



Early childhood
education and care



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

EDUFIRST Erasmus+ Project Final Conference

Barcelona, 21-22 September 2026

**Conservatori Municipal de Música de Barcelona (Modernist building),
Carrer del Bruc, 110, Barcelona 08009.**

Monday, 21 September 2026

9.00 Official reception at the political level – Private Event

Institutional Welcome. IMEB Manager; Metròpoli director; EDUFIRST Principal Investigators; Rokhaya Diawara (UNESCO); Vidur Chopra (UNICEF); Géraldine Libreau (European Commission); Vice-Mayor and Children's councillor of the City of Milan; Children's Councillor of the City of Tampere; Vic City Councillor for Education; Erasmus+ Programme representative; SEPIE representative; Eurocities representative; etc.

9.00 Reception

9.30 Official Opening Ceremony

Institutional Welcome. Councillor for Education; IMEB Barcelona Manager; EDUFIRST Principal Investigator.

10.00 Dialogue “Main Challenges for World and European ECEC services: Inclusion, Equity and Interculturality”

Rokhaya Diawara, UNESCO Representative for Early Childhood Education and Protection; Vidur Chopra, UNICEF Representative for Child Guarantee; and Géraldine Libreau, Policy Officer - Early Childhood Education and Care at the European Commission.

Moderator: Eurocities representative.



Early childhood
education and care



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

11.00 Round Table: “Managing ECEC Services in European Cities: Challenges and Opportunities in Barcelona, Milan and Tampere”

Councillor for Education and Children of Barcelona; Vice-Mayor and Children’s Councillor of the City of Milan; Children’s Councillor of the City of Tampere.

Moderator: Eurocities representative.

12.00 Coffe break

12.30 EDUFIRST Erasmus+ Project Presentation: “Process, Results and New Approaches to ECEC Services”. EDUFIRST Book Launch.

Moderator: UVic EDUFIRST Team

13.30 Lunch (participants free to arrange individually)

15.00 Round Table: “Edufirst Cities Journey and Results: New Proposals for ECEC Services”

Tanja Moisala (Tampere); Franca Locati (Milan); Alicia Aguilera (Barcelona).
Moderator: Elisa Stinus – Institut Metròpoli Barcelona (Institut Infància i Adolescència).

16.00 EDUFIRST Video + Dialogue + Experiences: “Community and Intercultural Action in Barcelona ECEC Services”

Bet Bàrbara (Barcelona City Council) and Barcelona Intercultural Commissioner.

Nursery school experiences: EBM Aurora; EBM Colometa; and EBM Teixonera.

Moderator: Elisa Stinus – Institut Metròpoli Barcelona (Institut Infància i Adolescència).

17.30 Closing Session and Agenda for the Next Day

Moderator: UVic.

20.00 EDUFIRST Project Private Dinner



Early childhood
education and care



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

10.00 Main Conference: “Improving Early Childhood Education and Care services (ECEC) for Inclusion, Equity, Community Participation and Climate Justice: Reflections from ToWe Erasmus+ Project”

Prof. Àngels Geis (Ramon Llull University) – ToWe Project

<https://www.toddlerswellbeing.co.uk/>.

Moderator: UVic.

11.00 Round Table: “Research-Based Knowledge to Better Address Current ECEC Services Challenges”

Laia Pineda. Institut Metròpoli Barcelona (Institut Infància i Adolescència); Sílvia Blanch (Autonomous University of Barcelona); Martino Serapioni (COFACE Families Europe).

Moderator: Dr. Sabilah Eboo Alwani (University of Cambridge).

12.30 Coffee break

13.00 Challenges and Future Scenarios for European ECEC Services

UVic research team.

13.30 Closing Ceremony

Franca Locati (Milan); Tanja Moisala (Tampere); Alícia Aguilera (Barcelona); Elisa Stinus (Institut Metròpoli Barcelona); and EDUFIRST PI UVic (Jordi Collet).