

Group discussion: reporting back to plenary

Session 5 “Governance, funding and sectoral and vertical co-operation”

GROUP Countries with Decentralised ECEC System at the Municipal/centre level

9th OECD ECEC Network Meeting on “Family and community engagement”

What are the challenges?

Governance and sectoral/vertical co-operation

- Governance split horizontally between different ministries
- Split vertically across e.g. national, local, municipal level
- How to fulfil ambitions set out on a national level and implemented on a local

Governmental

- Relation between educators and parents
- Emphasis on learning where development matter
- Lack of national debate
- Governing the private sector
- Dealing with increases in child abuse among disadvantaged families

Parents...

- Parent give away responsibility over education and care
- Parents fail to see their role in ECEC
- Parents see their role differently dependant on whether child is in education or care facility
- Diagnostics of problematized children
- Avoid home becoming a school – “right to play”
- Are parents perceived as a problem, or a

What are the challenges?

Funding

- Vouchers
- Supply or demand side support
- Public – private partnerships
- Universal or targeted provision
- Legislation on quality
- Cuts

What strategies have been taken / what worked?

- Parent advisory committee (Nor)
- NGO for parents (NL)
- Legislation on parental involvement (Ita)