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NAME OF SCHOOL

1. What types of schools are there in your country?

State schools are under municipalities

Private schools

One religious school, private

2. How much% of students attend which schools?

State schools : 97,5%

Private Schools: 2,4%

Religious schools: 0,1%

Independent schools (charter schools, alternative schools):

3. Do "Religious Schools" and "free schools" belong to the group of private schools or do they belong to their own group?

Yes, private

CURRICULUM AND EVALUATION

State schools

1. Is the education system centrally or regionally organized? Centrally

2. How detailed and obligatory is the curriculum? The new version is less dominant but still obligatory

3. Who created the curriculum and determines the textbooks? Ministry of Education

4. Who evaluates the schools and how are they evaluated? Municipalities and MoE. Every school is evaluated very thoroughly every 5 years.

5. Does the inspectorate only has an advisory role? They have a bit more than advisory role.

6. Who will know the results of the evaluation? MoE and then published publicly

Private schools, independent schools, religious schools

1. Can these schools create their own curriculum and have their own textbooks? Yes to a certain amount but they have to stick to the curriculum

2. Who evaluates the schools and how are they evaluated? Same as state schools

3. How big is the freedom of education (religious, philosophical, pedagogical)? Enough, although it is important to have the directives on the table.

FINANCING

1. Who finances the different types of schools? Municipalities and parents.

2. Please specify in%. State schools 100% and private 75% and 25%

3. How are the different types of schools financed? 100% of state schools and 75% of the average cost nationwide private schools. Parents finance 25% of private schools.

4. Financed by global budgets or with per-child packages or training voucher? Global nationwide average.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

State School

1. Can parents choose freely wherever they live every state school? No

If so, how will the choice be made and who has priority in case there is not enough place for all?

2. How big are the co-determination and participation rights of parents? N/A

Private Schools, Religious Schools, Free Schools



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1. Can parents choose any school in private without financial and religious restriction? **No**
2. How big are the co-determination and participation rights of parents? **Each parents needs to get permission from home municipality to send a child to private school.**

Homeschooling

1. Is homeschooling allowed? **No, there is no tradition for home schooling**
If so, Do the parents need a teacher training?
2. Do the children have to be taught according to the state curriculum? **Children are obligated to attend school.**
3. Is "Free Learning" allowed? **No**
4. Do parents receive financial support from the state? **No**
If so, how much?