

Invitation to the Multiplier Event “Reflecting Cultures of Education in Early Childhood”

EU project led by University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd, University of Stavanger and Dublin City University

Dear colleagues,

‘**Reflecting Cultures of Education - Transnationality and Cultural Awareness in Early Childhood Education Programs (RECOdE)**’ is a **project co-funded by the European Union that has the aim to build a network for cultural awareness in ECEC in Higher Education Programs**. For this purpose, the project partners University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd, University of Stavanger and Dublin City University, are working in close collaboration to create a framework for cultural awareness, common modules at B.A. level as well as a Summer School program at M.A. level.

The first Multiplier event of the Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnerships project took place in Stavanger in September 2022. Six universities started to build a network for curriculum development with the focus on critical cultural awareness in ECEC in Higher Education Programs. We are looking forward to the participation of further ECEC interested colleagues of other Erasmus partners of our universities to broaden our perspectives on the topic, create and expand our networks, learn from each other, and share new insights and ideas for all study programs.

The project partners are pleased to **invite you to the second Multiplier Event which will take place on the 8th and 9th of February 2023 at Dublin City University** (Dublin, Ireland). During this event, we will present our first draft of a framework for critical cultural awareness and first impressions of student interviews and a survey draft about this topic. The presentations will be marked by a public conversation and a panel between teachers, students, stakeholders, specialists, and members of civil society organizations. A World Café and a workshop with teachers, students, partner universities, and stakeholders will take place after each presentation to reflect on these topics. To conclude the event and enhance our work in each university and ECEC settings, all the participants will be invited to share their practices on critical cultural awareness. After the event, we will work with your comments and suggestions, and share with you all the materials.

Call for contributions

* We would be pleased to share teaching experiences about this topic. If you are interested to present a practice example of your work with students (max. 15 min), please fields out the [registration form](#) by the 6th of January (link is also above)

Please, express your interest in participating in the Multiplier Event before 06.01.2023 [by completing this quick form](#). If you have any queries regarding the event, please contact Carolina Semmoloni (carolina.semmoloni@dcu.ie) who will be pleased to help you. For more information about the project, you can also visit our official website: recode-erasmus.com

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Multiplier event in Dublin

DAY 1 | Wednesday 08th February

14.00	Welcome and introduction
14.15	Public conversation <i>Critical considerations about ECEC, cultural awareness, rights, and justice</i>. Panelists: <i>Dr. Jennifer Guevara</i> , ECEC specialist, and <i>Dr Caroline Munyi</i> , Migrant Women's Health Coordinator at Akina Dada wa Africa .
14.45	Presentation of the <i>Framework for Cultural Awareness</i> (RECOdE team)
15.15	Break
15.30	World café <i>from practice to framework and back: reflections on particular and shared challenges</i>. ECEC teachers, partner universities, stakeholders and members of the RECOdE team will be invited to discuss the challenges and needs for each institution.
17.30	End of the day
19.00	Intercultural event

DAY 2 | Thursday 09th February

09.00	Networking and coffee
09.15	Panel topic: <i>Critical cultural awareness for ECEC graduates</i>. Round table panel between an ECEC teacher (UiS), a BA student (DCU), and Dr. Mihaela Ionescu, (ISSA).
10.15	Break
10.30	Presentation of student interview results and survey ideas (RECOdE team)
11.30	Lunch
12.30	Workshops: ECEC teachers, BA students, partner universities, stakeholders, and members of the RECOdE team will be invited to participate in a workshop to reflect and discuss about critical cultural awareness for ECEC graduates .
14.30	Fostering Students <i>critical cultural awareness in practice</i>. ECEC teachers, partner universities, BA students, and members of the RECOdE team are invited to present practical experiences to develop critical cultural awareness.
15.30	Feedback and evaluation
16.00	End of the day

The event is free of charge. However, the project does not cover travel costs and accommodation. By presenting your study model in 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.