

Question for written answer E-000433/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Functioning of the European Schools

Despite Parliament's September 2023 resolution on the system of European Schools¹, serious difficulties persist regarding the schools' governance, management and financing. These issues hinder the functioning of the schools and have negative consequences for the entire school community. The challenges involve legal matters, resources, infrastructure, staff recruitment and aspects related to educational and pedagogical quality. Recently, the Commission and Parliament signed an agreement with a private school in Brussels to address the shortage of places in European Schools. However, this agreement only provides a limited number of spots for English- and French-speaking pupils, thus failing to resolve overcrowding.

The Commission is therefore asked:

1. Is there a plan to immediately evaluate the current situation of European Schools, determine which of the demands outlined in Parliament's resolution have been met and take the necessary corrective action, and are there plans to establish agreements with other schools in the Brussels area to alleviate overcrowding and ensure the proper functioning of the schools?
2. Will there be an increase in EU financial contributions to the European Schools system to enhance the level of service provided to the existing European Schools?
3. What is the situation regarding the new facility in Neder-Over-Heembeek, which language sections will be relocated there, and what is the expected completion date?

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¹ European Parliament resolution of 12 September 2023 on the system of European Schools: state of play, challenges and perspectives (OJ C, C/2024/1757, 22.3.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/1757/oj>).