

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4955/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: European Schools in Brussels - transfer of sections

The Board of Governors of the European Schools is preparing to decide on the establishment of new language sections in, and the transfer of existing language sections to, the Brussels IV European School. The Commission is represented on the follow-up group ('Groupe de Suivi') set up by the Secretary-General of the European Schools.

At its meeting of 25-26 October 2005, the Board of Governors of the European Schools laid down its 'Criteria for placement of language sections in Brussels IV'.

In view of the foregoing:

How does the Commission interpret criterion (C), 'a geographical balance of sections'?

Does the Commission agree that it is necessary to set up a 'Mediterranean' section in the Brussels IV school?

What are the 'Mediterranean' sections?

What other geographical areas should be taken into account in order to ensure a 'geographical balance'?

How does the Commission interpret criterion (F), 'the geographical distribution of the sections between central and outlying schools'?

Which of the three existing and fourth, prospective school should be regarded as 'central', and which as 'outlying'?

With regard to the proposals put forward by some Member States concerning the opening of new language sections at the Laeken school, is the Commission aware of any decisions by the Board of Governors concerning the minimum number of pupils required to authorise the opening of a section?

If so, what is the minimum threshold in question?