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Situation of enrolments in the Brussels European Schools: First phase of enrolment for the 2017-2018 school year

Board of Governors of the European Schools

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I. Introduction

At its meeting of 7-9 December 2016, the Board of Governors was unable to approve the setting up of the European School, Brussels IV on the Berkendael temporary site as from the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year in September 2017. Consequently, temporary use of the site as an extension to the European School, Brussels I is continuing.

The Schools face considerable difficulties in infrastructure terms on account of the sustained growth of the pupil population, in the primary and secondary cycles in particular. It should be emphasised that the four European Schools – Brussels I – Uccle Site, II, III and IV – are full to capacity with the current pupil population, particularly in the nursery and primary cycles. Consequently, the Berkendael site's capacity needs to be used pending opening of the fifth school.

Under the Enrolment Policy for the 2017-2018 school year, which is based on a structure determined by school, the Central Enrolment Authority may have to adapt this structure and, if need be, new classes in the nursery and primary cycles might be opened at the European School, Brussels I – Berkendael Site, should the number of applications for enrolment of category I pupils exceed or look set to exceed the maximum size in number terms of the existing classes.

Should the new classes to be created belong to a language section other than those currently open on that site (FR, LV and SK), the approval of the Board of Governors, consulted by written procedure, is required. Such so-called satellite classes would be created without necessarily leading to the opening of a language section.

II. Situation of enrolments in the first 2017-2018 enrolment phase

2.1. General presentation

The Enrolment Policy for the 2017-2018 school year was devised by the Central Enrolment Authority in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Board of Governors in December 2016.

This policy, published on the European Schools' website on 21 December 2016, is organised in two enrolment phases, the first of which was open from 12 to 31 January 2017.

On 14 February 2017, 1652 applications had been received, breaking down into 1619 categories I and II (Eurocontrol, as from primary year 1), 11 category II and 22 category III. Compared with last year, 144 fewer applications were received during the first enrolment phase, i.e. an 8% reduction on the first 2016-2017 enrolment phase.

However, at this stage of the enrolment session, it is difficult to evaluate whether or not this trend will be confirmed during the second enrolment phase.

Following pedagogical analysis of the applications by the schools, on 17 March 2017, the statistics appearing in Annex I, which relate to the applications received during the first phase, are as follows:

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- a) For the Brussels European Schools, the number of applications for enrolment of new pupils in all years of study and by language section received during the first enrolment phase.
 - b) By school/site, the number of applications for enrolment of new pupils in categories I and II (Eurocontrol, as from primary year 1), by year of study and by language section.

The Central Enrolment Authority met on 17 March 2017 to consider, in accordance with the provisions of the Enrolment Policy, the applications for enrolment claiming special priority criteria, which include particular circumstances with a view to the pupil's enrolment at or transfer to the school of his or her choice.

This year voluntary transfers of pupils were allowed during the first phase, without the need to justify particular circumstances, to the Brussels I School – Berkendael Site, in satellite classes, language sections and year groups open there, to the Brussels IV School for Estonian SWALS from the Brussels II School (as Estonian language section pupils in the nursery cycle and primary year 1 and as SWALS from primary year 2) and, finally, in the context of the bringing together of siblings (Article V.9.4.c) of the Policy. There were 7 such transfer applications and they involved solely the bringing together of siblings.

In the case of other applications for transfers from one Brussels School to another Brussels School, which are considered on the basis of particular circumstances, of the 13 applications received, 9, from the Brussels IV School, were submitted to the Brussels I – Uccle Site (2), Brussels II (3) and Brussels III (4) Schools.

As regards applications for a transfer from the European School, Culham, 2 such applications were submitted to the Brussels III and IV Schools.

The Central Enrolment Authority was due to meet for a second time on 24 March 2017 to consider the applications for enrolment without a special priority criterion and to take the steps necessary to enable all the applications submitted during this first phase to be accepted. On that date, the creation of satellite classes on the Berkendael site did not yet need to be envisaged.

Notification of the offers of places made, which will be published on the Schools' website on 28 April 2017, will be sent to applicants for enrolment or transfer as from that same date.

The second enrolment phase has been open since 13 February and the closing date will be 5 September 2017.

After the beginning of the school year, only applications for the enrolment of categories I and II pupils, concerning solely children being educated outside Belgium when the application is submitted and one of whose parents is taking up a post in Brussels in mid-year (Article V.12 of the Enrolment Policy), will be considered.

2.3. Pattern of development

Overall, applications for enrolment in the nursery cycle account for 43% of all applications and those for the primary cycle for almost 37%.

The French language section accounts for almost 44% of the applications received, the nursery and primary cycles making up more than three quarters of applications for that section.

Whereas applications for the nursery and primary cycles of the German language section are stable compared with last year, applications for the secondary cycle have doubled: 22 applications in 2017-2018 as against 11 applications in 2016-2017.

As regards the Slovakian and Latvian language sections, which are accommodated at the Brussels I School – Berkendael Site, the enrolment applications submitted during the first enrolment phase were for the nursery cycle only.

III. Conclusion

The Authority will convene again in July and in August 2017 to consider the applications submitted during the second enrolment phase, which are due to be dealt with according to the procedure laid down in the 2017-2018 Enrolment Policy.

IV. Annex I

a) – Number of applications, by year of study and by language section, received between 12 and 31 January 2017 (first enrolment phase)

		BG	CS	DA	DE	EL	EN	ES	ET	FI	FR	HU	IT	LT	LV	NL	PL	PT	RO	SK	SV	Total
M	M1	6	17	8	71	22	62	25		7	200	13	33	10	4	28	15	16	12	2	11	562
	M2	1	3	1	23	3	14	10		1	58	1	11	4		9	8	1		2		150
M	Total	7	20	9	94	25	76	35		8	258	14	44	14	4	37	23	17	12	4	11	712
P	P1	1	14	1	31	9	30	12	1	3	97	10	25	4		10	11	3	4		3	269
	P2	2			7		14	9			46	2		1		2	2		1			86
	P3		1		7	1	12	3		1	51	2				3	1	1				83
	P4				1	1	12	3			53	3	1			6	1					81
	P5		1	1	10	2	11	2			46	1	1	2		6	1					84
P	Total	3	16	2	56	13	79	29	1	4	293	18	27	7		27	16	4	5		3	603
S	S1		2		4	1	11	1			60	2	3			15						99
	S2				6	1	8				67	4	4			14	2				1	107
	S3				2		7				10	1	3	1		2						26
	S4				4		8	1			9		3									25
	S5		1				6	2			15						1	2				27
	S6			1	6		13	7		1	7		6			1						42
S	Total		3	1	22	2	53	11		1	168	7	19	1		32	3	2			1	326
	Total	10	39	12	172	40	208	75	1	13	719	39	90	22	4	96	42	23	17	4	15	1,641

– Number of categories I and II (Eurocontrol, as from primary year 1) applications, by year of study and by language section, received between 12 and 31 January 2017 (first enrolment phase)

		BG	CS	DA	DE	EL	EN	ES	ET	FI	FR	HU	IT	LT	LV	NL	PL	PT	RO	SK	SV	Total
M	M1	6	17	8	69	22	62	25		7	197	13	33	9	4	28	15	16	12	2	11	556
	M2	1	3	1	23	2	13	10		1	57	1	10	4		9	8	1		2		146
M	Total	7	20	9	92	24	75	35		8	254	14	43	13	4	37	23	17	12	4	11	702
P	P1	1	14	1	27	9	29	12	1	3	95	10	24	4		10	11	3	4		3	261
	P2	2			7		14	9			44	2		1		2	2		1			84
	P3		1		7	1	12	2		1	49	2				3	1	1				80
	P4				1	1	12	3			51	3	1			6	1					79
	P5		1	1	10	2	10	2			45	1	1	2		6	1					82
P	Total	3	16	2	52	13	77	28	1	4	284	18	26	7		27	16	4	5		3	586
S	S1		2		4	1	11	1			59	2	3			15						98
	S2				6	1	8				66	4	4			14	2				1	106
	S3				2		7				10	1	3	1		2						26
	S4				4		8	1			9		3									25
	S5		1				6	2			15						1	2				27
	S6			1	5		12	7		1	7		5			1						39
S	Total		3	1	21	2	52	11		1	166	7	18	1		32	3	2			1	321
	Total	10	39	12	165	39	204	74	1	13	704	39	87	21	4	96	42	23	17	4	15	1,609

- b) Number of categories I and II (Eurocontrol, as from primary year 1) applications, by year of study and by language section, received between 12 and 31 January 2017 (first enrolment phase), **by school**

EEB1-UCC		BG	DA	DE	EN	ES	FR	HU	IT	PL	Total
M	M1		8	15	13	11	24	11	14	15	111
	M2		1	5	2		7	1	7	8	31
M	Total		9	20	15	11	31	12	21	23	142
P	P1		1	4	8	6	17	9	16	11	72
	P2	1			2	1	10	2		2	18
	P3			3	4	1	9	2		1	20
	P4				4	1	9	3		1	18
	P5		1	3	3	2	10	1	1	1	22
P	Total	1	2	10	21	11	55	17	17	16	150
S	S1			2	2	1	22	2	2		31
	S2			1	2		20	4	2	2	31
	S3			1	2		3	1	1		8
	S4				1		4				5
	S5				3		3			1	7
	S6		1	3	2	2	2		1		11
S	Total		1	7	12	3	54	7	6	3	93
	Total	1	12	37	48	25	140	36	44	42	385

EEB1-BK		DE	FR	LV	SK	Total
M	M1	11	38	4	1	54
	M2	3	10		2	15
M	Total	14	48	4	3	69
P	P1	6	15			21
	P2		5			5
	P3		3			3
	P4		6			6
P	Total	6	29			35
	Total	20	77	4	3	104

EEB2

		BG	DE	EN	FI	FR	HU	IT	LT	NL	PT	RO	SK	SV	Total
M	M1	1	17	19	7	38	2	12	9	8	16	1	1	11	142
	M2	1	3	2	1	14		3	4	2	1				31
M	Total	2	20	21	8	52	2	15	13	10	17	1	1	11	173
P	P1	1	6	7	3	22	1	6	4	7	3	1		3	64
	P2	1	6	3		7			1						18
	P3			1	1	9				1	1				13
	P4			3		18		1		5					27
	P5		1	4		10			2	3					20
P	Total	2	13	18	4	66	1	7	7	16	4	1		3	142
S	S1		1	2		8		1		6					18
	S2		1	3		10				3				1	18
	S3			2		2		1	1	2					8
	S4		1	2		1		3							7
	S5					6					2				8
	S6		1	5	1	2		4							13
S	Total		4	14	1	29		9	1	11	2			1	72
	Total	4	37	53	13	147	3	31	21	37	23	2	1	15	387

EEB3

		CS	DE	EL	EN	ES	FR	IT	NL	Total
M	M1	17	20	22	19	14	48		14	154
	M2	3	11	2	6	10	15		4	51
M	Total	20	31	24	25	24	63		18	205
P	P1	14	9	9	9	6	29	2	1	79
	P2		1		8	8	15		1	33
	P3	1	4	1	3	1	22		1	33
	P4			1	4	2	15		1	23
	P5	1	5	2	2		21			31
P	Total	16	19	13	26	17	102	2	4	199
S	S1	2	1	1	4		26		7	41
	S2		2	1	3		26		7	39
	S3		1		1		4			6
	S4		1		4	1	2			8
	S5	1			1	2	5			9
	S6				3	5	2		1	11
S	Total	3	5	2	16	8	65		15	114
	Total	39	55	39	67	49	230	2	37	518

EEB4

		BG	DE	EN	ET	FR	IT	NL	RO	Total
M	M1	5	6	11		49	7	6	11	95
	M2		1	3		11		3		18
M	Total	5	7	14		60	7	9	11	113
P	P1		2	5	1	12		2	3	25
	P2			1		7		1	1	10
	P3			4		6		1		11
	P4		1	1		3				5
	P5		1	1		4		3		9
P	Total		4	12	1	32		7	4	60
S	S1			3		3		2		8
	S2		2			10	2	4		18
	S3			2		1	1			4
	S4		2	1		2				5
	S5			2		1				3
	S6		1	2		1				4
S	Total		5	10		18	3	6		42
	Total	5	16	36	1	110	10	22	15	215