



# Reinforce Educators Empower Children (REEC)

REEC is a transnational project that forges a protection response to reinforce existing capacities of Early Childhood Development (ECD) and primary educators' as well as child protection (CP) practitioners' capacities to detect and provide responsive services to children experiencing or at risk of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

## Main Objective

Terre des hommes Hellas (Tdh) works together with the International Rescue Committee Hellas (IRC) and the Municipalities of Milan and Athens to protect children of pre-school and primary school age from any kind of abuse and promote their positive development in a protective environment fostered through synergies among schools, parents/ caregivers & child protection services in the community.



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# REEC ACTIVITIES

Baseline survey to better understand knowledge, attitudes and practices of ECD and primary educators as well as of CP practitioners; Use findings to inform project design (desk research and key informant interviews/focus group discussions with educators, parents, children)

Development of a new training methodology & toolkits for educators through the adaptation of two tested methodologies: Healing Classroom / Social Emotional Learning Curricula of IRC/ Movement Games & Sports of Tdh

Capacity building of ECD educators, primary teachers and child protection professionals in Greece and Italy

## A. Training 1st cycle:

1. Child safeguarding & child protection training (target: ECD educators & primary school teachers)
2. Specialised child protection (target: child protection professionals)
3. Safeguarding activities for children (target: educators)

## B. Training 2nd cycle:

1. New methodology - Healing Classrooms / Social Emotional Learning and Movements / Games and Sports (target: ECD educators & primary school teachers)
2. Coaching support to trained educators

## C. Webinars on different thematic areas

Exchange visits between Greece and Italy

A. Education: Representatives from competent Ministries of Greece and Italy and of the Municipalities (Athens & Milan) visit each other's countries to exchange learning and share good practices on education

B. Child Protection: Representatives from competent Ministries of Greece and Italy, as well as Municipalities (Athens & Milan) visit each other's countries to exchange learning and share good practices on child protection

Dissemination to stakeholders at national and EU level:

- A. Roundtables in Greece and Italy with the participation of national child rights' networks, civil society organisations, relevant national and local authorities, frontline workers, policymakers, public authorities
- B. Awareness campaign
- C. Conference in Brussels
- D. Sharing of lessons learnt and best practices

A Community Advisory Group of parents is established in each country for consultation throughout the project

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Improved knowledge of ECD educators/primary teachers and CP practitioners to address issues & behaviours deriving from violence, trauma or difficult life experiences.
- Improved cooperation among schools, children at risk and their families, and child protection services in the community.
- Increased awareness of stakeholders, including professionals, caregivers & policy makers, of child protection risks and appropriate ways to prevent, identify and respond.

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Areas of implementation: Athens & Milan

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## For more information:

<http://www.tdh-europe.org/our-work/reec-reinforce-educators-empower-children-against-child-abuse-in-greece-and-italy/7148>

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