

French International School of Gothenburg Newsletter

Keeping you informed about the project's progress.



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The Project!

Where do things stand? Guillaume gives us the answer!

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How did the project for the French International School of Gothenburg come about?

The project stemmed from an observation shared by many French-Swedish families and businesses: the lack of a structured French-language international school program in western Sweden. From the outset, the French Embassy in Sweden and the Institut français de Suède supported and guided this initiative (with the backing of the Maison des Français in Gothenburg) by facilitating dialogue among institutional, educational, and business partners around a shared ambition: to establish a trilingual international school in Gothenburg dedicated to excellence and cultural openness.

Where do things stand today?

The project has now entered a very concrete phase. The statutes for the foundation that will operate the school have been finalized and are expected to be filed in the coming days. At the same time, in-depth work is underway regarding the institution's values, educational approach, and identity, with the aim of establishing a multilingual school [seeking accreditation from the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE)] that is open to its Swedish and international surroundings.

What are the next steps?

The next steps will be decisive. Real estate is a key issue: identifying premises suited to the school's educational ambitions and future growth will be essential. The project will also continue to develop its institutional and financial structure in preparation for submitting an application to Skolinspektionen, the Swedish authority responsible for authorizing international schools. The goal remains a phased opening of the school by 2028, starting with the primary section, followed by the subsequent opening of the secondary level.

Events

An official visit to the heart of innovation: the Mayor of Gothenburg visits Renault Trucks in Lyon.

In January, the Mayor of Gothenburg, Aslan Akbas, visited Renault Trucks' headquarters in Lyon, accompanied by CEO Antoine Duclaux, the Consuls of France and Sweden, and project lead Yoann Landraudie. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss the potential value of the French International School in Gothenburg to Renault Trucks, specifically regarding the facilitation of talent exchanges between France and the Volvo Group in Gothenburg.



A warm and constructive welcome at Mölndal City Hall for EFI Gothenburg.

In February, the Honorary Consul of France, Robert Hörnquist, the project team, and Alexia Mady from the program management team were received at Mölndal City Hall. The constructive and encouraging discussions revealed the municipality's keen interest in the French International School of Gothenburg project, opening up promising avenues for collaboration regarding future facilities.

Fancy a boat ride?

During a reception held aboard the Charles de Gaulle Aircraft Carrier (which was making a port call in Malmö this February), the project for the French International School in Gothenburg was presented within a setting that symbolizes Franco-Swedish cooperation, in the presence of the French Ambassador to Sweden, Thierry Carlier, and Rear Admiral Thibault de Possesse.



A packed schedule in Gothenburg for the member of parliament representing French citizens in the North

During the visit of Vincent Caure (member of parliament for the 3rd constituency for French citizens living abroad) to Gothenburg this March, the Maison des Français and the French Chamber of Commerce in Sweden organized several key events: meetings with the local community and young people, a visit to AstraZeneca, and a lunch with active supporters of the French International School project..

The Francophone world in the spotlight at the Governor of Västra Götaland's residence

A French language and culture day was held in May, during which Governor Sten Tolgfors welcomed French Ambassador Thierry Carlier and Yoann Landraudie (project lead for the French International School). The event provided an opportunity to highlight the vibrancy of local exchanges and the crucial importance of the future school to the region.



A real need for Francophone families

A survey of 122 families in Gothenburg confirmed genuine interest in a French and trilingual educational offering in the region. Sixty-six percent expressed interest in enrolling their child(ren) in an AEFE-accredited school.

The results notably highlight the importance of:

- Trilingual instruction (French, English, and Swedish) following the French curriculum,
- Continuity with the network of French schools in France and abroad,
- A supportive teaching and guidance approach combined with a structured learning environment.

The responses gathered provided a valuable foundation for shaping the project and better understanding the expectations of families in Gothenburg and the surrounding area.

This subsequently proved highly useful for a comprehensive study conducted by the Turenne Group, a firm specializing in the establishment of international schools. The study demonstrated the project's viability through a financial forecast.



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