

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE



### **Brief description:**

One of the most exciting and beautiful things happening now in the world is the enormous amount of contact among people with different socio-cultural backgrounds. Societies are becoming increasingly diversified, but policies and approaches towards this new diversity do not always promote inclusion, tolerance and dialogue.

Within the framework of a common understanding on basic human values, an incredible wealth of diverse cultural assets can be enjoyed by everyone and be given new forms and meaning. Education to diversity and inclusion needs to take place for all ages, starting from early years. Values of 'social inclusion' and 'respect for diversity' are starting to be promoted in childcare in many countries. Yet, putting these values into practice is often quite difficult.

This training aims at presenting the current state of the art in this field and to explore different methods to put inclusion and diversity into the daily practice of ECEC.

**Duration:** 1 to 2 days

### **Course content (non-exhaustive):**

- Introduction to concepts of Diversity and Inclusion
- Examples of respect for diversity in ECEC in practice
- Different theoretical approaches (schools of thought) about Diversity
- Reflection on own experiences of togetherness and sense of belonging
- Exploration of promising and innovating approaches such as DECET principles and the Anti-Bias Education

**For:** This course is designed for ECEC practitioners and managers.

