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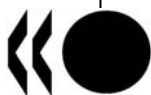
**AGENDA OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE OECD NETWORK ON EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION AND CARE: FINANCING ECEC SERVICES**

21-22 June 2010
Conference Centre Room CC4
OECD, Paris

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**SEVENTH MEETING
THE OECD NETWORK ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE
“Financing ECEC services”**

AGENDA

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**OECD Conference Centre, Room CC4
2, rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris, France**

Approximate timing: 09.30 – 12.30, Monday 21 June 2010 (with coffee break at 11.00 – 11.30)

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| 1 | ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA | EDU/EDPC/ECEC/A(2010)1/REV3 |
| 2 | ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 6th MEETING | EDU/EDPC/ECEC/M(2009)2 |
| 3 | ELECTION OF OFFICERS | |
| 4 | OPENING REMARKS | |
| | <p>Ms. Barbara Ischinger, Director for Education, will welcome participants.</p> <p>Ms. Deborah Roseveare, Head of the Education and Training Policy Division, will outline the objectives of the meeting.</p> | |
| 5 | INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME OF THE MEETING: FINANCING ECEC SERVICES | EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)7 |
| | <p>Ms. Miho Taguma, Project Leader, Education and Training Policy Division, will set the scene for sessions 6 through 8 by presenting a brief overview of the country responses.</p> <p>The following sessions will aim to promote exchange of country experience and new research findings. In each session, countries will present challenges and policy responses and international organisations will share their analytical work, to be followed by focused discussions on each theme.</p> | |
| 6 | WHAT DATA? FOR WHAT PURPOSE? WHICH DATA FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON? | EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)7 |
| | <p>How much does government invest in ECEC services and infrastructure? How much does it cost to deliver ECEC services (of high quality)? How much does it cost to parents?</p> <p>The session will review currently available data on financing and costs of ECEC, quality of data, and constraints on data collection. It will also discuss relevant policy needs – for international comparison – to ensure that data be policy-driven rather than availability-driven.</p> <p>The discussions will help refine the pilot surveys of the ECEC database and the new project on quality to be discussed in Sessions 10 and 11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Eric Charbonnier, OECD, Directorate for Education, IA• Mr. Willem Adema, OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs• Ms. Nicole Bella & Ms. Anaïs Loizillon, UNESCO• Ms. Marit Solheim, Norway• Ms. Tarja Kahiluoto, Finland• Ms. Teresa Salinas, Spain | |

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7 WHY INVEST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE? FOR WHOM? EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)4
EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)7

The session will aim at making a case for public investment in ECEC. It will examine various outcomes of public investment in ECEC services and infrastructure, by presenting new research findings, drawing on the findings from “Starting Strong” I and II. The benefits and unintended negative consequences – for the child, the family and society at large – will be examined.

- Ms. Asa Johansson, OECD, Economics Department
- Dr. W. Steven Barnett, Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), Rutgers University
- Mr. Bruno Della-Chiesa, OECD, Directorate for Education, CERl
- Mr. Koji Miyamoto, OECD, Directorate for Education, CERl
- Mr. Robert Specterman, United Kingdom
- Dr. Arturo Sáenz, Mexico

8 FINANCING MECHANISMS AND FUNDING STRATEGIES EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)3
EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)5
EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)7

This session will focus on mapping different financing mechanisms and funding strategies for ECEC services and infrastructure. The country presentations may include strategies to increase financing on ECEC, improve efficiency of the ECEC system, and ensure equal and better child outcomes.

- Mr. Henno Theisens, OECD, Directorate for Education, CERl
- Mr. Robert G. Myers, independent consultant, Mexico
- Ms. Kathrin Bock-Famulla, Bertelsmann Stiftung
- Ms. Ngaire Hosking, Australia
- Dr. Viera Hajdúková, Slovak Republic
- Ms. Bea Buysse, Belgium

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9 ROLE OF ECEC IN RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS EDU/EDPC/ECEC/RD(2010)7

The session will focus on exchanging country experience on responding to the economic crisis with a focus on ECEC.

- Dr. Jacqueline Jones, United States
- Mr. Darragh Doherty, Ireland
- Ms. Julie Keenan, New Zealand

10 PROGRESS ON THE ECEC PORTAL

The Secretariat will present the completed sections of the ECEC portal. In addition, the progress of the Child Well-being Module will be presented.

- Secretariat
- Mr. Dominic Richardson, OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to COMMENT on the development of the ECEC portal and to VALIDATE for the completed sections to go online.

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11 PROGRESS ON THE PROJECT “ENCOURAGING QUALITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE” EDU/EDPC/ECEC(2010)3

The Secretariat will present the research findings that answer: How can quality be defined in ECEC? What factors can enhance child well-being and learning outcomes? What policies can make a difference in child outcomes affecting these factors?

- Secretariat
- Mr. Alastair Blyth, OECD, Directorate for Education, EMI
- Ms. Christina Barfoed-Høj & Mr. Lars Bahn, Denmark
- Mrs. Alexandra Marques, Portugal
- Dr. Angiolina Ponziano, Italy

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to COMMENT on the draft literature reviews.

12 DRAFT COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE PROJECT “ENCOURAGING QUALITY IN ECEC” EDU/EDPC/ECEC(2010)2

The Secretariat will present the draft questionnaire for the pilot run of the ECEC Portal and the project “Encouraging Quality in ECEC”, which will aim to seek country experiences on effective policy implementation.

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to COMMENT on the questionnaire and to EXPRESS interest in participating in a pilot survey.

13 THE WAY FORWARD

The session will agree on the theme of the next meeting, revisit the results of the priority exercise and discuss the most relevant themes that will meet the policy needs of the network members.

The session will present the chair's conclusions and discuss next steps.

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to AGREE on the theme for the next meeting and DISCUSS policy needs for future themes.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS