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EDUFIRST Erasmus + Project Final Conference

Barcelona, 21st and 22nd, September 2026

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

Monday, 21st of September 2026

9.30 Reception

10.00 Opening ceremony

10.15 Dialogue “Main challenges for the World and European ECEC services: inclusion, equity and interculturality”.

Rokhaya Diawara, UNESCO responsible for Early Childhood education and protection; Vidur Chopra, UNICEF responsible for Child Guarantee; and Géraldine Libreau, Policy Officer - Early Childhood Education and Care at European Commission (Online); Alejandro Paniagua, former OECD consultant. *Moderator: Nathalie Guri, Eurocities representative*

11.15 Coffee break

11.45 Round Table: Managing ECEC services in European cities: Challenges and opportunities in Barcelona, Milan and Tampere

Councillor for Education and Children of Barcelona – Sara Belbeida; Vice Mayor of the City of Milan with Competence on Education - Anna Scavuzzo; Deputy mayor and Children Councillor of the Tampere City - Anne-Mari Jussila. *Moderator: Nathalie Guri, Eurocities representative*

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12.45 EDUFIRST Erasmus + project presentation: process, results and new approach to ECEC services. And Edufirst book Launch. Conductor: UVIC Edufirst Team

13.45 Lunch (each at their own)

15.30 Round Table: Edufirst Cities Journey, Learning and Results: New proposals for ECEC services: Tanja Moisala – Tampere; Franca Locati – Milano; Alicia Aguilera – Barcelona. *Moderator:* Jordi Collet (UVIC)

16.30 Barcelona ECEC services Video

16.45 Community and intercultural Action in Barcelona ECEC services: Dialogue + Experiences. Dialogue (30 min): Bet Bàrbara (Barcelona City Council) and Barcelona Intercultural Commissioned Richard José Sánchez + **Experiences (45 min):** Aurora Nursery School; Colometa Nursery School and La Mar Nursery School. *Moderator:* Elisa Stinus – Institut Metròpoli Barcelona (Institut Infància i Adolescència).

18.00 Final summary: Visual Relator of the Day (Artist) and Agenda for the next day (UVIC)

Tuesday, 22nd of 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.toddlerwellbeing.co.uk/>. Moderator: Berta Vila. UVIC

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Round table: “Research-based knowledge to better address current ECEC services challenges”. Laia Pineda. Institut Metròpoli Barcelona (Institut Infància i Adolescència) (Barcelona); Sílvia Blanch (Autonomous University of Barcelona); Martino Serapioni (COFACE families Europe). Moderator: Dr. Sabilah Eboo Alwani (University of Cambridge)

12.45 Challenges and Future Scenarios for European ECEC services. UVIC research Team.

13.00 Final summary: Visual Relator of the Day (Artist) and Agenda for the next day (UVIC)

13.30 Closing ceremony. Milano (Franca Locati); Tampere (Tanja Moisala) Barcelona (Alicia Aguilera); Institut Metròpoli Barcelona (Elisa Stinus); and EDUFIRST PI UVic (Jordi Collet)