

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	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		Groep 6		4.				
5	5th		year 6		6		5ème		4.		5.		5th		Cycle 4		Groep 7		1.		
6	1st	Secondary	year 7	Secondary	7	Secondary	6ème	Secondaire	5.	Gymnasium	6.	Sekundarstufe I	6th	Lower Sec	7e	Enseignement secondaire	Groep 8	School voor V.W.O.	2.	(Real) Gymnasium Unterstufe/ Mittelschule	Sekundar- stufe I
7	2nd		year 8		1		1ère		6.		7.		1st		6e		1ste		3.		
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	Upper Secondary	3e		4de		1.	(Real) Gymnasium Oberstufe	Sekundarstufe II
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.								

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

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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 (First Stage 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)			1	Gymnázium	6		Gümnaasium	II aste		6.	Középiskola (Secondary)	Középiskola (Seco)			6	Otrā posma pamatizglītība (Second Stage Basic Education)	Vidusskola (Secondary education)						
7	2 nd		7				2		1 st					7					7.			7					
8	3 rd		8				3		2 nd					8					8. Certific.			8					
9	4 th																								9		
10	5 th		1	Střední vzdělávání / UPPER –SECONDARY			5		1 st			Upper Secondary		10					10. (II.)					10			
11	6 th		2				6		2 nd	(Lyseum or Technical school)		11		11. (III.)				11									
12	7 th		3				7		3 rd			12		12. (IV.) Certific.								12					
			4				8																				

			European School		National schools																
			Lithuania				Malta		Poland				Slovak Republic		Slovenia						
1 ^{vi}	1st	Primary	1st ^{vii}	Pradinė mokykla (primary)			Yr 2	PRIMARY	1	Szkola 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	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	Vidurinė mokykla (Upper secondary)	Gimnazija	1st	Form V	GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY	2	Technikum (secondary)	Liceum ogólnokształcące (secondary)	1	Upper Secondary	1							
11	6th		11th			2nd	1st Yr		3			2									
						3rd	2nd Yr		4			3									
						4th			5			4									

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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		Lower secondary Education (Învățământ secundar inferior)	Gymnasium (Gimnaziu)		5th	Lower secondary	5th	
6	1st	6th	6th					6th			
7	2nd	7th	7th					7th			
8	3rd	8th	8th					8th			
9	4th	9th	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, prirodoslovno-matematička, prirodoslovna (Secondary education)	
10	5th	10th					10th		2nd		
11	6th	11th	Upper secondary education (Învățământ secundar superior)	High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior) ^{ix}	Vocational – education Completion year (învățământ profesional - An de completare)	11th	3rd				
12	7th	12th				12th	4th				
				13th		Technical education - High school -upper cycle- (liceu – ciclul superior)					

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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.