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Decisions of the enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools

Meeting on 5, 6 and 7 December 2023 in Brussels – Hybrid

Approved by written procedure No 2023/46 on 22 December 2023

III. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

a) Outcome of written procedures addressed to the members of the Board of Governors. (2023-11-D-14-en-1)

Outcome of the written procedure No 2023/15 – Appointment of the Estonian Inspector for the secondary cycle

By means of written procedure initiated on 3 April 2023 and ending on 17 April 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Ms Elisabeth NIIDO** as Estonian member of the Board of Inspectors (Secondary), with effect from 10 April 2023 in place of Ms Elen RUUS.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of the written procedure No 2023/17 – Draft Decisions of the non-enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 12 April 2023 in Dublin (Ireland) (2023-04-D-1-en-1)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 19 April and ending on 26 April 2023, the Board of Governors approved the draft decisions of the non-enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 12 April 2023 in Dublin (Ireland) (2023-04-D-1-en-1).

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

You will find the decisions: 2023-04-D-1-en-2 on DOCEE.

Outcome of the written procedure No 2023/18 – Draft Decisions of the enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 12-14 April 2023 in Dublin (Ireland) (2023-04-D-2-en-1)

By means of written procedure initiated on 21 April and ending on 28 April 2023, the Board of Governors approved the Draft Decisions of the enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 12-14 April 2023 in Dublin (Ireland) (2023-04-D-2-en-1).

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

You will find the decisions: 2023-04-D-2-en-2 on DOCEE.

Outcome of the Written procedure no. 2023/19 – Draft Decisions and Statements of the enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 12-14 April 2023 in Dublin (Ireland) (2023-04-D-5-en-1)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 12 May and ending on 26 May 2023, the Board of Governors approved, with some modifications, the Draft Decisions and Statements of the enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 12-14 April 2023 in Dublin (Ireland) (2023-04-D-5-en-1).

Result of the voting:

34 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, ISTC, Interparents.

0 no

0 abstentions

You will find the Decisions and Statements: 2023-04-D-5-en-2 on DOCEE.

Outcome of the accelerated Written Procedure no. 2023/20 – Postponement of the introduction date of the new method for the reimbursement of removal costs (2023-05-D-28-en-1)

By means of accelerated written procedure initiated on 1 June and ending on 9 June 2023, the Board of Governors approved the Postponement of the introduction date of the new method for the reimbursement of removal costs (2023-05-D-28-en-1).

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of Written procedure No 2023/22 – The annual adjustments of the remuneration of the seconded staff, of the Secretary-General and of locally recruited teachers with effect from 1 January 2023 (2023-06-D-07-en-2)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 16 June and ending on 30 June 2023, the Board of Governors approved the document: – The annual adjustments of the remuneration of the

seconded staff, of the Secretary-General and of locally recruited teachers with effect from 1 January 2023 (2023-06-D-07-en-2).

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of the written procedure No 2023/23 – Appointment of the Swedish Inspector for the nursery and primary cycle

By means of written procedure initiated on 15 June 2023 and ending on 29 June 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Ms Linda BLOMDAHL** as Swedish member of the Board of Inspectors (Nursery and Primary), with effect from 26 July 2023 in place of Mr Per-Olov Ottoson.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of the Written procedure no. 2023/27 – Appointment of the Greek Inspectors for the nursery and primary and for the secondary cycles

By means of written procedure initiated on 20 July 2023 and ending on 4 August 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Ms Vassiliki IOAKIMIDOU** as Greek member of the Nursery and Primary Board of Inspectors and **Mr Athanasios KOUTROUMBAS** as Greek member of the Secondary Board of Inspectors.

Result of the voting:

31 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

1 abstention: EUIPO.

Outcome of the written procedure No 2023/28 – Appointment of the Belgian Inspector for the secondary cycle

By means of written procedure initiated on 29 August 2023 and ending on 12 September 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Mr Bart LAMOTE** as Belgian member of the Board of Inspectors (Secondary), in place of Ms Els VERMEIRE, with effect from 1 September 2023.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of the accelerated written procedure No 2023/29 – Temporary appointment of the Polish Inspector for the secondary cycle

By means of accelerated written procedure initiated on 11 September 2023 and ending on 18 September 2023, the Board of Governors appointed temporary **Ms Łucja PAWLOWSKA** as Polish member of the Board of Inspectors (Secondary), in place of Ms Urszula Łączyńska, with effect from 5 September 2023.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of written procedure No 2023/30 – Appointment of the Estonian Inspector for the nursery and primary cycle

By means of written procedure initiated on 15 September 2023 and ending on 29 September 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Ms Elisabeth NIIDO** as Estonian member of the Nursery and Primary Board of Inspectors with effect from 15 September 2023 in place of Ms Elen RUUS.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of written procedure No 2023/31 – Appointment of the Slovakian Inspector for the nursery and primary cycle

By means of written procedure initiated on 3 October 2023 and ending on 17 October 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Ms. Mariana KRIGOVSKÁ** as Slovakian member of the Nursery and Primary Board of Inspectors with effect from 1st October 2023 in place of Ms. Jana DOLEŽIOVÁ.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of written procedure No 2023/36 – Appointment of the Austrian inspector for secondary cycle

By means of written procedure initiated on 17 October 2023 and ending on 31 October 2023, the Board of Governors appointed **Ms Irmgard PLATTNER** as Austrian member of the Secondary Board of Inspectors, in place of Ms Karin STEPPAN.

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of written procedure No 2023/37 – Amending Budget 1/2023: final adjustments to the 2023 Budget (2023-10-D-9-en-2)

By means of the written procedure No 2023/37 initiated on 17 October and ending on 31 October 2023, the Board of Governors approved the Amending Budget 1/2023: final adjustments to the 2023 Budget (2023-10-D-9-en-2).

Result of the voting:

32 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

0 no

0 abstentions

Outcome of the written procedure No 2023/39 – Draft Decisions of the extraordinary (enlarged) meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools on 20 October 2023 in Luxembourg (2023-10-D-40-en-1)

By means of the written procedure No 2023/39 initiated on 26 October and ending on 6 November 2023, the Board of Governors approved the Draft Decisions of the extraordinary (enlarged) meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Schools on 20 October 2023 in Luxembourg (2023-10-D-40-en-1).

Result of the voting:

34 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, ECB, EIB, EPO, Estonia, EUIPO, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, ISTC and Interparents.

0 no

0 abstentions

You will find the decisions: 2023-10-D-40-en-2 on DOCEE.

- b) Overview on the changes/replacements in the management of the European Schools as of 1 September 2023 (2023-10-D-47-en-2)**
- c) Follow-up of the implementation of recommendations of the Court of Auditors and Internal Audit Service (2023-10-D-08-en-2)**
- d) Risk Management in the European Schools (2023-10-D-06-en-2)**
- e) List of courses given by Locally Recruited Teachers 2023-2024 school year (2023-10-D-39-en-2)**
- f) Recruitment of Administrative and Ancillary Staff in the Office of the Secretary-General in 2023 (2023-11-D-41-en-1)**
- g) AES cost neutrality: 2024 bills (2023-09-D-59-en-2)**

IV. A ITEMS

- 1. Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate (Applicable for the Year 2024 European Baccalaureate session) (2015-05-D-12-en-41)**

The Board of Governors scrutinised the present document and approved it for immediate entry in force.

Modifications are limited to Articles 1.3.3., 6.3.7. and 6.5.5.3..

2. Proposal to amend the Articles 55 and 56 of the General Rules of the European Schools (2014-03-D-14) (2023-01-D-62-en-3)

The Board of Governors approved the proposed amendments made to Articles 55 and 56 of the General Rules of the European Schools.

Entry into force on 1 September 2024.

3. Update of the “Common Framework for ‘Events’ organised by the European Schools” (2019-12-D-36-en-7)

The Board of Governors approved the update of the document "Common framework for “Events” organised by the European Schools" (2019-12-D-36) so that it would reflect the update of the EUROSPOORT handbook, approved by the Joint Teaching Committee in October 2023.

Entry into force on 1 September 2024.

4. Draft timetable of the European Baccalaureate examination session 2024 (2023-10-D-43-en-fr-de-2)

The Board of Governors approved the draft timetable for the 2024 European Baccalaureate session examinations.

5. Draft Framework for the Enrolment of Ukrainian Pupils in the European Schools in the 2024-2025 school year (2023-07-D-8-en-4)

The Board of Governors approved the draft Framework for the Enrolment of Ukrainian Pupils in the European Schools in the 2024-2025 school year.

6 Modification of Article 47 of the Regulations for Members of the Seconded Staff of the European Schools, of Article 35 of the Service Regulations for the Locally Recruited Teachers in the European Schools, and of Article 26 of the Service Regulations for Locally Recruited Managerial Staff of the European Schools (2023-09-D-25-en-3)

For the purposes of alignment with the equivalent provisions in the Staff Regulations for Officials of the European Union, the Board of Governors approved the proposed changes in the text of the Regulations for Members of the Seconded Staff of the European Schools, of the Service Regulations for the Locally Recruited Teachers in the European Schools, and of the Service Regulations for Locally Recruited Managerial Staff of the European Schools stated under Annex I of document 2023-09-D-25-en-3, in order to allow members of the staff to opt for their remuneration to be paid to a bank account in a different EU place/country than their place of employment.

**V. Joint Report of the Irish Presidency of the Boards of Inspectors and of the Joint Teaching Committee - 2022-2023 School year
Annex: Pedagogical Development and Quality Assurance of the European Schools (2022-2023) – Follow-up of the Inspectors' activities and responsibilities on 30 June 2023 (2023-09-D-40-en-2) (2022-09-D-40-en-6)**

The Board of Governors took note of the Joint Report of the Irish Presidency of the Boards of Inspectors and of the Joint Teaching Committee – 2022-2023 School year.

VI. REPORTS ON THE 2023 EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE

a) Report of the Chair of the 2023 European Baccalaureate Examining Board (2023-09-D-30-en-2)

The Board of Governors took note of the Report of the Chair of the 2023 European Baccalaureate Examining Board.

b) Report on the 2023 European Baccalaureate (2023-06-D-32-en-3)

The Board of Governors approved the Report on the 2023 European Baccalaureate.

VII. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BUDGETARY COMMITTEE – 2022-2023 (2023-10-D-46-en-2)

The Board of Governors took note of the report of the Irish Chair of the Budgetary Committee for the 2022-2023 school year.

VIII. FINAL REPORT OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS – Year 2022 (2023-10-D-44-en-2)

The Board of Governors took note of the Final Report of the Court of Auditors on the annual accounts of the European Schools for the financial year 2022 and of the Secretary-General's replies. The European Schools will take the necessary steps to follow up on the recommendations made with a view to further improving the accounting and internal control systems.

IX. B ITEMS

1. New and discontinued seconded posts in the nursery, primary and secondary cycles: 2024-2025 school year (2023-09-D-76-en-2)

The members of the Board of Governors discussed and approved the posts proposed in the annex of the document.

2. Clarification of the Regulations for Seconded Staff regarding the calculation of EU taxes (2023-10-D-15-en-3)

The Board of Governors deliberated on the two options presented in the document regarding the fiscal treatment of the special allowance, the compensation allowance, and the severance grant. The Board of Governors approved with two-third majority Option 1. Belgium, France, Cyprus, EUIPO and the European Commission voted against Option 1.

In line with the current approach, both the special allowance and the compensation allowance, as well as the severance grant will not be subject to taxation.

Consequently, the Board of Governors endorsed the non-recovery of amounts paid in the past.

Finally, in order to avoid any ambiguity with respect to compliance, the Board mandated the Office of the Secretary-General to analyse and improve further the proposed amendments to the Regulations for Members of the Seconded Staff in line with Option 1.

The amended Staff Regulations will be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval, either by Written Procedure or, at the latest, in the April meeting 2024.

3. Removal of Article 52(2)(b) of the Regulations for Members of the Seconded Staff: impact of the remuneration of dependent children on the family allowance (2023-09-D-26-en-3)

The Board of Governors adopted the proposal to amend the text of the Regulations for Members of the Seconded Staff and approved the new version of Article 52(2).

4. Revision of the “Regulations relating to reimbursement of expenses in the event of travel on official business by members of the Board of Governors, members of the Preparatory Committees, members of the Complaints Board, representatives of the Parents’ Associations and other persons invited to the European Schools (Baccalaureate examiners, experts, etc.)” ref. 2014-04-D-15 (2023-09-D-48-en-3)

The Board of Governors approved the proposal to index the amount of the daily allowance granted for the reimbursement of travel expenses incurred in connection with missions undertaken by members of the Board of Governors, of Preparatory Committees, of the Complaints Board, representatives of the Parents’ Association and other persons invited to the European Schools (Baccalaureate examiners, experts, etc.) and to increase the current flat rate by 17.4%, from 175.8€ to 206.32€, based on the cumulative inflation rate from 2014 to 2022.

Furthermore, in line with the recommendations made by the Simplification WG in the area of organisation of meetings, adopted in April 2021 by the Board of Governors (ref.: 2022-01-D-61-en-5), the members of the Board of Governors, while recognising the advantages of in-situ meetings, encouraged the Office of the Secretary-General to

keep aligning the modalities of meetings and prioritising online meetings whenever possible.

Entry into force on 1 January 2024.

5. Proposal for a Revised Admission Policy of the ES Munich as of the 2024/25 school year (2023-09-D-44-en-3)

The Board of Governors approved the revised admission policy of the European School Munich as of the 2024/25 school year.

Report on the Situation of the Dutch Language Section at the ES Munich (2023-09-D-45-en-3)

In order to respect the relevant procedures, the Board of Governors took note of the proposals of the Working Group established by the Administration Board and mandated, in line with document 2015-04-D-18-en-1, a Working Group to provide final proposals regarding the potential phasing out of the Dutch language section by December 2024.

This Working Group will be composed as follows:

- One representative of the EPO,
- One representative of the German delegation,
- One representative of the Joint Board of Inspectors,
- One representative of the Budgetary Committee,
- One representative of the staff of the ES Munich,
- One representative of the parents of the ES Munich,
- The Director of the ES Munich,
- The Secretary-General of the European Schools (chair).

6. Creation of a Slovenian Language Section at the European School Brussels I (2023-09-D-46-en-3)

The Board of Governors approved the proposal:

- To establish a Slovenian language section at the ES Brussels I, starting as of the 2024/25 school year with N1 and N2 and to gradually establish the language section up to S7.
- To establish the nursery and primary cycle temporary at the Uccle site until the nursery and primary cycle of the new section will be moved 'en bloc' to the Berkendael site on 1 September 2028.
- To foresee the enrolment of Slovenian SWALS in the nursery and primary cycle at the Uccle site until the nursery and primary cycle at the Uccle site will be moved 'en bloc' to the Berkendael site.

The decision of the Board of Governors will be reflected in the 'Guidelines for Enrolment for the 2024/25 school year'.

7. Central Enrolment Authority for the Brussels European Schools: Review of the results of the 2023-2024 Enrolment Policy and proposed guidelines for the 2024-2025 Policy (CEA) (2023-11-D-10-en-1)

The Board of Governors

- took note of the review of the results of the 2023-2024 Enrolment Policy, and
- approved the proposed guidelines for the 2024-2025 Enrolment Policy.

Furthermore, in light of the discussion related to the Guidelines for the 2024-2025 Enrolment Policy, the Board of Governors recalls the review clause included in the decision on the '*Future structure of the European Schools in Brussels*', adopted in December 2022 (ref.: 2022-10-D-12-en-4), and encourages the Steering Committee for the Brussels European Schools to give particular consideration to the consolidation of language sections on one site of a given school and the impact of this consolidation process on the class sizes.

8. Revision of the Language Policy of the European Schools (2019-01-D-35): proposal to change the regulations related to the organisation of the teaching of the Other National Language (2023-03-D-37-en-3)

The Board of Governors approved the proposal to change the regulations related to the organisation of the teaching of the Other National Language.

Entry into force as from 1 September 2024.

9. The European School Curriculum: Structure and Organisation of studies and courses in the European Schools - Update (2019-04-D-13-en-8)

The Board of Governors approved the proposed updates made to the document "Structure of studies and courses in the European Schools" with an immediate entry into force. Furthermore, the Board of Governors took note of the comments made related to the newly added sentence in Chapter 2.5 'Grouping of groups/classes', under point c) 'Secondary': "Grouping is not mandatory for L1 courses in years S6 and S7 of the Secondary Cycle".

The European Commission, the European Patent Office and the Dutch Delegation expressed disagreement with the inclusion of the sentence on non-mandatory grouping.

INTERPARENTS could not support the proposal because their requested amendments had not been included. INTERPARENTS reiterated their request, suggesting that either the amount of hours of L1 classes for SWALS should be the same as their counterparts in language sections, or L1 classes for SWALS should be exempted from vertical grouping rules.

10. Update of the Language Policy of the European Schools: clarifying the rules of forming groups in Music, Art, Physical Education and ICT in s1 - s3 and clarifying the introduction of a HCL as L2 (2019-01-D-35-en-7)

The Board of Governors approved the clarifications made to the rules for forming groups in Music, Art, Physical Education and ICT in S1-S3 and for introducing a HCL as L2.

11. ACCREDITED EUROPEAN SCHOOLS

General Interest File

General Interest File – Accredited European School Madrid (Spain) (2023-07-D-16-en-2)

The Board of Governors expressed a favourable opinion on the General Interest File submitted by the Spanish delegation concerning the setting up of an Accredited European School in Madrid (Spain).

The Spanish delegation was invited to submit a dossier of conformity for primary and secondary education.

Dossiers of Conformity

Dossier of Conformity S6-S7 – Accredited European School Lille (France) (2023-08-D-9-en-2)

The Board of Governors expressed a favourable opinion on the dossier of conformity S6-S7 - Accredited European School Lille (France) and mandated the Secretary-General to organise an audit.

12. Report from the Accredited European Schools Working Group: Quality Assurance and Compliance (2023-09-D-12-en-3)

The Board of Governors discussed the three presented options aimed at enhancing the quality assurance mechanism for Accredited European Schools.

During the deliberations, no consensus was reached on either of the proposed options, however, a unanimous conclusion emerged highlighting the need to increase support for the AES, in the realms of pedagogy and the European Baccalaureate.

Furthermore, members of the Board of Governors highlighted the balance required between the national autonomy of the hosting Member States and the imperative to ensure quality assurance across the European Schools System.

The members of the Board of Governors invited the AES WG to explore further options seeking for potential synergies between national and European School's quality assurance measures in order to ensure an efficient use of all available resources.

The Board of Governors supported the proposals made with regards to 'Compliance'.

13. Report from the Accredited European Schools Working Group: Proposals for an updated cost neutrality agreement (2023-09-D-13-en-2)

The Board of Governors discussed the three simulations presented by the AES WG, aimed at refining the cost neutrality agreement in accordance with Article 17 of the Regulations on Accredited European Schools (2019-01-D-12-en-9).

While the overarching principle of cost neutrality remained unchallenged amongst the members, none of the three options gained clear support.

The Board of Governors invited the AES WG to revisit the issue of the cost neutrality mechanism at a later date. This topic is also dependent on the final approach with respect to quality assurance and the continuing discussions about the 'Mission and Vision of the European Schools', which are expected to formulate a comprehensive vision that covers the role and possible growth of the AES system.

XI. Fixing of the date of the next meeting:

On 10, 11 and 12 April 2024 in Parma (Italy)