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## European Newsletter - Boletín - Bulletin

*Dear OMEP members in Europe!*

This autumn I can see that the National OMEP Committees in Europe are active. Many countries arrange international conferences, thank you for your good work. Other committees are engaged in meetings to discuss and help out in finding relevant roles for teachers during the pandemic and working within the OMEP World projects, e.g., the OMEP ESD Rating Scale.

I also want to highlight focussing on the OMEP World Assembly and Conference (WAC) in Athens in July. The submission of abstracts is open in October and November, there is a new theme added *The Covid-19 pandemic in early childhood*. Our best support to OMEP Greece is to sign up, and to collect at least 10 participants per country in Europe.

Please read more further on about the OMEP Seminar Series, and don't miss the next seminar about the 2021 OMEP ESD Awardees.

Finally, I want to congratulate Kristianstad University College, the OMEP Committees in Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Ireland and Sweden and edChild to having their project *ESDforECE* accepted as an Erasmus+ project.

*Ingrid Engdahl*

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*Welcome to the 74<sup>th</sup> OMEP World Assembly and Conference*

Place : Athens, Greece

Website: <https://www.omep2022.org>

**July 10, pm: European OMEP Regional Meeting**

**July 11-12: OMEP World Assembly**

**July 13-15 OMEP World Conference**



The OMEP Committee and members

(photo from 2019)



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11-15/7/2022

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Save  
the  
date!

We look forward  
to welcoming you  
in the vibrant  
city of Athens!

Conference theme:

**«Early Childhood Education in the 21st century: new perspectives and dilemmas»**

Abstract submission is reopened and will stay open until November 30. Already accepted abstracts are valid, and if you want to update or change your abstracts, please, just log-in and do so.

Please note that there is a new theme added to address the ongoing pandemic:

**The Covid-19 pandemic in early childhood.**

**This theme collects all aspects of how the pandemic has influenced and changed the conditions for early childhood and early childhood education and care**

With this new theme, we invite researchers, policymakers, teachers and other professionals within early childhood to share their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. What collective learnings may we do together at the OMEP World Conference?

Finally, we will be able to meet again. However, when writing this Newsletter, the pandemic is not finished, and we don't know yet what restrictions there will be on traveling next summer in July. Additionally, the pandemic has economic consequences, for society, children, families, education and care, and also to our private economy. Thus, we do not know how many participants from other regions that will be able to come to WAC in Athens. But, there are trains, buses, ferry boats and airplanes going to Athens. Let's join up and support the Greek conference. This is my challenge to us in Europe:

**Let's each collect at least 10 participants for Athens 2022, or rather 20, from our countries!**

I think many people are keen to meet again, travelling has been scarce. The last OMEP Conferences were in Portugal, in May 2019, and in Panama, in July 2019. The social and cultural atmosphere will be fantastic, as are the opportunities to add on a few days or a week for sightseeing and holidays.



# Welcome to join the OMEP Seminar Series

## Seminar III:

### Education for Sustainable Development in early childhood education

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am CET (Central European Time)

The Seminar will be held in English.

**There will be simultaneous translation channels to listen live in Spanish and French as well. A recording of the Seminar will be available at the YouTube channel @omepworldtv.**

#### Programme

The Seminar will include presentations from the 2021 OMEP ESD award winning projects from the following countries: Sweden, Croatia, Japan and Turkey. Opening remarks will be delivered by Ingrid Engdahl, OMEP Vice President for the European region and leader of the ESD working group. The event will be coordinated by Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic and Glynne Mackey, from the ESD team and OMEP Croatia and OMEP New Zealand, respectively. The closing words will be made by Mercedes Mayol Lassalle, the OMEP World President.

**The Swedish project** is called “EdChild app”. It explores through technology how to help teachers in education for sustainable development. The app was developed in collaboration with Swedish preschool teachers and is free to use.

**Two student projects from Croatia** will also be presented. The first one called “Finaktivci” will be presented by Anja Kočiš, 22, a graduate of the Faculty of Teacher Training and a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Preschool Education. She is a member of the non-profit organization *Prospirit* and works in a children's playroom. The second project is called “Recycle a toy, promote sustainability” and will be presented by 6 third-year preschool and kindergarten students from the University of Zagreb.

**The Japanese project** is an online cross-cultural exchange program for preschools. The project aims to raise awareness about diversity by interacting with peers in different countries at an early age.

**The awarded project from Turkey** is “Children as Systemic Thinkers: Exploring Water with Education for Sustainable Development”. This project aims to link systems thinking and Education for Sustainable Development by presenting an example of systems education for young children by developing and implementing a learning framework created specifically on water for children aged 5 to 6 years, as well as measuring its impact.

Please complete this form to register: <https://forms.gle/zGZw6dEUXGmaJe1y7>

#### *Catch up with previous seminars:*

The **first OMEP Seminar** was held on August 23, 2021, under the title:

**“Rights from the start: how to advocate for early childhood?”**

The **second Seminar** was held on October 8, 2021, under the title:

**“100 years Paulo Freire 1921-2021. Pedagogy as a political practice”**.

The recordings are available in the three official OMEP languages (English, French and Spanish) on the YouTube channel @omepworldtv.



Erasmus+

*This project is funded by the European Union.*

The overarching aim of the *ESDforECE* is to raise the awareness of ECE educators about sustainability related issues, such as climate change, global warming and the importance of taking actions for transformative change towards a sustainable lifestyle. And the changes must be implemented in ECEC

We will develop and implement an on-line course *Sustainability from the start* and the app *ESDforECE*, accessible for free for anyone. Through this project, children, their families, in-service and pre-service early childhood practitioners, and teacher educators will contribute directly to the implementation of 4.2, which recognizes the importance of pre-primary education, and 4.7 about global citizenship and sustainable development. *ESDforECE* is a three year project and will be carried out in the five languages.

Congratulations to the successful application for *ESDforECE*!

**ESDforECE**

Sustainability from the Start:  
An Online ESD Curriculum for  
Early Childhood Education

**Partners:**

Kristianstad University College,  
edChild and the OMEP committees in  
the Czech Republic, Croatia, France,  
Ireland, and Sweden



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Prawa od samego początku

**INTERNATIONAL E-CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S  
RIGHT TO HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND CARE**

October 22-23, 2021

Polish Committee of OMEP and Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

**Celebrating Leadership in Early Childhood  
Education and Care in Times of Crisis**

The OMEP Ireland 2021 conference is scheduled to be held online, via Zoom, **on the 6th of November** 2021!

<https://omepireland.ie/home-1/omep-ireland-conference-2021/>

**WELCOME!**

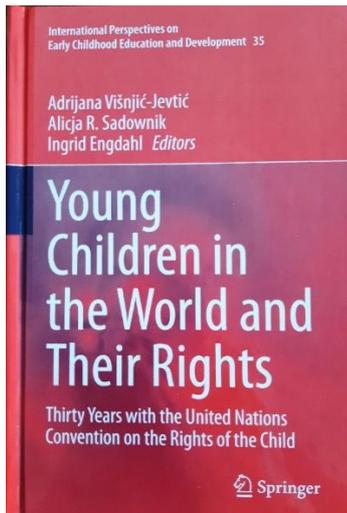


**„Changes to ECE - ECE as a change:  
Education and Care in Response to the *New Normal*“**

OMEP in Croatia arranges an on-site conference

**November 11 and November 12, 2021 in Opatija, Croatia, Conference park 25/7 (Amadria park)**

# OMEP



This book was presented on September 17, 2021, at BarnKune, a research centre in Bergen by the Editors:

**Adrijana Višnjić-Jevtić**, University of Zagreb, Croatia,  
**Alicja R. Sadownik**, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences in Bergen, Norway and  
**Ingrid Engdahl**, Stockholm University, Sweden.

The three editors introduce the book (40 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp5oYD-w4OQ>

A video where all the authors from 15 countries in five regions of the world present their chapters in the book was launched at the same time (25 minutes)  
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## *Important dates during 2021*

- October –** Reopening of abstract submission for OMEP 2022 in Athens
- November 4 -** 3<sup>rd</sup> OMEP Seminar with the 2021 OMEP ESD award winners
- November 20-** International Children's Day
- November 30 –** Last date for Abstract submission to OMEP WAC 2022 in Athens

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