

# European Schools

A unique multilingual education in Europe



- Nursery
- Primary
- Secondary
- European Baccalaureate

## European Schools network

While the schools differ in size and number of language sections, they share several key features:

- a common European curriculum;
- education in the mother tongue (or dominant language), with some subjects gradually taught in a second language in secondary school;
- shared educational standards across the system;
- cooperation across the network, including exchanges, mobility and inter-school events.



## European Baccalaureate

- Prestigious multilingual graduation diploma with subjects examined in 2 languages plus 2 optional foreign languages.
- Recognised in all EU Member States and internationally.

## European Schools in numbers (2025–2026)

### Traditional European Schools

- 13 schools (\*) in 6 countries.
- All official languages taught with 22 of them offered as the main language of education.

### Accredited European Schools

- 24 schools in 14 countries.

### Timeline

**1953** First European School (Luxembourg)

**1957** Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools

**1959** First European Baccalaureate

**2007** First Accredited European Schools

→ **Today: 37 schools** across Europe with over **46 000 pupils** and **5000 teachers**.

(\*) **Traditional European Schools locations:** Alicante, Bergen, Brussels (4 schools), Frankfurt am Main, Karlsruhe, Luxembourg (2 schools), Mol, Munich, Varese

**Accredited Schools locations:** Bad Vilbel, Brindisi, Clervaux, The Hague, Differdange / Esch-sur-Alzette, Dunshaughlin, Helsinki, Heraklion, Innsbruck, Junglinster, Copenhagen, Lille, Ljubljana, Luxembourg-Merl, Manosque, Mersch, Mondorf-les-Bains, Paris, Parma, Saarbrücken, Strasbourg, Tallinn, Waterloo, Warsaw

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## Mission

The European Schools provide high-quality, multilingual, multicultural and inclusive education from nursery to the end of secondary education. European Schools equip pupils with the competencies necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Rooted in European values, the system promotes:

- intercultural understanding and cooperation;
- responsible European citizenship.

## Values

The European Schools reflect the following values.

### European identity

- Human dignity, freedom, democracy and equality.
- Rule of law and respect for human rights.
- Education in all **EU official languages** reflects the linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe.

### Collaboration

Teachers and inspectors from across EU Member States contribute to the system sharing best practices, ensuring high educational standards.

### Inclusion

European Schools support the well-being and development of every pupil, helping all learners reach their full potential.

## Vision

Empowering curious, creative and resilient learners to shape a shared European future.

### Pillars of development

#### Education for tomorrow

Enhancing teaching, learning and the curriculum so pupils develop the competencies and skills needed for the challenges of the future.

#### Important role in education in Europe

Expanding the cooperation, visibility and influence of the European Schools as a leading model of multilingual, value-based education in Europe.



**Bridging  
cultures**

**Empowering  
learners**

**Shaping European education**