

Invitation to the first Multiplier Event of the EU-Project
“Reflecting Cultures of Education in Early Childhood”

Issues of diversity, along with the powerful social and cultural dynamics of a globalizing world, determine nationwide the prevalent discourses in the field of education. Due to processes of migration and globalization in recent years, educational and learning cultures have become more diverse. Institutions of early childhood education must meet increasing challenges with the effect that education systems need professionals with broad cultural competences. Furthermore, a growing number of students in ECEC courses have different cultural and educational backgrounds. The major challenge of societies is not only to accept these educational differences but to develop the educational system further by participating different cultural views to education to create a new common basis of collaboration in education under the priority of inclusion and diversity.

Against this background, our project ‘Reflecting Cultures of Education - Transnationality and Cultural Awareness in Early Childhood Education Programs (RECOdE)’ has the aim to strengthen our Erasmus partnerships by building a network for cultural awareness in ECEC in Higher Education Programs, which is guiding the project over three years and furthermore. Our target groups are leaders of study programs and modules of cultural awareness in ECEC, who are interested in participating of the development of a framework for cultural awareness in Higher Education Programs for ECEC, which is the basis for B.A. and M.A. study programs (modules). We are looking for collaboration with interested partners to broaden our perspectives on the topic, to create and expand our networks, to learn from each other and to receive new insights and ideas for all study programs. In doing so, a toolkit concerning ‘cultures of early childhood education’ will be developed that can be offered to each training institution.

In the following years there will be every half year a 1,5-day intensive workshop, which is partially financed by the EU. So, the project partners (University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, the University of Stavanger, Norway, and the Dublin City University, Ireland) are pleased to invite you to our first Multiplier Event in Stavanger, where we present our first draft of a framework for cultural awareness. As a participant, we invite you to take part in workshops where you present your own study modules, and where we discuss the subject matters of a framework. The workshops are framed by experts, who give impulses and furthermore. There is a wonderful opportunity to build a network.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. For more information, please contact Gunnar Magnus Eidsvåg. Please express your interest of participation before 15.06.2022 by returning the registration form (see below) to Gunnar Magnus Eidsvåg (gunnar.m.eidsvag@uis.no).

Sincerely

For the organization team in Stavanger

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Multiplier event in Stavanger 19/09-20/09

Day 1, Monday

09.00	Welcome and networking
09.15 Session 1	Presentation of the project and discussion
10.30	Coffee/tea
10.45 Session 2	Public Lecture Diversity, Equality and Inclusion
11.30	Lunch
12.30 Session 3	Workshops (3-4 workshops where universities present their study module and discuss topics of the framework (recorded discussions))
	Topics for the workshops, e.g. social justice, global south and global north, multiculturalism and belonging, culture and identity
14.00	Fruit
14.15 Session 4	Public Lecture 'The quest for social justice in ECEC'
15.00	Break
15.15 Session 5	Continuing workshops (recorded discussions)
16.30	End of the day
	Cultural event
19.00	Dinner

Day 2, Tuesday

09.00	welcome and networking (Coffee/tea)
09.15 Session 1	Public Lecture ' Belonging and value pedagogy'
10.00	Coffee/tea
10.15 Session 2	continuing workshops (recorded discussions)
11.30	Feed back, evaluation and goodbye
12.30	Lunch

The workshops will be led by: Clara Rubiano, University of Roehampton
Helge Wasmuth & Elena Nitecki, Mercy College, NY, USA,
Ebrahim Talaei, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran

The event is free of charge. However, the project does not cover travel costs and accommodation. By presenting a workshop paper you can use STT or STA to cover travel costs and accommodation (Ask your International Office). There is also the opportunity to participate via videoconference.

Registration form

Name of institution

Name of participants.....

Email.....

Telephone.....

Study module/culture module

(Please give a brief description of the study module you will present)

Mode of participation

On campus

Online

Hotel suggestions

Ydalir Hotel, Stavanger ydalir.no

Hotel Victoria, Stavanger [Rom & Suiter – Hotel Victoria Stavanger \(hotel-victoria.no\)](http://Rom & Suiter – Hotel Victoria Stavanger (hotel-victoria.no))