



Compulsory Education in Europe 2012/13

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Country codes

| | |
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| BE | Belgium |
| BE fr | Belgium – French Community |
| BE de | Belgium – German-speaking Community |
| BE nl | Belgium – Flemish Community |
| BG | Bulgaria |
| CZ | Czech Republic |
| DK | Denmark |
| DE | Germany |
| EE | Estonia |
| IE | Ireland |
| EL | Greece |
| ES | Spain |
| FR | France |
| IT | Italy |
| CY | Cyprus |
| LV | Latvia |
| LT | Lithuania |
| LU | Luxembourg |
| HU | Hungary |
| MT | Malta |
| NL | The Netherlands |
| AT | Austria |
| PL | Poland |

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| PT | Portugal |
| RO | Romania |
| SI | Slovenia |
| SK | Slovakia |
| FI | Finland |
| SE | Sweden |
| UK | The United Kingdom |
| UK-ENG | England |
| UK-WLS | Wales |
| UK-NIR | Northern Ireland |
| UK-SCT | Scotland |
| Acceding country | |
| HR | Croatia |
| Candidate countries | |
| IS | Iceland |
| RS | Serbia |
| TR | Turkey |
| EFTA countries | Countries of the European Free Trade Association |
| LI | Liechtenstein |
| NO | Norway |
| CH | Switzerland |

Student's age-groups and duration of compulsory education, 2012/13

| | Full-time | | | | | | | | | Part-time | Duration of full-time (years) |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|---|---|------------|---------------------|----|------|----|------------|-------------------------------|
| | Starting age | | | | Ending age | | | | | Ending age | |
| | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | |
| BE fr | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | 18 | 9 |
| BE de | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | 18 | 9 |
| BE nl | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | 18 | 9 |
| BG | | | | 7 | | | 16 | | | na | 9 |
| CZ | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | na | 9 |
| DK | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| DE (12 Länder) | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | 18 | 9 |
| DE (5 Länder) | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | 19 | 10 |
| EE | | | | 7 | | | 16 | | | na | 9 |
| IE | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| EL | | 5 | | | | 15 | | | | na | 10 |
| ES | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| FR | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| IT | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| CY | | 4 years + 8 months | | | | 15 | | | | na | 10 years + 4 months |
| LV | | 5 | | | | | 16 | | | na | 11 |
| LT | | | | 7 | | | 16 | | | na | 9 |
| LU | 4 | | | | | | 16 | | | na | 12 |
| HU | | 5 | | | | | 16 | (18) | | na | 11 (13) |
| MT | | 5 | | | | | 16 | | | na | 11 |
| NL | | 5 | | | | | | 18 | | na | 13 |
| AT | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | na | 9 |
| PL | | 5 | | | | | 16 | | | 18 | 11 |
| PT | | | 6 | | | | | 18 | | na | 12 |
| RO | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| SI | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | na | 9 |
| SK | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| FI | | | | 7 | | | 16 | | | na | 9 |
| SE | | | | 7 | | | 16 | | | na | 9 |
| UK-ENG/WLS | | 5 | | | | | 16 | | | na | 11 |
| UK-NIR | 4 | | | | | | 16 | | | na | 12 |
| UK-SCT | | 5 | | | | | 16 | | | na | 11 |
| HR | | | 6 | | 14 | | | | | na | 8 |
| IS | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| RS | | 5 years + 6 months | | | | 14 years + 6 months | | | | na | 9 |
| TR | | 5 years + 6 months | | | | 17 years + 6 months | | | | na | 12 |
| LI | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | na | 9 |
| NO | | | 6 | | | | 16 | | | na | 10 |
| CH (11 cantons) | | | 6 | | | 15 | | | | na | 9 |
| CH (9 cantons) | | 5 | | | | 15 | | | | na | 10 |
| CH (6 cantons) | 4 | | | | | 15 | | | | na | 11 |

Germany

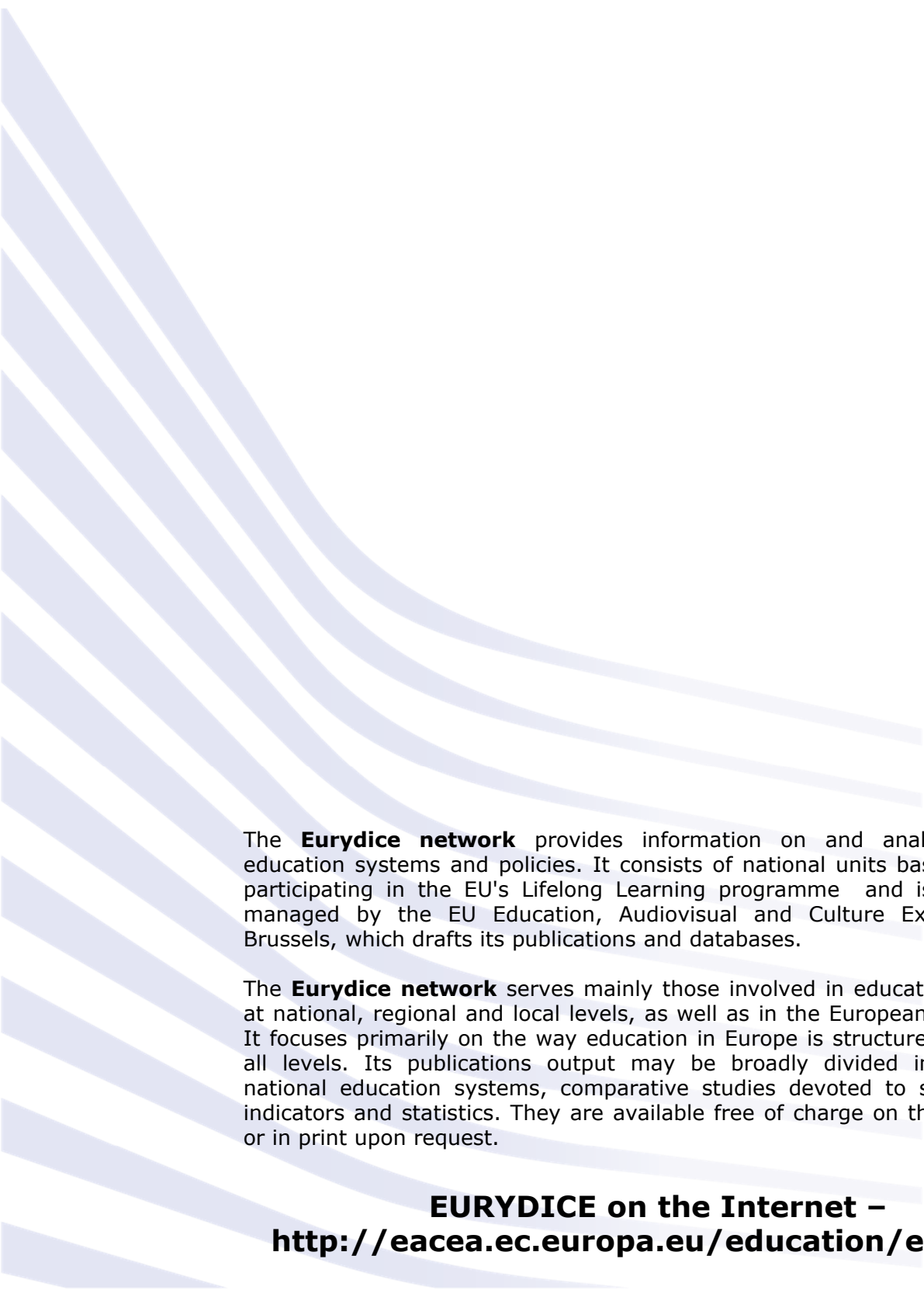
- 12 Länder: Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bayern, Hamburg, Hessen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen (at Gymnasium), Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt and Schleswig-Holstein.
- 5 Länder: Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Nordrhein-Westfalen (at other lower secondary education institutions apart from Gymnasium) and Thuringen.

Hungary

Under the Public Education Act of 2011, education will be compulsory only until the age of 16. The change is being phased in: the new lower age (16) will be applied to students starting in grade 9 from the 2012/13 school year; the higher school leaving age (18) will continue to apply to students in the grades above.

Switzerland

- 11 cantons: Aargau, Bern, Graubünden, Solothurn, Ticino, Uri, Vaud and Valais.
- 9 cantons: Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Appenzell Innerrhoden, Basel-Landschaft, Lucerne, Nidwalden, Obwalden, Schaffhausen, Schwyz and Zug.
- 6 cantons: Basel-Stadt, Fribourg, Geneva, Glarus, Jura, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Thurgau and Zurich.



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