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Report of the Chair of the Budgetary Committee for the year 2017-2018

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It is with great pleasure that I present my report as Chair of the Budgetary Committee under the Estonian Presidency of the European Schools during the 2017/18 academic year.

The Budgetary Committee's main responsibilities are to decide all budgetary and financial questions and to address administrative and legal questions and to give opinions for decisions at the Board of Governors. In addition to these responsibilities the Budgetary Committee defines the general budgetary objectives for Type 1 schools and evaluates their implementation.

I am most grateful to Mr Marcheggiano and Mr Beckmann and their staff for the help and support they have given me over the year. I would also like to express my gratitude to my colleagues for their successful work and cooperation during these meetings.

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Budgetary Committee met on 7 and 8 November 2017 and on 13 and 14 March 2018.

At these meetings the Budgetary Committee examined a great number of important issues for subsequent Board of Governors consideration and approval. The decisions and outcomes of each item of business can be found in the conclusion documents that are produced by the Office of the Secretary-General after each meeting (2017-11-D-18-en-2 and 2018-03-D-31-en-2).

I would like to bring up some of the points discussed:

- the Budgetary Committee had lengthy and thorough discussions over the Preliminary Draft 2019 Budget of the European Schools and over new/converted/discontinued AAS Staff posts;
- Discussions about 2018 Budget, legal analysis of the budgetary procedure;
- Report of Risk Management in the European Schools- biggest risks at the pedagogical and administrative/financial levels were outlined with an evaluation and corrective measures;
- Report of the evolution of the Cost Sharing Agreement- in June 2014, the Board of Governors had approved the Cost Sharing Agreement. The evolution over the four years was discussed. The model will be reviewed to restore the balance between the Member States and the European institutions;
- 2018-2022 IT Plan of the European Schools- long-term vision, the strategic activities planned and their implementation;
- Annual ICT Report for the year 2017 is about the improvement in performance and in the service provided which drew attention to the amount of work still to be done and difficulty of recruiting suitably qualified staff;
- Proposals for amendments to the Service Regulations for Locally Recruited teachers received the Budgetary Committees' general support;
- Cost neutrality of Accredited European Schools- analysis and the allocation of costs to be reviewed;
- Second Report of the BREXIT Working Group was supported by the Budgetary Committee and presented to the Board of Governors.

The tasks of the Budgetary Committee in 2017-2018 were challenging and multi-layered. The Budgetary Committee will continue dealing with some of the issues (e.g. BREXIT, cost-sharing) in the next year.

I am convinced that the Budgetary Committee has accomplished productive and constructive work and will continue doing so in the upcoming years.

To conclude, I would like to express my best wishes to the colleagues of the Greek Presidency team.

Kristel Mägi

Chair of the Budgetary Committee
Estonian Presidency of the European Schools 2017/18
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OPINION OF THE BUDGETARY COMMITTEE

The Budgetary Committee duly noted the Report and thanked the Estonian Presidency for the good work done.

The Budgetary Committee invites the Board of Governors to approve the report.

OPINION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors took note of and approved the Report of the Estonian Chair of the Budgetary Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.