EASPD Annual Conference 2016
GROWING TOGETHER: FROM GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES TO NATIONAL STRATEGIES IN EARLY-CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION
Chisinau, Moldova: 21st-22nd April 2016 | Radisson Blu Leogrand Hotel

Programme

Wednesday, 20th April

10:00-12:00: Study visit to ‘Voinicel’ Early-intervention centre in Chisinau
14:00-17:30: EASPD’s project development workshop

Conference day 1: Thursday, 21st April

08:45 – 09:45: Welcome panel
- Franz Wolfmayr, EASPD president
- Ludmila Malcoci, AOPD president
- Representative of the Moldovan Ministry of Social Protection, Ministry of Health, local authorities (TBC)
- Gero Stuller, Attaché for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection - Austrian Embassy Chisinau
- Ana Serrano, EurlyAid president
- Zero Project Representative
- The Swedish Organisation for Individual Relief Representative

09:45-10:00: Introduction to the topic and structure of the conference by the Conference Moderator

10:00-10:45: Keynote speaker
Presentation on the state of play on early childhood intervention by Helmut Heinen, Co-founder of EurlyAid

10:45-11:15: Coffee break

11:15-13:00: Plenary session 1
“Creating a nurturing environment for children - key elements in setting up successful ECI services”
- A parent’s perspective and experience from Moldova by Olga Busuioc
Professional training in ECI by Manfred Petris S.I.N.N. (Social Innovative Network), Austria

Transdisciplinary approach in ECI: achieving quality team work by Marijana Konkoli Zdesic, Mali Dom, Croatia

Health care perspective in ECI by Lieven Bauwens, The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: Plenary Session 2

“Developing and sustaining successful ECI services”

Early Intervention in Portugal - A family-centred, community-based and cross-sectoral system, Jose Boavida Fernandes, Representative of the Ministry of Health in the National Coordinating Commission of the National ECI System

Relationship-based early intervention services for children with complex disabilities: perspectives from parents and professionals, Dr. Carolyn Blackburn, Research Fellow, Early Childhood and Disability Studies, Centre for the Study of Practice and Culture in Education, Birmingham City University

From small to big : the experience of Lebenshilfe Graz und Umgebung, Austria, Carolin Gosch

De Kangoeroe: a successful example of an ECI service in Belgium, Dirk Mombaerts

15:30-16:00: Coffee break

16:00-17:30: Panel discussion

“Community-based ECI services: from challenges to potential solutions”

Assessing costs and benefits of developing ECI systems (TBC)

Support services for families with children with disabilities – example from Hungary – Akos Pordan, Hand in Hand Foundation

The deinstitutionalisation process and setting up of ECI community based services – experience from Georgia by Nelly Akobia, Georgian Association of Social Workers

Developing ECI services - experiences from Moldova, Ivan Puiu, President, Voinicel ECI center

19:00: Conference dinner – Radisson Hotel
Conference day two: Friday, 22nd April

09:15-09:30:  Summary of the previous day

09:30-09:45:  Special Olympics Young Athletes: Play-based motor activity programme for children aged 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities by Maureen Clarke

09:45-10:30:  Key note speaker

10:30-11:00:  Coffee break

11:00-12:00:  4 parallel workshops on ECI innovative models and services (workshops to be selected as a result of the Zero Project and EASPD call for proposals for best practices in ECI) - to be announced at the end of February 2016

12:00-13:30:  Lunch

13:30-14:30:  4 parallel workshops on ECI innovative models and services (workshops to be selected as a result of the Zero Project and EASPD call for proposals for best practices in ECI) - to be announced at the end of February 2016

14:30-15:00:  Coffee break

15:00-16:30:  Policy panel on current challenges and future perspectives in regard to ECI development

- Vasilka Dimoska, chair of the Interest Group on Early Intervention, EASPD
- Ana Serrano, President of EurlAid
- Gero Stuller - Attaché for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection - Austrian Embassy Chisinau
- Dimitrios Nikolsky, Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Council of Europe
- Selena Bajraktarevic, Health and Early Childhood Specialist, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Magdi Birtha, Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe

16:30-17:00:  Conclusion of the conference and recommendations on ECI development by Vasilka Dimoska, Chair of the Interest Group on Early Intervention, EASPD
### EASPD MEETINGS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Hour</th>
<th>Meeting</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday (20/04)</td>
<td>10:00-13:00</td>
<td>Ex-com (closed meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>18:00-19:30</td>
<td>Board (closed meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday (22/04)</td>
<td>17:30-19:30</td>
<td>IG on Early Intervention (open meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>IG on Art (open meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday (23/04)</td>
<td>09:00-11:00</td>
<td>SC on Employment (open meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>SC on Education (open meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>SC on Inclusive Living (open meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>PIG (closed meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:30-13:00</td>
<td>General Assembly (open meeting)</td>
<td>Radisson Hotel (room TBC)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This event has received financial support from the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation “EaSI” (2014-2020)