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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 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: Nathalie Guri – Eurocities representative.

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; Anna Scavuzzo, Vice Mayor of the City of Milan - Competence on Education; Children’s Councillor of the City of Tampere.

Moderator: Nathalie Guri – Eurocities representative.



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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



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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); Àlicia Aguilera (Barcelona); Elisa Stinus (Institut Metròpoli Barcelona); and EDUFIRST PI UVic (Jordi Collet).