



# EMBRACE NEWSLETTER

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FOSTERING INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES  
IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (ECEC)

EMBRACE project is an Erasmus+ KA2 project, running between January 2022 and December 2023 with the objective to contribute to the enhancement of the quality of early childhood education and care through the inclusion of children with intellectual disabilities. The partner organisations are from Belgium (EASPD), Greece (KMOP and RDPSEA), Poland (Teatr Grodzki), Cyprus (Emphasys Centre) and North Macedonia (KMOP Skopje).

## Final Transnational Project Meeting

On 30 November, the project partners from Belgium, Greece, Poland, Cyprus and North Macedonia gathered in Brussels for their final Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) hosted by EASPD. During the meeting, partners discussed the project state of play and final steps in the areas of dissemination, quality, and sustainability. The partners were also engaged in the discussion on lessons learned and next steps.



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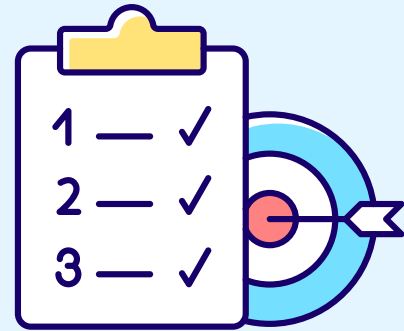
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## All Project Results are ready!

We are delighted to announce the completion of all project results (PR), each meticulously crafted to contribute significantly to foster inclusion.



### 1. PR1 - Transnational Report:

This report offers in-depth insights in the state of play in each of the participating countries regarding the opportunities for initial and continued education of ECEC staff on topics concerning inclusive ECEC of children with intellectual disabilities.

### 2. PR2 - E-learning course:

The course is developed for ECEC staff, with the aim to strengthen their attitudes, knowledge, values, and skills that are central to ensuring that ECEC settings are welcoming and inclusive of children with intellectual disabilities.

### 3. PR3 - Inclusion Handbook:

The handbook is aimed at fostering inclusive environments for children with intellectual disabilities through engaging and collaborating with colleagues, children, parents and other community members.

### 4. PR4 - Awareness-raising Toolkit:

The toolkit is intended for ECEC settings with useful and effective resources for raising awareness of the importance of inclusion of children with intellectual disabilities in early childhood education and care.

## European Day of Persons with Disabilities

Each year, the European Commission organises the European Day of Persons with Disabilities Conference to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

This 2-day event brings together more than 400 policy-makers, high-level experts and disability advocates. The conference offers an excellent opportunity to share concerns and aspirations, as well as initiate dialogues with public authorities and stakeholders.



# EMBRACE Final Conference

On the 1st of December, during the European Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023, the hybrid final conference of the EMBRACE project took place, with a total number of 234 participants.

In two engaging panels, speakers presented the project's results and discussed the current EU State of play and challenges faced in fostering the inclusion of children with disabilities in ECEC.

The event concluded with the commitment to sustain and expand the precious work of the project, fostering a more inclusive and equitable future for all!

You can access the  
recording of the  
conference:  
[link](#)



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