola Elementare (Primary)			1st	Primary	1°	Educacion primaria			Cours préparatoire		1°	Ensino Básico	1° ciclo	1	Comprehensive school Peruskoulu Grundläggande utbildning			1	Comprehensive school Grundskola
2	2nd		2a				2nd		2°				Cours élémentaire 1ère année		2°			2				2	
3	3rd		3a				3rd		3°				Cours élémentaire 2ème année		3°			3				3	
4	4th		4a				4th		4°				Cours Moyen 1ère année		4°			4				4	
5	5th		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			Enseignement secondaire	1er cycle	6°	2° ciclo	6	6	6				
7	2nd		II				1st		1°						Vlème		7°			7	7		
8	3rd		III				2nd		2°						Vème		8°			8	8		
9	4th		IV	Ginnasio	1 st	Liceo Scientifico	3rd	Senior Certificate	3°	IIIème		9°	3° ciclo	9	9	9							
10	5th		V				4th Transition		4°	Seconde		10°		Ensino Secundário			10/1	11/2	12/3				
11	6th		Liceo Classico	3 rd	Liceo Scientifico	Senior Certificate	5th	1°	Première		11°	11°	12°										
12	7th						II		6th	2°	Terminale				12°	12°				12°			
			III	Liceo Classico	Liceo Scientifico	Senior Certificate	2°																

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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	Pirmā posma pamatizglītība (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		Põhikool	II aste		6.	Általános iskola (Primary school)	Ált. isk. (Pr. sch.)			Ált. isk. (Primary sch.)	6	Pamatzglītība (Compulsory basic education)	
7	2 nd		7			1 st		7					7.						7		
8	3 rd		8			2 nd		8					8.						8		
9	4 th		9			3 rd		9					8. Certific.						9		
10	5 th		1			Střední vzdělávání / UPPER –SECONDARY		1 st					Upper Secondary						10		Gümnaasium
11	6 th		2					2 nd	11		10. (II.)	10									
12	7 th		3					3 rd	12		11. (III.)	11									
			4								12. (IV.) Certific.	12									
															10	Vidusskola (Secondary education)					
															11		Gimnazija (Gymnasium)				
													12								

European School		National schools																
		Lithuania				Malta		Poland			Slovak Republic		Slovenia					
1 ^{vi}	1 st	Primary	1 ^{stvii}	Pradinė mokykla (primary)		Yr 2	PRIMARY	1	Szkola podstawowa (primary)			1	Primary	1	Osnovna šola (Primary)			
2	2 nd		2 nd			Yr 3		2				2						
3	3 rd		3 rd			Yr 4		3				3						
4	4 th		4 th			Yr 5		4				4						
5	5 th		5 th			Yr 6		5				5						
6	1 st	Secondary	6 th	Pagrindinė mokykla (Lower secondary)		Form I	LOWER SECONDARY	6	Technikum (secondary)	Liceum ogólnokształcące (secondary)	6	Lower Secondary	6	Gimnazija				
7	2 nd		7 th			Form II		7			7							
8	3 rd		8 th			Form III		8			8							
9	4 th		9 th			Form IV		1			9							
10	5 th		10 th			Form V		2			10							
11	6 th		Vidurinė mokykla (Upper secondary)	Gimnazija	1 st	GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY	3	Technikum (secondary)	Liceum ogólnokształcące (secondary)	3	Upper Secondary	3	Upper Secondary	1	Gimnazija	Splošna Klasična Umetniška Ekonomsk a Tehniška		
12	7 th				2 nd		1 st Yr			4		11						
					4 th		2 nd Yr			5		12						

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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)		5th	Lower secondary	6th		
7	2nd		7th				7th				
8	3rd		8th				8th				
9	4th		9th				9th				
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)
12	7th		12th				Technical education - High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior)	11th			
			13th								12th

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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 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 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.
- 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.