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Answer given by Mr Serafin
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Board of Governors (BoG), the top decision-making body of the European Schools (ES), addressed the Parliament's resolution with an Action Plan, adopted in April 2024. This plan is available on the website of the Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools¹. Its actions are currently being implemented according to the agreed schedule. Bruxelles-Argenteuil is currently the only accredited European School (AES) in the Brussels area. If Belgian authorities request accreditation for more schools, the Commission will explore signing new contribution agreements.
2. The EU's financial contribution is adjusted annually to support the expanding ES population and needs. The draft budget for 2026 was discussed in the ES Budgetary Committee on 12-13 March 2025 and will be submitted for a decision of the BoG in early April 2025.
3. The host country is responsible for the 5th Brussels-based European school in Neder-Over-Heembeek (ESB5). Initially set for 2028, its opening has been deferred to 2030. Belgian authorities plan to expand ESB2, Woluwe site, to accommodate an additional 200-300 pupils to manage the growing Brussels ES population until ESB5 opens. According to the BoG decision of December 2022, the new ESB5 should have five language sections: French, Dutch and Italian (relocated from ESB4, Laeken), Greek (relocation of satellite classes from ESB1, Berkendael site), and, if justified by pupil numbers, English.

¹ <https://www.eursec.eu/Documents/2024-01-D-30-en-4.pdf>