

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE AREA

CALL FOR EXPERTS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES<sup>1</sup> IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A PROJECT TO ENHANCE THE SKILLS OF EDUCATIONAL STAFF IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SECTOR ON OUTDOOR EDUCATION, UNDER THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE ERASMUS PLUS PROGRAMME, SCHOOL EDUCATION SECTOR, KA1 ACTIVITY LEARNING MOBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS.

### INTRODUCTION

In 2019, the European Commission presented a proposal for a Council Recommendation on high quality Early Childhood Education and Care systems, aimed at developing a common understanding across the European Union on what constitutes good quality in Early Childhood Education and Care Services.

A broad pedagogical framework lays out the principles for supporting children's development and learning through Education and Care practices that meet children's interests, needs, and potential. The main goal of the framework is to describe a system that can provide high-quality early childhood education and care services for all children. Specifically, the Council Recommendation has identified the following pillars for a quality service:

1. the competencies of educational staff to promote children's well-being, learning, and development. Therefore, the working conditions and professional training of staff are considered essential to guarantee quality
2. the curriculum as an effective tool for improving children's well-being, development and learning.

In 2021, the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission promoted the Erasmus Accreditation, as a new tool for those education and training organizations that wish to open up to international learning mobility, cooperation and cross-border exchanges.

The Early Childhood Education and Care Area of the Municipality of Milan obtained the Erasmus Accreditation for Key Action 1 \_ Individual Learning Mobility (KA1).

The main objectives of the Individual Learning Mobility Programme set up by the Municipality are:

- to support the professional development of those working in the education field in order to renew and enhance the quality of teaching, training and realizing socio-educational activities all over Europe

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<sup>1</sup> In an EU Country or in one of the third countries associated with the Erasmus plus Programme (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Serbia) excluding Italy

- to improve the participants' foreign language skills
- to increase the participants' awareness and understanding of other cultures and other countries, offering them the opportunity to build up international networks, to actively participate in society and develop a sense of European belonging and identity
- to increase the attractiveness and the international dimension of the organizations involved in Education, Training and Youth in order to make them able to offer activities and programmes that better meet the needs of individuals, in Europe and beyond
- to strengthen the synergies and transitions between formal and non-formal learning, vocational training, employment and entrepreneurship
- to improve processes of recognition and validation of competencies gained during learning periods abroad
- to promote the creation of a European Educational Area.

Considering the scope of the Erasmus accreditation, the Early Childhood Education and Care Area of the Education Department of the Municipality of Milan presented a project that aims to enhance the skills of educators of ECEC services about the outdoor education.

The project activities are:

1. a five-day workshop (travel included) in Milan carried out by an outdoor education expert from an EU country. The workshop should consist of both a theoretical seminar and a supervision activity in some municipal ECEC services
2. a job shadowing period at a Childcare Service facility in an EU country for 15 people (educators/ managers/ staff) of the Early Childhood Education and Care Area of the Municipality of Milan.

#### ART. 1 SCOPE

Through this procedure, the Early Childhood Education and Care Area of the Education Department of the Municipality of Milan intends to identify an expert in Early Childhood Education and Care, with particular background and expertise in outdoor education.

The person selected will participate in the co- design process of the workshop, lasting up to 5 days, which will take place in Milan and should consist of theoretical seminars and supervision activities in some municipal ECEC services.

#### ART. 2 COMMITMENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

All costs (travel, food and accommodation, local transportation) sustained by the selected person will be paid by the Municipality of Milan. Participation in the project does not provide for any form of financial compensation.

#### ART. 3 REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The selected person must satisfy the following requirements:

1. she/he must be residing continuously, for at least 5 years, in an EU Country or in one of the third countries associated with the Erasmus plus Programme (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Serbia) excluding Italy, and have gained significant educational and/or professional experience in his country (ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT)
2. she/he must have specific training, preferably at university level, in Early Childhood Education and Care and Outdoor Education (MAX 5 POINTS)
3. she/he must have at least 5 years' experience as a trainer in Early Childhood Education and Care and Outdoor Education OR have work experience in outdoor education as a manager (5 years) or as Early Childhood educator (10 years) (MAX 10 POINTS)
4. she/he must have, or have had in the last 5 years, collaborative relationships with ECEC services in her/his own country with significant experience in outdoor education where job shadowing activities can be carried out for the staff of Early Childhood Education and care of the Municipality of Milan (MAX 5 POINTS)
5. she/he must have, or have had in the last 5 years, collaborative relationships with training organizations specialized in Early Childhood Education and Care and Outdoor Education (MAX 5 POINTS).

#### ART. 4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Candidates who intend to respond to this Call must send their expression of interest - written in English or in Italian - no later than 01/ 07 /2022 at 12:00 to the following email address: [ed.ufficioprogetti@comune.milano.it](mailto:ed.ufficioprogetti@comune.milano.it). The email subject must be: "CALL FOR EXPERTS ".

Proposals sent in different ways will not be considered.

The application must contain:

- form of expression of interest (Attachment 1) duly completed and signed
- curriculum vitae with clear reference to training and work experiences relevant for the selection
- cover letter stating reasons for application, the proposed training contribution and existing or past collaborations with Early Childhood Education and Care services or specialized training bodies on the topics of Early Childhood Education and Care and Outdoor Education. Part of this document must be dedicated to past or existing projects / trainings on the topic of outdoor education in childcare services. Cover letters in photo or video format will also be accepted
- copy of a valid ID.

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