



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

TITLE	Presentation of best practice example "PIMEC - Parenting in a multicultural European City "
Time	60 minutes
Material	PPT about best practice example
Description of content	<p>The European Grundtvig project "PIMEC" was a supporting project for childcare services which care for children from different cultural backgrounds. It was carried out in 11 European countries. In Austria the project worked together with a kindergarten from the municipality. At the beginning, the main problem in this kindergarten was that few parents participated in kindergarten work and very few attended parents' information meetings.</p> <p>Therefore a special programme was applied using resources in the kindergarten itself and also an interprofessional network from outside to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigate the parents' needs, • hold information workshops according to their needs, • organize a cycling workshop for women etc.
Aims of exercise	Very often childcare services complain about a lack of involvement of parents. This best practice is to show how step by step a programme is built up that really addresses the parents' needs for information and exchange.
Reflection of exercise	After the presentation of the example the variety of the programme is analyzed and discussed and conclusions are drawn how this might be applied to the participants own work environment.
Benefits of exercise	Providing a successful practice example may inspire the group to think of creative solutions in their practical work environment.
Obstacles of exercise	Sometimes best practice examples are rejected by a group using the argument: "This might be possible in your special surrounding but not in our case." The experienced trainer then needs to collect all concerns and doubts and work out whether they are based on reality or maybe used as an excuse not to change things. He will also differentiate between what is possible with restricted resources and what is not possible because of the lack of funding. The participants thus get a more realistic view of the potential they have at hand.
References	http://www.swansea.ac.uk/dace/wideningparticipation/parentingproject/ verified 18/09/2012