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Decisions of the meeting of the Board of Inspectors (Secondary)

Meeting of 6 and 7 February 2023 - Hybrid

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III. POINTS

III.A. SYLLABUSES

10. **Update to the table of complementary courses available – 2023-02-D-13-en-1**
L. Munkácsy

The BIS approved the update to the table of complementary courses.

III.C. EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE

2. **Elaboration of the European Baccalaureate papers – 2015-09-D-21-en-9 – E. Rudomino**

The updated document contains several changes concerning the cost of meetings and the number of reserve papers to be prepared by the inspectors.

For all the subjects, one main examination paper and one reserve paper need to be prepared. The second reserve paper will be requested only if necessary for the September session.

The BIS approved the document “Elaboration of the European Baccalaureate papers”.

3. **Quality assurance of written and oral papers for the 2023 European Baccalaureate – Procedure – 2022-11-D-19-en-1 – L. Damkjaer**

Under the new approach for written papers, the inspectors will conduct fewer quality assurance visits in schools than in the past. The selected schools may now receive unannounced visits to check that they are upholding standards and to ensure the quality of the European Baccalaureate. A maximum of four schools may be visited in the European Schools and the Accredited European Schools. In addition, the Accredited European Schools will receive visits during their first three Baccalaureate sessions. The inspector should not visit the same school in three consecutive years. For the 2023 session the four schools to be visited with unannounced visits will be decided by the Inspectors from the working group “Quality Assurance European Baccalaureate” and they will carry out these visits. For oral examinations, all examination centres will be visited as in the past.

The BIS approved the document ‘Quality assurance of written and oral papers for the 2023 European Baccalaureate’. The JTC will be informed orally.

4. **Quality assurance of written papers for the 2023 European Baccalaureate – 2022-11-D-18-en-1 – E. Rudomino**

The document has been updated.

The BIS approved the document ‘Quality assurance of written and oral papers for the 2023 European Baccalaureate’. The JTC will be informed orally.

7. Special arrangements for S5 pupils for the 2025 European Baccalaureate session – 2023-02-D-3-en-1 – A. Yilmaz

The BIS was informed of the requests for special arrangements.

The BIS scrutinised and approved the document ‘Special arrangements for S5 pupils for the 2025 European Baccalaureate session’.

9. Proposal for a pool of questions for the European Baccalaureate oral examinations – 2023-01-D-72-en-1 – L. Damkjaer

In June 2022, the BIS expressed a favourable opinion concerning the proposal to create a database for questions for the European Baccalaureate oral examinations.

A pilot project for Danish L1 and Biology is now planned to go ahead for the 2024 session. After the Assessment Secondary working group will have evaluated the pilot project during the 2024/2025 school year, the BIS will decide whether or not to extend it and to grant a specific schedule to all other subjects with a European Baccalaureate oral examination. It was also agreed to add Polish L1 and English L2 (once the new syllabus has been approved) to this pilot project. It was also requested that a financial statement be drawn up for this pilot project, which has been done in this document.

The BIS noted that the costs of the meetings planned for 2023 will be covered by the budget already approved for 2023. It also noted the fact that, during the second half of the year, stricter measures will be taken in terms of organising meetings in situ in order to cover the organisation of all meetings. These meetings will therefore be mainly organised online, in accordance with the document approved by the Board of Governors, in the interest of simplifying administration.

Lastly, the BIS noted that, in the future and after the pilot phase, these costs will be foreseen in the budget allocated to the European Baccalaureate.

The BIS approved the document. This document will be sent to the Budgetary Committee as a written communication for its information.

After the pilot phase, the Secondary Assessment working group will propose an organisational framework to be applied to other subjects, along with a financial statement for the European Baccalaureate budget with a view to it being approved by the Budgetary Committee.

**10. Request for derogation from Article 5.4 of the Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate – 2023-02-D-15-en-1
E. Rudomino**

Owing to the lack of available experts who fully meet the requirements of Article 5.4 of the Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate, it is proposed that a teacher who is currently working remotely with a European School perform the role of expert and examiner.

The subject taught in the European School in question and the one for which the expert will be appointed are different.

The teacher is qualified to elaborate the written papers required for the 2023 European Baccalaureate session and to check the validity of the oral proposals, under the supervision of the inspector.

The BIS approved the request for a derogation from Article 5.4 of the Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate to be implemented immediately for the 2023 session.

III.F. OTHER POINTS

1. Pedagogical appeal by a Deputy Director of the Secondary Cycle – Documents sent confidentially –

Decision taken by the BIS:

This appeal was dealt with in session after having heard from the appellant in question.

As it concerns a confidential matter, the decision of the BIS in this case will not be officially published.