



## PROGRAM

# Transitions: making schools ready for young children and families

## International Symposium for Innovative Practices, Policy Makers and Stakeholders

*Friday 26 April 2019*

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**Transitions across the home environment, early childhood services and primary school:** you are one of the participants of this international symposium together with 80 other international and Flemish stakeholders, policy administrators / makers and delegates of in-service and pre-service training.

All transitions across the home environment, early childhood services and primary schools are tense moments for children and families, especially if they live in socially disadvantaged conditions. Four pilot projects in England, Slovenia, Italy and Belgium have successfully tackled those challenges of transitions. In inter-institutional learning networks, they reflected on **how to make early years services and primary schools ready for children** instead of solely children ready for school. Based on their experiences, they will present crucial lessons learned and implications for practice and policies. In the afternoon, for those who subscribed, round tables will be organised in which participants can dialogue with researchers and practitioners of the different countries on the pedagogical guidance of transitional practices.

## Program and timing

09.00 am – 9.30 am: Registration with coffee

09.30 am – 10.50 am: Presentation START project with implications for policies and practices

10.50 am – 11.10 am: Break with coffee

11.10 am – 12.30 pm: Policy panel on enabling warm and inclusive transitions

Facilitator: *Prof. dr. Michel Vandebroeck, Ghent University*

Participants: *Mrs. Géraldine Libreau, European Commission DG Education and Culture*

*Mrs. Francesca Puglisi, former senator and promotor of the law on integrate ECEC system, Italy*

*Mrs. Brigita Mark, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia*

*Mr. Filip Winderickx, Child and Family, Belgium (FL)*

*Mrs. Sara De Meerleer, Agency for Educational Services, Belgium (FL)*

*Mrs. Leen Arduj, Agency of Integration, Be (FL)*

12.30 pm – 01.45 pm: Network lunch

01.45 pm – 02.45 pm: Round Table 1

03.00 pm – 04.00 pm: Round Table 2

You can attend two round tables of two different pilots. Your choices will be registered during the network lunch between 12.30 and 1.30 pm.

1. *Pilot in Aalst, Belgium: a collaboration between a childcare centre, a pre-and primary school and a poverty advocacy group to enable well-being and participation of poor children and families in transition.*
2. *Pilot in Corby, UK: a collaboration between an integrated ECEC centre and primary schools to ensure continuity based on a parent and professional partnership.*
3. *Pilot in Tišina, Slovenia: a collaboration between pre- and primary school staff to develop transitional activities for Roma children and their families.*
4. *Pilot in Vignola, Italy: a collaboration between pre- and primary school staff to re-think educational continuity for children and families.*

## Practical info

### When?

**Morning session:** Friday 26 April 2019 from 9 am until 2 pm  
(including a networking lunch)

**Whole day:** Morning session + afternoon session on pedagogical guidance from  
2 pm until 4 pm

### Where?

Flemish Government, Building Herman Teirlinck, Havenlaan 88, 1000 Brussels.

(This is a 15 min. walk from Train Station Brussels- North)

### Cost price?

Free of charge. If you have to cancel your participation, we will ask for a 50 euro  
cancellation fee.

### Contact?

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