

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

National schools																						
Year	European School		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	1ère	Primaire		0.	1.	Grund- schule	1st	Primary		Cycle 2	Enseignement fondamental		Groep 3	Basisonderwijs		1.	Volks- schule	Sekundar- stufe I
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						Groep 6			4.		
5	5th		year 6	6	5ème			4.	5.		5th			Cycle 4			Groep 7					
6	1st	Secondary	year 7	7	6ème			5.	6.		6th			7e	Enseignement secondaire		Groep 8			1.	(Real) Gymnasium Unterstufe/ Mittelschule	Sekundar- stufe II
7	2nd		year 8	1	1ère			6.	7.		1st	Lower Secondary		6e						2.		
8	3rd		year 9	2	2ème			7.	8.		2nd			5e			2de			3.		
9	4th		year 10	3	3ème			8.	9.		3rd			4e			3de			4.		
10	5th		year 11	4	4ème			9	10.		1st			3e			4de			1.	(Real) Gymnasium Oberstufe	
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.			Upper Secondary								4.		
National schools																						
Year	European School		Italy		Ireland		Spain		France ^{XVI}		Portugal		Finland		Sweden							
1 ⁱⁱ	1st	Primary	1a	Scuola Elementare (Primary)	1st	Primary	1º	Educación primaria	Cours préparatoire	CYCLE DES APPRENTISSAGES FONDAMENTAUX	1º	Ensin o Básico	1	Comprehensive school <i>Peruskoulu</i> <i>Grundläggn dskola</i>	1	Upper Secondary Gymnasium						
2	2a		2nd		2º		Cours élémentaire 1ère année		2º		2		2									
3	3a		3rd		3º		Cours élémentaire 2ème année		3º		3		3									
4	4a		4th		4º		Cours moyen 1ère année		4º		4		4									
5	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	6ème	CYCLE DE CONSOLIDATION	6º	Ensin o Básico	6	Comprehensive school <i>Peruskoulu</i> <i>Grundläggn dskola</i>	6	Upper Secondary Gymnasium						
7	2nd		1st		1º		5ème		7º		7		7									
8	3rd		2nd		2º		4ème		8º		8		8									
9	4th		3rd		3º		3ème		9º		9		9									
10	5th		4th Transition		4º		Seconde		10º		10/1		10/1									
11	6th	Liceo Classico	I	Senior Certificate	5th	Liceo Scientifico	1º	Bachillerato	Première	CYCLE DES APPROFONDISSE MENTS	11º	Ensin o Básico	11/2	Upper Sec. <i>Lukiokoulutus</i> <i>Gymnasie- utbildning</i>	11/2	Upper Secondary Gymnasium						
12	7th		II		2º		Terminale		12º		12/3		12/3									
			III		6th																	

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

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

- 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.