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1. The Commission is convinced that fostering a safe, supportive and inclusive school community, respecting the diversity of all their members, aligns with the European Schools' mission and should be maintained. An important part of school education is to provide a safe space for pupils to develop and express their own thoughts on certain political and societal debates. The Commission remains steadfast in its commitment to advance equality and uphold lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) rights.
2. The Commission has a limited role in the teaching provided in the European Schools. The inspectors appointed by the Member States are responsible to develop the school curriculum, to ensure that all pupils have full access to it and to guarantee that teachers not only impart knowledge but also foster the development of other essential competencies, including social skills. Parents, through their respective associations, are also closely involved.
3. The European Schools provide education primarily for the children of staff and members of the European institutions. The Commission fully supports the inclusion of pupils from other backgrounds, provided that the capacity of the schools allows. The current fees those families have to pay represent only a fraction of those charged by private schools. The European Schools also host several pupils who fled Ukraine following the Russian military aggression.