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III.A. SYLLABUSES

Attainment Descriptors¹

All the syllabuses referred to in items **III.A.2 to III.A.19**, already approved, have been supplemented by attainment descriptors. These attainment descriptors have been approved jointly and will be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information².

2) Attainment descriptors – English Language I – Nursery and Primary Cycle (2017-01-D-58-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘English Language I Syllabus’ for the primary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

3) Attainment descriptors – Economics – S4 – S5 (2017-01-D-23-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Economics S4-S-5 Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

4) Attainment descriptors – Economics – S6 – S7 (2017-01-D-24-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Economics S6-S7- Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

5) Attainment descriptors – Spanish Language I - Secondary cycle (2014-06-D-31-es-3)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Spanish Language I Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

6) Attainment descriptors – Estonian Language I syllabus – Secondary Cycle (2017-01-D-79-et-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Estonian Language I Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

¹ See decision taken by the JTC at its meeting of 12-13 February 2015 on document 2015-01-D-62-en-1 “Competence-based syllabuses including assessment criteria and subject-related attainment descriptors”

² A further decision on item III.D.1. of the February 2017 JTC agenda ‘*Proposal for additional training measures and a possible revised time schedule for implementation of the new marking scale in the secondary cycle of the European Schools*’ (2017-01-D-84-en-1), to be taken by the Board of Governors in April 2017 might affect the decisions concerning the entering into force for documents II.A.2 to II.A.19 and all attainment descriptors approved at previous JTC meetings.

- 7) **Attainment descriptors – Geography – S4 – S5 (2016-12-D-20-en-1)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Geography S4-S5’ Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 8) **Attainment descriptors – Geography – S6 – S7 (2016-12-D-21-en-1)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Geography S6-S7’ Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 9) **Attainment descriptors – Greek Language I syllabus – Secondary Cycle (2017-01-D-59-el-2)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Greek Language I Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 10) **Attainment descriptors – History – S6 – S7 (2013-01-D-35-en-3)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘History S6-S7’ Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 11) **Attainment descriptors – ICTC – S1 – S3 (2017-01-D-73-en-1)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘ICTC S1-S3’ Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 12) **Attainment descriptors – ICTC – S4 – S5 (2017-01-D-76-en-1)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘ICTC S4-S5’ Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 13) **Attainment descriptors – Portuguese Language I and Language I Advanced Secondary cycle (2017-01-D-61-pt-1)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Portuguese Language I and Language I Advanced Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.
- 14) **Attainment descriptors – Syllabus for all L III languages (2017-01-D-38-en-1)**
The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Syllabus for all Languages III – Main course’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June**

2020. Each language version of the syllabus should be published on the website in late July 2017.

15) Attainment descriptors Human Sciences S1-S3 (2017-01-D-68-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Human Sciences S1-S3' Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

16) Attainment descriptors – Slovak Language I – Nursery and Primary cycle (2017-01-D-14-sk-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Slovak Language I Syllabus' for the nursery and primary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

17) Attainment descriptors – Slovak Language I – Secondary cycle (2017-01-D-15-sk-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Slovak Language I Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

18) Attainment descriptors – Slovenian Language I Syllabus – Primary Cycle (2011-01-D-67-sl-3)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Slovenian Language I Syllabus' for the primary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

19) Attainment descriptors – Slovenian Language I Syllabus – Secondary Cycle (2017-01-D-81-sl-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Slovenian Language I Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on **1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

New syllabuses

All the new syllabuses (**items 1 to 17**), were approved jointly. They will be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information³.

1) English LI – Secondary cycle (2016-11-D-2-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘English Language I Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force on **1 September 2017**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

2) English LI Advanced – S6 – S7 (2016-11-D-3-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘English Language I Advanced S6-S7 Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. This syllabus should be read in parallel with the English Language I Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force on **1 September 2017 for S6** and on **1 September 2018 for S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

3) Bulgarian Language I – Nursery and Primary cycles (2017-01-D-64-bg-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Bulgarian Language I Syllabus’ for the nursery and primary cycles. The syllabus as well as the attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

4) Danish Language IV - S4 – S7 (2016-07-D-12-da-2)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the Danish translation of the ‘Syllabus for all Language IV S4-S7’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

5) Music – S1 – S5 (2017-01-D-60-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Music S1-S5 Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The syllabus as well as the attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

³ A further decision on item III.D.1. of the February 2017 JTC agenda ‘*Proposal for additional training measures and a possible revised time schedule for implementation of the new marking scale in the secondary cycle of the European Schools’ (2017-01-D-84-en-1)*, to be taken by the Board of Governors in April 2017 might affect the decisions concerning the entering into force of the attainment descriptors in documents II.A.1 to II.A.17. and all attainment descriptors approved at previous JTC meetings.

6) **Music – Primary Cycle (2016-10-D-14-en-1)**

Ms Musilová informed the members that the BIP had proposed postponing the syllabus's entry into force until **1 September 2018** for the reason of necessary methodical help to the teachers, especially those who had not had initial training in their home countries. Given the importance of in-service training the Deputy Directors had requested postponement of the training course until autumn 2017.

7) **Spanish Language I - Primary cycle (2016-12-D-12-es-1)**

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Spanish Language I Syllabus' for the primary cycle. The syllabus as well as the attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

8) **Finish Language I Advanced – S6-S7 (2017-01-D-7-fi-1)**

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Finnish Language I Advanced S6-S7 Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. This syllabus should be read in parallel with the 'Finnish Language I Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. It will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S6 and on 1 September 2018 for S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. **The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

9) **Finnish Language I – Nursery, Primary and Secondary cycles (2017-01-D-6-fi-1)**

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Finnish Language I Syllabus' for the nursery, primary and secondary cycles. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for years P1-P5 and S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. **The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

10) **Italian Language I Advanced - S6 – S7 (2017-01-D-34-it-1)**

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Italian Language I Advanced S6-S7 Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. This syllabus should be read in parallel with the 'Italian Language I Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. It will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S6 and on 1 September 2018 for S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. **The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

11) **Italian Language I - S1 – S5 (2017-01-D-33-it-1)**

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Italian Language I S1-S5 Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S1-S4 and on 1 September 2018 for S5**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

12) **Laboratory Biology – Complementary course (2017-01-D-65-en-1)**

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Laboratory Biology – Complementary course Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6**

and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

13) Laboratory Physics – Complementary course (2017-01-D-72-fr-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Laboratory Physics – Complementary course Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

14) L II Languages – Advanced course -S6-S7 (2016-12-D-22-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new Syllabus 'for all L II Languages Advanced course S6-S7' for the secondary cycle. It will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S6 and on 1 September 2018 for S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. **The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

15) Lithuanian Language I – Nursery, Primary and Secondary cycles (2012-01-D-51-lt-3)

The nursery cycle had been added to the existing syllabus. The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Lithuanian Language I Syllabus' for the nursery, primary and secondary cycles. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

16) Maltese ONL – Primary Syllabus (2017-01-D-62-mt-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Maltese ONL Syllabus' for the primary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

17) Maltese ONL – S1- S7 (2012-01-D-22-en-4)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Maltese ONL Syllabus' for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for S1, S4 and S6 and on 1 September 2018 for S5 and S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. **The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

III.D. PEDAGOGICAL RULES/STANDARDS

5) Harmonised assessment at the end of year 5 and written examinations leading to B marks in year 5

Following the decision of the June 2015 Board of Inspectors Secondary, to harmonise the LI written Baccalaureate exam by 2018, the assessment in S5 had been harmonised accordingly (assessment of competencies). The Joint Teaching Committee endorsed the proposed update of Annex I, with entry into force on 1 September 2017. The updated document will be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1) Outcome of Written Procedure 2016/40 - Report on school failures and repeat rates in the European Schools – 2016 - Document: 2016-09-D-40-en-2

By means of the written procedure initiated on 7 November 2016 and ended on 21 November 2016, the Joint Teaching Committee approved the Report on school failures and repeat rates in the European Schools – 2016.

2) Outcome of Written Procedure 2016/41 - Guidelines on Organizing Students' Mobility from and to the European Schools –2016-01-D-49-en-3

By means of the written procedure initiated on 7 November 2016 and ended on 21 November 2016, the Joint Teaching Committee approved the Guidelines on Organizing Students' Mobility from and to the European Schools.

3) Outcome of Written Procedure 2017/7: Draft minutes of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee of 13 and 14 October 2016 – Document: 2016-10-D-17-en-2.

By means of the written procedure initiated on 25 January 2017 and ended on 2 February 2017, the Joint Teaching Committee approved the draft minutes of the Joint Teaching Committee meeting held on 13 and 14 October 2016. The definitive minutes 2016-10-D-17-en-3 have since been published on DOCEE.