



PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS: FINAL NEWSLETTER OF EECEME

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FINAL MEETING IN ROME

The Final Meeting of the EECEME was held on 8th June, at the offices of the National Early Presidency of the CSI. The EECEME - European Early Childhood Education Movement Experts project, which aimed to promote basic motor activity for children aged 0-6, was completed in June of this year after 30 months of collaboration. Launched in January 2021, the project involved partners from Greece, Spain, Northern Macedonia, and Austria



During the closing meeting, representatives from the partner countries gathered to discuss the project's latest results and the impact of EECEME training. They emphasized the significance of physical activity during childhood and shared their experiences and the outcomes of the project. The meeting highlighted the successful collaboration between the partners, leading to proposals for further training activities as part of a new project EECEME 2.0.

MULTIPLIER EVENTS

Each partner country had a multiplier event to maximize the visibility, impact, and sustainability of the project. Enabling dissemination of knowledge and good practices, engaging stakeholders, fostering collaboration, influencing policies, and paving the way for future initiatives. In continuation, you can read a few testimonies and experiences from the partners

SSF

On November 25, 2022, Solidaridad Sin Fronteras (SSF) organized an Action Event titled "Health and Sport in Early Childhood Education" in the Municipality of Leganés, Madrid. The event featured a round table discussion, bringing together participants from social organizations and public administration, particularly child workers.



Its purpose was to introduce them to the ECEME project, provide insights into the project's materials and results, and facilitate the exchange of best practices among professionals in promoting healthy practices and sports for children.



LAG AGRO LIDER

On June 23, 2023, LAG AGRO LIDER organized a multiplier event in Prilep, Macedonia, focused on improving programs for preschool children. The event brought together representatives from the municipalities of Dolneni, Krivogastani, and Prilep, as well as kindergartens and civil society organizations. Participants shared their experiences, discussed project activities, and addressed the challenges they encountered while providing recommendations to enhance sports programs for preschool-aged children. The event provided a platform for attendees to engage in meaningful discussions, share their valuable experiences, and establish new networks within the field.



KSB

25 stakeholders and representatives of the field of early childhood education from our and our associated partners' networks working with children with partly disadvantaged or migrant backgrounds took part in the first Multiplier Event in Vienna. The participants discussed the high significance of strengthening the motoric skills, connected to cognitive, emotional imagination, social, and coordination development at a very early age, continuing throughout the first years at school. They pointed out that these years, in particular, are characterized by rapid motoric development and the training materials provided by the EECEME project can bring great benefit to professional child workers to foster an active a healthy lifestyle for children, and that they will spread the news and recommend the training materials to other professionals in the field of child education.



FINAL CONFERENCE



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Representatives of all of the partner countries participated in the final conference of the European Movement of Experts in Early Childhood Development project, held in Rome, Italy on June 8th and 9th, 2023. The conference, organized by the Centro Sportivo Italiano, brought together European partners, including SCF (Italy), Iasis (Greece), SSF (Spain), Agro Lider (North Macedonia), and Best (Austria), who collaborated over the past 30 months to exchange ideas and experiences on promoting healthy lifestyles for young children.

During the conference, psychologist Fabio Carlevaro and technician Alberto Maria Nicoli provided an overview of sports' physical and social benefits for children and youth. Prof. Simone Di Gennaro from the University of Cassino and South Lazio discussed the evolving relationship between today's youth and sports, addressing topics such as real and digital sports, e-sports, and their impact on traditional disciplines.

Notable presentations included the Fiabe in Movimento project, led by CSI, which operates in 40 kindergartens across ten Italian regions, fostering children's independence and creativity through language, storytelling, and movement. Alessandra Pietrini, CSI's Child Protection Policy Officer, highlighted the importance of safeguarding minors and explained the campaign Strive for Courage, aimed at combating abuse and promoting protective policies.



Roberto Lamborghini, head of the SG Plus Study and Research Center, introduced the Sport 5.0 Volunteering Manifesto and the Zport project, which seeks to engage young people under 35 in sports associations and address current and future challenges. Eleonora Cosentino, from the Department of Sports - Presidency of the Council of Ministers, expressed support for the project and emphasized the significance of early childhood training on a global scale.

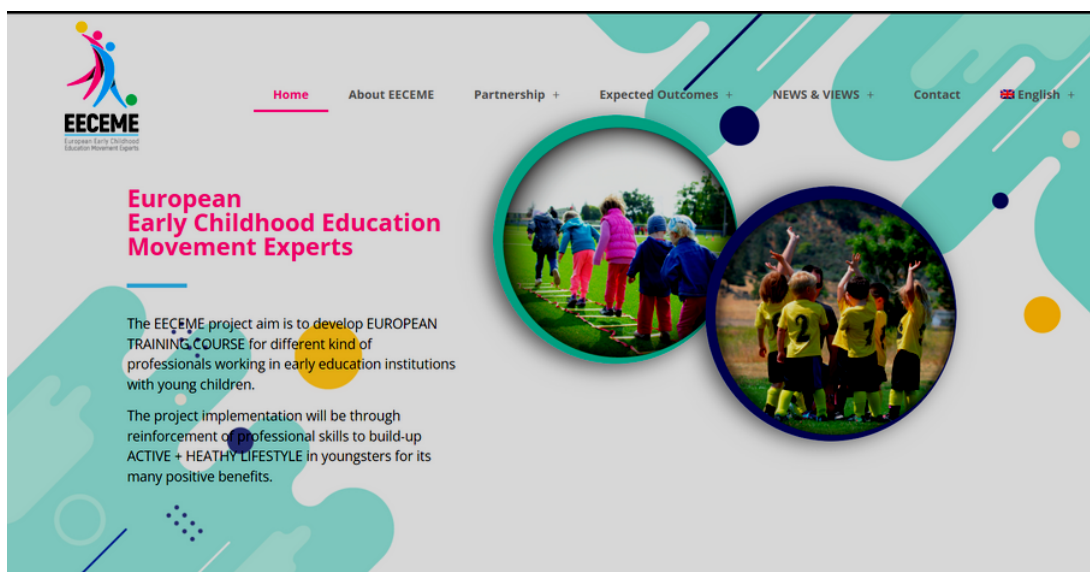
The conference welcomed undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, providing them with insights into the work of the Centro Sportivo Italiano and encouraging their input on improving sports policies for children and youth in Italy and beyond. Overall, this project has been a valuable experience for everyone.

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As we conclude this final newsletter, we extend our deepest gratitude to all the project participants, partners, and supporters. Your dedication and contributions have been instrumental in our success.

The final slide of this newsletter marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of countless new possibilities. Let us take the knowledge, experiences, and connections gained from EECEME and progress, knowing that our actions can shape a brighter future.

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