

## 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				Groep 4			2.			
3	3rd		year 4		4		3ème		3.		3rd				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	Secondary	year 7	Secondary	7	Secondaire	6ème	Gymnasie- skole / hf	6.	Sekundarstufe I	6th	Lower Sec	Cycle 3	Enseignement secondaire	Groep 8		School voor V.W.O.	2.	(Real) Gymnasium Unterstufe/ Mittelschule	Sekundar- stufe I	
7	2nd		year 8		1		1ère		7.		1st				6e	1ste		3.			
8	3rd		year 9		2		2ème		8.		2nd				5e	2de		4.			
9	4th		year 10		3		3ème		9.		3rd		4e	3de		1.					
10	5th		year 11		4		4ème		10.		1st		3e	4de			2.				
11	6th		year 12		5		5ème		1.		Upper Secondary		2e	5de		3.		(Real) Gymnasium Oberstufe	Sekundarstufe II		
12	7th	year 13	6	6ème	2.	2nd	1re	6de													
									3.	3rd											
									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	Educaçion primária	Cours préparatoire			1º	Ensinho 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	Educaçion secundaria obligatoria	Vlème	Enseignement secondaire	1er cycle	6º	3º ciclo	6	Comprehensive school <i>Peruskoulu</i> <i>Grundläggande utbildning</i>	6						
7	2nd		II												1st		1º	Vème			7º	7	7
8	3rd		III												2nd		2º	IVème			8º	8	8
9	4th		IV	Ginasio	1st	3rd	3º	IIIème		Bachillerato		IIème	2ème cycle	9º	Ensinho Secundário	10/1	10/1	Upper Sec. <i>Lukiokoulutus</i> <i>Gymnasie- utbildning</i>	1	Upper Secondary <i>Gymnasium</i>			
10	5th		V																		2nd	4º	Seconde
11	6th		I	Liceo Classico	Liceo Scientifico	5th	1º	Première				11º		2									
12	7th	II	4th			2º	Terminale				12º		3										
		III	5th											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)	9		III aste	8. Certific.		Középsiskola (Sec.sch.)	Középsiskola (Secondary school)	Középsiskola (Secondary school)			6	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			Střední vzdělávání / UPPER –SECONDARY												5		Gymnázium / Gymnasium	1 <sup>st</sup>	Upper Secondary	10	Gümnaasium	10. (II.)	Középsiskola (Sec.sch.)
11	6 <sup>th</sup>		2						2 <sup>nd</sup>			11				11										
12	7 <sup>th</sup>		3						3 <sup>rd</sup>			12				12										
			4																							

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)	1	Primary	1	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	6th	Pagrindinė mokykla (Lower secondary)	Gimnazija	Form I	LOWER SECONDARY	6	Technikum (secondary)	Liceum ogólnokształcące (secondary)	6	Lower Secondary		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			1											
11	6th		12th			Vidurinė mokykla (Upper secondary)		Gimnazija			1st Yr		GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY	3					2	Upper Secondary		2
12	7th										2nd Yr			4					3			
														5					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	9th	1st
											10th	2nd
11	6th		11th				Upper secondary education (Învățământ secundar superior)	High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior) <sup>ix</sup>	Vocational – education Completion year (învățământ profesional - An de completare)	11th	3rd	Gimnazija -opća, jezična, klasična, prirodoslovnomatemička, prirodoslovna (Secondary education)
12	7th	12th	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.