

## Exchanges at ESCPH

One of the benefits of being part of the European School system is the opportunity for S5 students to take part in the exchange programme between European Schools. This enables students to improve their language skills, be immersed in a different culture and make new friends!

The programme allows S5 students to attend for the duration of semester 1, including exams in the hosting school.

Students can request to be placed with a host family to speak a specific language in order to further their language acquisition.

If you would like to participate in the Student Mobility Programme, either on exchange or as a host family, questions and applications should be sent to [up70@kk.dk](mailto:up70@kk.dk)

New S5 students can apply to the mobility programme while applying to our school.

### The phases

Phase 1 - October to November	
✓	Attend information evening on Mobility Programme
✓	Fill the initial request survey
✓	If your application is accepted = send the annexes to complete your application

Phase 2 - February to March	
✓	ESCPH will send your application to host school
✓	Once you have received confirmation of placement in a host school, they will let you know how to go about finding a host family = usually through contacting the host school's APEE (Parents Association)
✓	If you know a local family who could host your child, you can also contact them

Phase 3 - May to July	
✓	You receive an acceptance letter
✓	Communicate with host school and host family about practicalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Books</li><li>o Transport between school and host family</li><li>o Lunch - if necessary, make arrangements with host school canteen</li><li>o Some schools require you to sign for additional items such as permission to leave, use of a locker etc.</li><li>o Subject choices</li></ul>

⇒ Depending on the school chosen, the exchange should start between **late August and early September**

## Studies

While on exchange, students continue studying the same subjects they take at their own school, provided they're offered by the host school.

Any subjects not taught at the host school must be studied independently during the stay abroad, and for these subjects, the student's second semester results will be doubled.

In this particular case, the student takes responsibility for catching up with the subjects during his/her absence so as not to fall behind when back at ESCPH.

## Results and reports

Results will be brought home in the form of a report and counted towards the end-of-year mark at ESCPH.

As in S5, there are only 2 exams that make up the B-mark, the exam result obtained in the host school will count as one of the 2 B-marks. All A-marks obtained in the host school will also be counted by ESCPH.

## Costs

School fees for the exchange period are paid to your own school. The host school and family should not charge you for your stay, but this should be discussed with the Parents Association (APEEE) of the host school.

You could be invoiced for additional expenses such as school trips, organised by the host school, if agreed in advance.

Host schools are not required to take on any extra costs for guest students (i.e. Learning Support).

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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

The applications are 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, etc.

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 programme. 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 Danish, L2 English, L3 French. What language section is she allowed to choose and in which country?**

You could apply for Luxembourg II and Bruxelles since they have your daughter's L1 section (Danish).

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

Once our school and the host school have accepted your child's application, the APEE 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 the cost of programmes? The ES are financed by our institutions, but the accredited schools remain fee-paying schools.**

The Accredited European Schools follow the same program 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 the accredited school you are interested in directly.

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

The guidelines on organising 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. Is it possible to do the exchange in S6?**

The school mobility programme is only intended for students of S5. S4 students can go with valid reasons.

**10. 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.

**11. Can a native speaker of Italian with L1 EN and L2 FR study in the Italian section (L1) in Italy?**

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

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

The class council is made up of the class teacher and the Head of Lower Secondary. 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, etc.

**13. 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 at the European Schools. However, teachers at EEB1 may organise exchanges on their own initiative with schools outside the European system.

**14. We cannot find information about the compulsory subjects in the list of European Schools. Do the schools offer them?**

All European Schools (also the accredited schools) offer the compulsory subjects.

**15. 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.

**16. 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.

**17. 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.