

1st. Newsletter „Early Inclusion“ October 2015

Dear colleagues in education and care of children,

The Erasmus+ EU-Project “Early Inclusion” initiated by Prof. Dr. Manfred Pretis in Graz (office@sinn-evaluation.at) started on the first of October 2015 and is scheduled for 30 months.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ratified by most European countries foresees an inclusive education for all. Within this context most European countries have expressed their political will to implement the inclusive philosophies and concepts at all levels of policy and services related to issues for persons with disability. However a significant lack of methodologies and sharing knowledge in this field can be observed.

Professionals report high need for education and advanced training in the areas of a) assistance and b) concrete methodologies to implement inclusive practice. Therefore, “Early Inclusion” shall enhance the INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING about Inclusion and compile together CONCRETE METHODOLOGIES for professionals on daily basis: Thereby, it is focused on WHAT children with disabilities need and WHICH resources and methodologies are helpful for professionals, who are not primarily trained for the joint work with children with disabilities and their families (childminders, daycare educators, youth workers, kindergarten pedagogues...).

The products of the project:

- 1) **“Inclusion Briefing Packs”** provide “off the peg” online target-group-specific information sheets related to the educational needs of diverse children with special needs (e.g. autistic spectrum conditions, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, sensory impairments, etc.)
- 2) **“Inclusion methods market”** (IMM) is a “self-organized methodological online exchange market-place”. Professionals from diverse sectors are invited to describe/upload practice examples of successful inclusion.
- 3) **Multiplier-events** and **inclusive competence passport** to raise the sensibility.

The 10 operative consortium partners are from Austria, Germany, Macedonia, United Kingdom, Luxembourg and Turkey. If you are interested to attend the project (i.e., within the multiplier events or to test the products) please contact the relevant project assistance, Laura Taferner (laura.taferner@gmail.com), or visit our homepage after the middle of November 2015 www.early-inclusion.eu

Sincere regards,
Prof. Dr. Manfred Pretis



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