Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **Could you clarify the pre-selection process?**

The applications are first validated by the Class council. They will assess whether the student will manage to catch up by himself/herself when he/she comes back, appropriate behaviour,…).

Then they will be validated by the Management. Students are expected to have the language of the host country in the curriculum; L2, L3 or L4 so they can improve it. (The L1 is the language that the student usually masters, so only in very exceptional cases, if the student is having real difficulties, could be considered.)

**2. What is the ideal host student for the host school?**

In principle, the student whose curriculum best corresponds to that of the school. Though there may be exceptions.

In the Guidelines on Organizing Students’ Mobility from and to the European Schools (Appendix 7), it is specified that the responsibilities of the hosting school are:

- to facilitate the student with the obligatory subjects attended at the sending school as far as they are offered anyway (L1, L2, L3, biology, chemistry, physical education, geography, history, mathematics, physics, religion/ethics)

- to facilitate as many of the elective subjects as possible (L4, economics, art, music, ancient greek, ICT and latin)

- the language section to be attended at the host school is normally the same as in the sending school.

3. **If our child does not want to do any mobility, can a student from another European School be invited to stay with our family?**

Yes, you can host a student from another European School even if your child doesn’t participate in the mobility. If you are willing to do so, please let me know and I will include you in the list of host families.

4. **Is it possible to make the exchange with a school based in a country of my child’s L4 language to improve her L4 skills.**

Yes, you can apply for a school based in a country of your child’s L4 language.

5. **Our daughter has got L1 Hungarian, L2 German, L3 English, L4 Spanish. What language section is she allowed to choose and in which country?**

You could apply for Luxembourg II and Frankfurt since they have your daughter’s L1 section (Hungarian).

6. **Who do I contact to get an exchange family?**

Once our school, EEB1, and the host school have accepted your child’s application, the APEEE of the host school will look for a host family. If there is no APEEE, the host school coordinator may also help you with this task.

7**. In the list we received there are European schools but also accredited European schools. Is there a difference in terms of cost, programmes,…? The ES are financed by our institutions, but the accredited schools remain fee-paying schools.**

The Accredited European Schools follow the same programme as the European Schools.

In principle, all the costs covered by our school should be covered by the accredited school. Our students who went to accredited European schools didn’t have any problem. For further information, please contact directly the accredited school you are interested in.

8. **If we opt for a one-way visit, how much must be paid to the hosting family?**

**According to information I received from Alicante, in a one way visit students have to contribute with 500 euros.**

The Guidelines on Organizing Students’ Mobility from and to the European Schools doesn’t specify any payment to the host families for one-way visits. It is true, however, that some families make some arrangements, but this should be done on a voluntarily basis.

9. **How many students did exchanges?**

A total of 25 students have participated in the school mobility in 2022-2023.

10. **Is it possible to do the exchange in S6?**

The school mobility programme is only intended for students of S5.

11**. Can we receive an exchange student one year later?**

You may choose to do so, however host schools prefer you accommodate the student the same school year.

12**. A native speaker of Italian with L1FR and L2 EN, can study in the Italian section (L1) in Italy?**

It is recommended that students choose schools where they can follow their curriculum.

13. **May I ask who are the members of the class council? Only L1 teachers or also other ones? And on what basis the class council will decide?**

The class council is made up of all teachers of your child. They will mainly assess whether your child will be able to catch up when he/she comes back and whether his/her behaviour is appropriate. They might also consider motivation, adaptability,...

14. **My nephew is attending a non-European school and would like to come for a student exchange here at the European school. Would that be possible?**

The school mobility programme is only intended for students of the European Schools. However, teachers at EEB1 may organize exchanges on their own initiative with schools outside the European system.

15. **We don’t find information about the compulsory subjects in the list of European schools. Do the schools offer them?**

All European Schools accredited and non-accredited offer the compulsory subjects.

16. **If we already have a host family, shall we indicate it in the request or it is the school that decides the host family?**

If you have a host family, you should indicate it in the initial request (within Motivation) as this would increase the chances of being selected.

17**.If we host a student ourselves, can we indicate some criteria of preference (e.g. English or Spanish speaking)? Does the student necessarily come from the school where our child would go?**

Yes, you can indicate your preferences but we cannot assure you that this will be possible.

The student would come from the host school where your child would study.

18. **When selecting applications at EEB1, do you make a difference between applications for European Schools and applications for accredited European Schools?**

No, we don’t.