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The project European Early Childhood Development Movement Expert has STARTED!!!

The EECEME project started on 1 st of January 2021 and will end on 30 June 2023.

The project has as its objective the development of a European training course aimed at professionals working in early childhood organizations and institutions (target age 0-6 / 7 years) to help children lay the foundations for an active and healthy lifestyle throughout the project, which will be carried with them for the rest of their lives.

The project aims to enhance cross – cultural cooperation and exchange of good practices that will generate understanding for importance of active and healthy lifestyle for early childhood development, and will create a foundation of movements and activities with a range of physical, emotional, and interpersonal benefits designed by the early childhood movement experts.

Kick Off Meeting – 23 rd February 2021

The main objective was setting the management of the project decide project implementation path and activities. The Kick-off meeting was organized by the EECEME project lead organization- Centro Sportivo Italiano.

The purposes of the meeting that were discussed were

- Presenting project goals, activities and expected results
- Project management plan and administrative issues
- Planning dissemination and evaluation plan

During the meeting all the partnership presented themselves and their partner-organization or partner-institution. Project team was introduced with the work of all partner organizations, which shared insights about the importance of movement experiences for the development of children and their engagement in it.

Finally, were discussed the next steps for the project implementation and it was decided to have several online meetings before the next meeting that was scheduled for October 2021 in Vienna, Austria.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The top bar indicates the meeting is titled "Progetti Nazionali Centro Sportivo Italiano is presenting" and shows the time as 11:03 AM. The main content area displays a presentation slide for the "EECEME Project". The slide includes the following information:

- Project Title:** European Early Childhood Education Movement Expert
- Period:** 01/2021 – 06/2023
- Objective:** The project aim is to develop EUROPEAN TRAINING COURSE for different kinds of professionals working in early education institutions with young children with the implementation of materials for strengthening of professional skills to strengthen ACTIVE + HEALTHY LIFESTYLE in youngsters due to its many positive benefits.

Below the text, there is a graphic titled "WHEN KIDS ARE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE:" with five icons representing different benefits: better academically, better health, better behavior, better social skills, and better self-esteem. The bottom of the slide features the text "EECEME-Kick off meeting, 23 February, online".

On the right side of the Zoom window, a grid of participants is visible, including:

- Valentina Serafini
- Progetti Nazionali...
- Rita Festi
- Daniel Garcia Leiva
- Vasilis Rafail
- Tamara Monreal
- Marcel Kessel - K...
- Maria Lorenzini
- Unknown

The bottom of the Zoom window shows standard controls: "Meeting details", "Raise hand", "Turn on captions", and "Activate Windows".

2nd Project meeting Vienna, Austria

Meeting was held on 11 th and 12 th October 2021 in Vienna, Austria.

The main goal of the meeting was to analyze the work being done by all the partners involved in the Output 1 and planning the future activities related to the other project outputs.

The purposes of the meeting were:

- Presentation of the Analysis research paper on how to strengthen the basic motoric skills and an active healthy lifestyle of young children through experts working in the field of early education. Results of the research conducted in the countries of the project partner organizations on the existing sports activities for children aged 0-6 years.
- Development of training materials for professional child workers on strengthening of their professional competencies to strengthen the basic motoric skills and an active healthy lifestyle of children in early education.
- Project management and monitoring.
- Dissemination and evaluation.
- Planning of next activities and deadlines.

The host of the transnational meeting was the Austrian organization BEST- institute for vocational education and training, which is a private institute with over 25 years of successful realization of programs for education and training.



We are looking forward to our next meeting, this time in Italy!!!

More information on the project website launched in 6 languages
<http://eeceme-project.eu>

