



Compulsory Education in Europe 2012/13

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Country codes

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

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

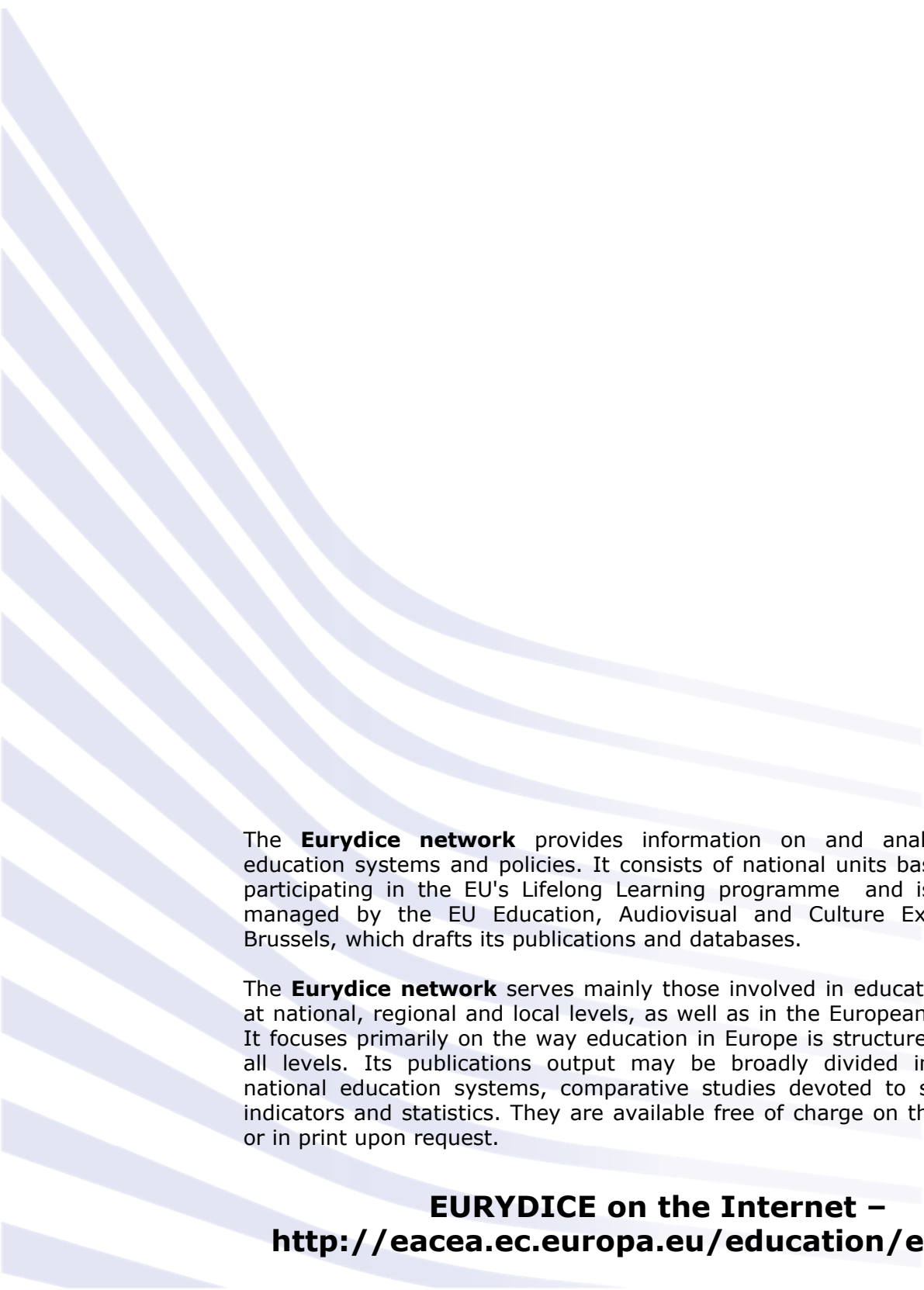
- 12 Länder: Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bayern, Hamburg, Hessen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen (at Gymnasium), Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt and Schleswig-Holstein.
- 5 Länder: Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Nordrhein-Westfalen (at other lower secondary education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