

Early childhood workforce profiles across Europe ^[1]

33 country reports with key contextual data

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The current SEEPRO-3 study

Throughout Europe, early childhood education and care systems are subject to constant shifts, undergoing both expansion and consolidation. Reform strategies and innovations characterise the situation in many countries. The staff working in ECEC settings continue to be viewed as the key contributing factor to the quality of daily interactions with the children, in providing stimulating learning environments and in supporting their wellbeing and learning processes. At the same time, almost all countries report a shortage of staff, in some cases severe. This has brought the qualification, competence and task profiles of early childhood leaders, pedagogues and assistants - perhaps more than ever before - to the forefront of professional policy interest and makes it necessary to continuously update the available data. This homepage now presents the results of the new and fourth project - SEEPRO-3. For each of the 33 countries two documents have been compiled.

An ECEC workforce profile (country report) gives an account of the current status quo regarding the qualification requirements for ECEC professionals, the composition of the workforce, the systems of initial professional education and continuing professional development, current reform initiatives and research projects and selected aspects of the working conditions of staff in each of the 33 countries in focus. In addition, current challenges facing the ECEC staffing situation in the respective country are presented. The initial reports were provided by mostly long-standing cooperation partners according to a research specification which they received for comment before compilation of the data. The final versions are based on a long period of close and continuous collaboration between the editors and the authors. The reports vary in length, depending on the specific conditions in the respective country.

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