

Conference

Diversity and Multilingualism in Early Childhood Education and Care

Luxembourg, 10 and 11 September 2015

Programme



WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015 – ARRIVALS

Arrival of participants

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 – DAY 1

Moderators: Claude Sevenig, Manuel Achten (Luxembourg)

Conference Venue: Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Languages: Plenary sessions: DE, EN, FR

Working sessions: EN

8.20	Shuttle Hotel Ibis Airport to the Chamber of Commerce
8.20	Shuttle Hotel Parc Plaza/Bellevue to the Chamber of Commerce
8.30	Shuttle Hotel Victor Hugo to the Chamber of Commerce
9.00 to 9.30	Welcome and registration of participants at the Chamber of Commerce
9.30 to 10.00	Opening Welcoming addresses and introduction Claude Meisch, Minister of Education, Children and Youth (Luxembourg) Corinne Cahen, Minister for Family Affairs and Integration (Luxembourg) Tibor Navracsics – EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
10.00 to 10.45	<i>Key-note speech</i> Bildung durch Beteiligung (Learning through Participation) Gerd E. Schäfer, Professor for Early Childhood Education at the University of the Arts, Bremen (Germany)
10.45 to 11.05	Coffee break
11.05 to 11.50	<i>Key-note speech</i> Embracing Linguistic Diversity: Linguistic and Pedagogical Perspectives for Early Childhood Education in Luxembourg Adelheid Hu, Professor of Education at the University of Luxembourg
11.50 to 12.35	<i>Key-note speech</i> Quality in contexts of diversity: issues of identity, equality, difference and social cohesion Michel Vandebroek, Professor in Family Pedagogy at the Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy of the Ghent University (Belgium)
12.35 to 13.00	<i>Key-note speech</i> The proposal for a quality framework on ECEC as a practical tool to develop high-quality ECEC systems Nora Milotay, Policy officer for European policy cooperation within the field of early childhood education and care at the Directorate-General for Education and Culture (European Commission)
13.00 to 13.15	Artistic performance by children
13.15 to 13.20	Introduction to the workshops

13.20 to 14.30	Lunch
14.30 to 17.15	Parallel working sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum – Embracing linguistic, cultural and social diversity by means of a curriculum framework. • Access – Involving parents, respecting cultures • Workforce – Preparing staff to fulfil their professional role in multilingual and multicultural contexts • Governance and funding – Rethinking ECEC structures and services to ensure equal opportunities • Monitoring and evaluation – Assessment of impact and the impact of assessment <p><i>(a 15mn coffee break can be taken by each workshop between 15.15 and 16.00)</i></p>
17.15 to 18.30	Moderators and rapporteurs: preparation of workshop conclusions
17.20	Departure to the hotels / Free time
18.30	Shuttle from the hotels to the Gala dinner
19.30 to 22.00	Gala dinner and boat trip on the Moselle river (dress code: casual)

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2015 – DAY 2

8.30	Shuttle Hotel Ibis Airport to the Chamber of Commerce
8.30	Shuttle Hotel Parc Plaza/Bellevue to the Chamber of Commerce
8.40	Shuttle Hotel Victor Hugo to the Chamber of Commerce
9.30 to 10.30	Presentation of the key messages from the workshops
10.30 to 11.30	<i>Panel discussion</i> Reflections on the key messages and the way forward Participants: Sophie Beernaerts (European Commission, Unit “School and educators; multilingualism”) Yuri Belfali (OECD, Directorate for Education and Skills) Maresa Duignan (Department of Education and Skills, Ireland) Stig Lund (European Trade Union Committee for Education – ETUCE) Ingelore Oomen-Welke (University of Education Freiburg, Germany) Christina Stringher (Invalsi - National Institute for the Educational Evaluation of Instruction and Training, Italy) Johannes Theiner (European Parents Association – EPA) Moderator: Nico Meisch, Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg
11.30 to 12.00	<i>Closing speech</i> Perspectives for the development of ECEC in Europe Michael Sebastian Honig, Professor of Social Work at the University of Luxembourg
12.00 to 14.00	Farewell and closing lunch
14.00 to 16.30	Optional: Departure for the visits of ECEC settings in Luxembourg