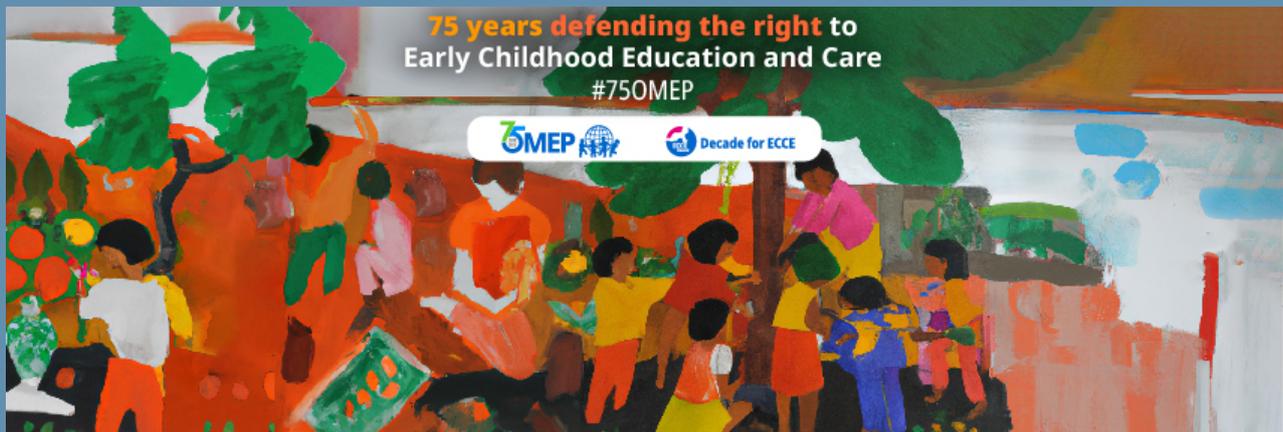


# OMEPEUROPE NEWSLETTER



## REGIONAL WEBCAFE

Regional webcafe held in October. There was present 7 countries and shared the news from the countries.

**Ukraine** would like to focus on the mental health of educators, so they would appreciate help and support from the experts.

**Cyprus** share a practice on art therapy workshops for psychological support and building the resilience.

**France** organizes various activities in cooperation to UNESCO. They also work closely with Japan and OECD on the topic of transition. Cooperation with Kongo were made by study visits. They continued their advocating for peace.

**Sweden** participated at the Swedish book fair and presented many ongoing activities (ESD App, Nappies-free project). They also been acknowledged by Swedish National Education Agency for the OMEP ESD rating scale.

**Poland** has a new elected president of OMEP - professor Renata Michalak.

Amongst other activities, they support the education of Ukrainian children and organizing the conference dedicated to Janusz Korczak to celebrate Universal Children's Day.

**Croatia** finish STEM in ECE project, and held national conference. A new president Klara Bahtić was elected.

# NEW PRESIDENTS ELECTED

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OMEP Poland has a newly elected president - prof. dr. hab. **Renata Michalak**.

She is an employee of the Faculty of Educational Studies (UAM Poznan) since 2017. She authored or co-authored of over 120 scientific publications and presented her work at over 90 papers at international and national scientific and methodological conferences. Renata participated at several national and international projects.

She is actively involved in Polish OMEP for a last few years. Congratulations!



OMEP Croatia has newly elected president.

**Klara Bahtić** has a master's degree in ECEC. Since 2017, she has been a member of OMEP. For years, she participates and presents at numerous national and international professional conferences and defends the position of young professionals at world conferences on early and preschool education. She was part of several international projects.

Congratulations!



# ECE Academy app - Sustainability from the Start

Whitin the Erasmus+ project “Sustainability from the start”, five OMEP National Committees, (Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Ireland and Sweden), Kristianstad University and EdChild developed learning application. Created learning program integrates a variety of sustainability concepts into teaching and daily life of young children and it is available in multiple languages.

**Join our free online course, ‘Sustainability from the Start’.**

Download ECE Academy from [AppStore](#) or [Google Play](#).

The App was presented by Ingrid Engdahl and Klara Bahtić at multiplier event in Croatia, 2nd of November.

More then 100 people from 8 countries has a chance to learn about the App and to try it by themselves



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# FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

## OMEP European Conference and Assembly “Sustainability from the Start”



OMEP Sweden and Kristianstad University invite you to **OMEP European Conference and Assembly on the 24-26th of April, 2024** that will bring together teachers, researchers, student teachers and policy makers with a genuine interest in Quality Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Early Childhood.

### Call for papers

Themes of the conference are:

1. Early childhood education and care for sustainability - play, teaching, learning and development.
2. Conditions for research in ECE for ESD: theory, methodology and ethics.
3. Quality aspects of organising for ESD in ECE – place, space, and time.
4. Children’s health and well-being, education for peace.

**Deadline for submissions: 15th January, 2024**

**More information: <https://www.hkr.se/en/collaboration/international-conference-omep-sweden-and-kristianstad-university/>**



## 76th OMEP World Assembly and Conference “Right from the Start for ECCE: Step Beyond All Together”

The Conference Committee cordially invite everyone interested in the care and education of young children from birth to eight years of age, to contribute to the enhancement of current knowledge and experiences to strengthen our commitment to scale up the determination for success toward reaching the goal of SDG4.2 in sustainable development.



### CALL FOR PAPERS

Please submit your abstract that is relevant to the conference theme and not more than two of its themes.

**Call for papers deadline for submissions : 15th April, 2024.**

**More information: <https://omepworld.org/76th-omep-world-assembly-and-conference/>**

# ESD AWARDS

## **15th ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

We are looking for outstanding projects that combine children's voices and play with teaching and learning for sustainability. We would like to see projects that are child-oriented where children are active in play and communication with other children, teachers, families, and communities, in a transformative change for sustainability. SDG4.2 specifically asks for quality education for young children.

**Submission Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Submit your proposal as an email attachment to both of the following:

Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson at [ingrid.pramling@ped.gu.se](mailto:ingrid.pramling@ped.gu.se)

and

Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic at [adrijana.vjevtic@ufzg.hr](mailto:adrijana.vjevtic@ufzg.hr)

## **6th ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDENT AWARD**

OMEF invites all undergraduate and graduate (Bachelor or MA level) 1 students to take part in this competition. We are looking for outstanding projects that combine children's voices and play with teaching and learning for sustainability. We would like to see projects that are child-oriented where children are active in play and communication with other children, teachers, families, and communities, in a transformative change for sustainability. SDG4.2 specifically asks for quality education for young children.

**Submission Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Submit your proposal as an email attachment to both of the following:

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