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# International Conference ECEC & ELL Early Childhood Education and Care & Early Language Learning

WORKSHOP OUTLINE  
17 December 2014  
h. 15.00 – 18.15

## Workshop 1: ECEC models

- *Chair:*  
EC: Nora Milotay  
Italian Presidency: Inspector Maria Rosa Silvestro – Dott. Letizia Cinganotto
- *Rapporteur:* TBD
- *Concept:* ECEC models and policies in Europe.
- *Participants:* policy makers, Director Generals, delegates from EU Member States.
- *Expected outcomes:* sharing ideas, policies and best practices in this field.
- *Initial input:* a presentation about the Italian model called "Sezioni Primavera" (Pre-school "spring groups"), by Inspector Maria Rosa Silvestro and Dott. Letizia Cinganotto.

Investing in early childhood education and care is one of the best ways of unlocking the potential of children. By 2020, EU Member States aim at including at least 95% of young children in early childhood education between the ages of 4 and compulsory primary school age. Progress is varied and this is particularly the case for children who are younger than three or four. The quality of the services poses an additional challenge, although only good quality services bring the expected results.

*The discussion should focus on*

- 1) bringing forward examples where the service is considered to be successful.
- 2) identifying policies and measures that were key to the success.
- 3) bringing examples of policies and measures that did not work and why.

*Question 1:*

Introduce briefly one successful example of ECEC model in your country.  
Why is it considered to be a success? Was it evaluated?

*Question 2:*

Please introduce a measure that did not work and explain why.

## References:

- ECEC policies:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/school/early-childhood\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/school/early-childhood_en.htm)
- ECEC Thematic working group's work:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/archive/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/archive/index_en.htm)
- Key Data on Early Childhood Education and Care in Europe – 2014  
[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/key\\_data\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/key_data_en.php)
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