

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

Year	European School		National schools																					
			United Kingdom				Belgium	Denmark <sup>XIII</sup>	Germany <sup>XI</sup>	Greece <sup>XIV</sup>	Luxembourg	Netherlands	Austria											
			England, Wales Northern Ireland <sup>XII</sup>		Scotland																			
1 <sup>i</sup>	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		Groep 5		3.							
4	4th		year 5		5		4ème		3.		4.		4th		Groep 6		4.							
5	5th		year 6		6		5ème		4.		5.		5th		Groep 7		1.							
6	1st	Secondary	year 7	Secondary	7	Secondary	6ème	Secondaire	5.	Gymnasium	6.	Sekundarstufe I	6th	Lower Secondary	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 <sup>XVI</sup>				Portugal			Finland		Sweden	
			1a	Scuola Elementare (Primary)			1st	Primary	1°	Educacion primaria	Cours préparatoire	CYCLE DES APPRENTISSAGES FONDAMENTAUX	1°	Ensino Básico	1° ciclo	1	Comprehensive school <i>Peruskoulu Grundläggande utbildning</i>	1	Comprehensive school <i>Grundskola</i>		
2	2a	2nd	2°				Cours élémentaire 1ère année		2°		2		2								
3	3a	3rd	3°				Cours élémentaire 2ème année		3°		3		3								
4	4a	4th	4°				Cours moyen 1ère année		4°		4		4								
5	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	6ème	CYCLE DE CONSOLIDATION	6°	Ensino Secundário	3° ciclo	6	Upper Sec. <i>Lukiokoulutus Gymnasie- utbildning</i>	6	Upper Secondary <i>Gymnasium</i>		
7	2nd		II				1st		1°		5ème		7°			7		7			
8	3rd		III				2nd		2°		4ème		8°			8		8			
9	4th		IV	Ginnasio	1 <sup>st</sup>	Liceo Scientifico	3rd	3°	3ème	9°	9	9									
10	5th		V				2 <sup>nd</sup>	4th Transition		4°	Seconde	10°	Ensino Secundário		10/1	Upper Sec. <i>Lukiokoulutus Gymnasie- utbildning</i>		3		Upper Secondary <i>Gymnasium</i>	
11	6th		I	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5th			1°	Première	11°	11/2										
12	7th		II		4 <sup>th</sup>		6th	2°	Terminale	12°	12/3										
				III			5 <sup>th</sup>														

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		European School		National schools															
Czech Republic				Cyprus		Estonia			Hungary				Latvia						
1 <sup>iii</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	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>	Obligātā pamat-izglītība (Compulsory Basic Education)	Pirmā posma pamat-izglītība (First Stage Basic Education)	
2	2 <sup>nd</sup>		2				2 <sup>nd</sup>		2			2.				2			
3	3 <sup>rd</sup>		3				3 <sup>rd</sup>		3			3.				3			
4	4 <sup>th</sup>		4				4 <sup>th</sup>		4			4.				4			
5	5 <sup>th</sup>		5				5 <sup>th</sup>		5			5.				5			
6	1 <sup>st</sup>	Secondary	6	Základní vzdělávání 2. stupeň základní školy / BASIC SCHOOL (lower secondary)			6	Lower Secondary (Gymnasium)	6			II aste				6.			Általános iskola (Primary school)
7	2 <sup>nd</sup>		7				1 <sup>st</sup>		7		7.		7						
8	3 <sup>rd</sup>		8				2 <sup>nd</sup>		8		III aste		8. Certific.		8				
9	4 <sup>th</sup>		9	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9	9	Középiskola (Secondary school)	Középiskola (Secondary school)	Középiskola (Secondary school)			9							
10	5 <sup>th</sup>		1	Střední vzdělávání / UPPER –SECONDARY								1 <sup>st</sup>	Upper Secondary		10	10. (II.)			10
11	6 <sup>th</sup>		2							2 <sup>nd</sup>	(Lyseum or Technical school)	11	11. (III.)	11					
12	7 <sup>th</sup>		3							3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	12. (IV.) Certific.	12						
		4																	

European School		National schools													
		Lithuania				Malta <sup>xv</sup>		Poland			Slovak Republic		Slovenia		
1 <sup>vi</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Primary	1 <sup>stvii</sup>	Pradinė mokykla (primary)		Yr 2	PRIMARY	1	Szkoła podstawowa (primary)		1	Primary	Osnovna šola (Primary)		
2	2 <sup>nd</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>			Yr 3		2			2				
3	3 <sup>rd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>			Yr 4		3			3				
4	4 <sup>th</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup>			Yr 5		4			4				
5	5 <sup>th</sup>		5 <sup>th</sup>			Yr 6		5			5				
6	1 <sup>st</sup>	Secondary	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pagrindinė mokykla (Lower secondary)		Form I	LOWER SECONDARY	6			6	Lower Secondary			
7	2 <sup>nd</sup>		7 <sup>th</sup>			Form II		7			7				
8	3 <sup>rd</sup>		8 <sup>th</sup>			Form III		8			8				
9	4 <sup>th</sup>		9 <sup>th</sup>			Form IV		1			9				
10	5 <sup>th</sup>		10 <sup>th</sup>	Vidurinė mokykla (Upper secondary)	Gimnazija	Form V	GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY	2	Technikum (secondary)	Liceum ogólnokształcące (secondary)	1	Upper Secondary	Gimnazija		
11	6 <sup>th</sup>		11 <sup>th</sup>			1 <sup>st</sup> Yr		3			2				
12	7 <sup>th</sup>		12 <sup>th</sup>			2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr		4			3				
								5			4				

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			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		Gimnazija -opća, jezična, klasična, prirodoslovno-matematička, prirodoslovna (Secondary education)
7	2nd		7th					7th				
8	3rd		8th					8th				
9	4th		9th					9th				
10	5th		10th					10th				
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	Upper -secondary	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 **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 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 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.