

Contract supplement

Longitudinal Module PIRLS 2026

In addition of the Participation Agreement for
PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL READING LITERACY STUDY
(PIRLS) 2026

between

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (IEA),
hereinafter “IEA”**

and

**INVALSI - Istituto Nazionale per la Valutazione del Sistema educativo di Istruzione e formazione (ente di
Diritto Pubblico, Decreto Legislativo 286/2004), Via Ippolito Nievo, 35 – 00153 ROMA, hereinafter
“Participant”**

“IEA” and “Participant” referred to collectively as “Parties”.

This Contract Supplement (the “Supplement”) is made between IEA and **INVALSI** on 27-07-2023 [insert date]. This Supplement is to the contract entitled PIRLS 2026 Participation Agreement between the Parties.

This Supplement is needed to accommodate Participant’s desire to participate in the Longitudinal Module of PIRLS 2026 in accordance with Article 3.8. of the Participation Agreement. This Supplement is an integral part of the Participation Agreement between the Parties.

Accordingly, the Parties agree to the following:

Article 1 bis: PARTICIPATION RIGHT GRANT

1.1. bis

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Participation Agreement and this Supplement, Parties agree that Participant shall participate in the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module, and IEA therefore hereby grants Participant the right as of the Effective Date to participate in the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module, as specified in Article 2 bis of this Supplement (hereinafter also referred to as the “Participation Rights”), which is hereby accepted by Participant.

1.2. bis

Participant understands and acknowledges that since IEA’s financial contribution is in itself insufficient to fund the entire PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module, and in return for the Participation Rights granted in Article 1.1. bis above, all participating countries (including Participant) are expected to make a financial contribution specified in Article 3 bis of this Supplement (hereinafter also referred to as the “Participation Fee”).

Article 2 bis: SCOPE OF WORK COOPERATION AND STUDY PHASES

Participant hereby agrees to collaborate with IEA during the entire term of the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module. The preparation of the Longitudinal Module will begin in parallel to the PIRLS 2026 cycle of the study. The specific scope of work to be performed by IEA, and in which Participant agrees to jointly collaborate, is set out below:

2023–2028	
2023–2025	Simultaneously with PIRLS 2026, the preparatory work for Longitudinal Study commences: Review of student context questionnaire, planning country preparations (RTI, IEA)
Quarter 2 2026	PIRLS 2026 Data Collection, recruit PIRLS 2026 students for longitudinal option
2027	(Limited) Revision of context questionnaire (QIRC subgroup, BC, Countries), software and sampling preparations for repeated measure (IEA, RTI, Countries).
Quarter 2 2027	Reassess PIRLS 2026 students one year later
2028	Analysis, Country Review, and Reporting

Article 3 bis: PARTICIPATION FEE

3.1 bis

In return for the Participation Rights as granted by IEA in Article 1.1. bis of this Supplement, Participant hereby agrees to contribute financially to the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module by transfer to IEA of the Participation Fee as specified in Article 3.2 bis below.

3.2 bis

The Core Participation Fee applicable to the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module for grade 4, is due in two currencies and amounts to a combined fee of ICU 100,000 = (1) US\$ 50,000 and (2) EURO 50,000, to be invoiced in the first quarter of 2024.

3.3 bis

Subject to Article 3.4 of the Participation Agreement, the Participation Fee covers the entire term of the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module. Payment of the Participation Fee is required within 30 days of the invoice date, which shall be sent to Participant by IEA or its Secretariat.

3.4 bis

The Longitudinal module of PIRLS 2026 is subject to a minimum number of participating countries. IEA reserves the right to cancel the Longitudinal Module of PIRLS 2026 without incurring any liability in case of insufficient number of participating countries.

Article 6 bis – EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM AND TERMINATION

6.1 bis

This Amendment commences upon the Effective Date (the date of signature of this Amendment by both Parties) and is entered into for the entire term of the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module, i.e., until 31 March 2028. In case the term of the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module is extended beyond 31 March 2028 this

Supplement is also automatically extended by one year, i.e., 31 March 2029, or any later date the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module is concluded.

Article 9 bis - SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

9.1 bis

Reporting for PIRLS Longitudinal shall be provided at the end of 2028 and the final international database shall be released to the participating countries.

9.2 bis

Parties agree and acknowledge that all national data of the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module shall be included in the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal international database to be prepared by IEA.

9.3 bis

Parties also agree and acknowledge that all data shall be accessible to all national study centers and broader research communities via IEA's Data Repository System.

9.4 bis

Participant hereby confirms that it shall not release nor spread any PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module data or any other relevant PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal related information to third parties prior to the official release dates as communicated and announced by IEA on the basis of the commitment of international study centers and participating countries' schedules.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the Participation Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. For the following Articles of the Participation Agreement, any reference to PIRLS 2026 Study should be construed to include a reference to the PIRLS 2026 Longitudinal Module as well:

- **Article 4 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP**
- **Article 5 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LICENSE GRANT**
- **Article 7 – COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS**
- **Article 8 – CONFIDENTIALITY**
- **Article 10 – GOVERNING LAW AND COMPETENT COURT**
- **Article 11 - GENERAL**

Should there be any conflict between this Supplement and the Participation Agreement, the terms of the Participation Agreement shall prevail. This Supplement becomes effective upon the signature of both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Parties, have signed this Agreement on 27-07-2023.

Signed for and on behalf of

The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement



Dr Dirk Hastedt
Executive Director



Signed for and on behalf of

Istituto Nazionale per la Valutazione del Sistema educativo di Istruzione e formazione

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