| Organisation of school time in primary and general secondary education 2016/17 school year ( ${ }^{1,2}$ ) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Primary education | General secondary education |
| Starting date of students' school year | Between 5 and 13 September 2016 | Between 7 and 19 September 2016 |
| End of students' school year | Between 20 and 27 June 2017 | Between 16 and 28 June ( ${ }^{3}$ ) 2017 |
| Christmas/New Year | At least 2 weeks between 22 December 2016 and 8 January 2017 | At least 2 weeks between 22 December 2016 and 8 January 2017 |
| Winter/Carnival | Between 2 and 3 days (depending on the Autonomous Community) ( ${ }^{4}$ ) | Between 2 and 3 days (depending on the Autonomous Community) ( ${ }^{4}$ ) |
| Spring/Easter | About 10 days in the period between the second week and the fourth week of April 2017 | About 10 days in the period between the second week and the fourth week of April 2017 |
| Summer | 12 weeks between late June and mid-September | 12 weeks between late June and mid-September |
| Public/religious holidays | 12 public holidays (some common throughout the country and some specific of the different Autonomous Communities). | 12 public holidays (some common throughout the country and some specific of the different Autonomous Communities). |
| Starting date of teachers' school year | 1 September 2016 | 1 September 2016 |
| End of teachers' school year | 30 June 2017 | 30 June 2017 ( ${ }^{5}$ ) |

## Additional notes:

${ }^{( }{ }^{1}$ ) Dates vary according to the different Autonomous Communities, see the table below.
Total number: $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ The total minimum number of school days is 175 in primary, lower and upper secondary education in all Autonomous Communities, although there are some additional days in in several Communities.
$\left({ }^{3}\right)$ In the last year of post-compulsory upper general secondary education, classes finish two, three or four weeks earlier than in other stages. This time is meant for preparing entrance examinations to universities and final evaluation of Bachillerato, among others.
Total number: $\left({ }^{4}\right)$ In the different Autonomous Communities, the education authorities allocate a certain number of days (between 3 and 6) for Carnival, bank holidays or other free days or grant freedom to schools to allocate these days along the whole school year at their convenience.
${ }^{(5)}$ ) The management team of schools must stay in the school until 31 July.

