

**Question for written answer E-003501/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Proposal for the future structure of the European Schools

The European Schools' Enlarged Steering Committee has drawn up a proposal for the future structure of the European Schools that provides three possible options: A1, A2 and A3.

Solution A1 is highly detrimental to the Italian community living in Brussels.

According to data provided by the Steering Committee itself, from the entry into force of the reform (in 2028), Italians will be the fourth largest group, and it is clear that cutting the number of Italian sections to two will not provide enough coverage for all Italian pupils and will compound crowding in those sections.

What is more, relocating the sections to two schools at opposite ends of the city would create a logistical burden and worsen traffic, which would have a knock-on effect on environmental sustainability. It would also have a significant impact on educational performance and make it harder to balance time spent on school activities and time spent on extracurricular activities.

In the light of the above:

1. On what criteria is the choice of A1 based?
2. The Staff Regulations for employees of the EU institutions include balancing family and working life among their main objectives. Does the Commission believe that option A1 is in line with those regulations?
3. With a view to delivering a fairer and more balanced solution for Italian officials, does the Commission plan to pursue its stated intention of supporting the solution with the least impact on students and families?

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