



INCLUSIVE PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

Feedback of Working group D:

Main Outcomes of Working Group Mary's Group

1. Running and implementing the 3-year project plan

Group agreed:

All documents should refer to children rather than pupils

Refining the target to include:

- Children in the care system
- More able and talented children
- Parental issues, e.g. asylum-seeking families, drug and alcohol dependencies
- Lack of knowledge of their country's education system

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2. The thematic areas for improving the quality of pre-primary education

Access, procedures and participation

- Wording needs to reflect families as well as children
- Welcoming culture

Workforce

- Teamwork
- Is inclusion part of training?

Curriculum content

- Home learning environment
- Transitions in and out of PPE
- Play, learning and development
- Capabilities

Evaluation and monitoring

- Internal and external evaluations

Governance and funding

- Additional support within and beyond the setting
- Collaboration and information sharing

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3. The draft list of questions (country questionnaire, case studies, outcomes)

- Need to reduce the number of questions
- Glossary to clarify terms and support consistency of answers across the participating countries (possible pilot to check interpretation?)
- Where responsibilities lie more regionally than nationally, important to gather both the national picture and reflect specific region
- Some questions would be more relevant to a regional level
- Additional questions could encourage countries to reflect on challenges they face and how they are addressing them

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4. The examples of good practice – how to be selected

Everyone agreed to keep the questions to 10

Need to reflect:

- Assessment of **ALL** children
- Good transition arrangements
- Involvement of the community

Concerns expressed around:

- How realistic to find a setting that will cover all 10 points?
- Finding settings considered ‘accessible to *all* diverse groups of children’

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5. Expected outcomes

Use of media, such as video clips to support case studies

Tools, supporting self evaluation, would be useful:

- nationally
- at the level of the setting

Delegates again discussed the importance of including families and capturing their voices within any tool

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6. Other issues

The group agreed to reflect on the discussions and email any further comments. They all agreed to comment directly to drafts as they are shared.