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Summertime approaching



This edition of the Eurlyaid newsletter includes important updates from the Board, information about Eurlyaid meetings and conferences, and please grab the opportunities for members to engage more deeply in our shared work.
We are writing during a very turbulent time when we know that the most vulnerable people and especially children suffer most.
We know what adaptation, resilience and spirit of community mean. These qualities are strongly requested. Connection and collective care are important words.
We often find ourselves writing this newsletter while travelling from gorgeous training sessions with many participants to meeting with a child, a family and their professional in their home setting . This newsletter is no exception. Every encounter tells ❤️.
Meeting people locally is important but ongoing conflict in the world has disrupted major global routes, leaving many people unable to move freely or safely. We have many of our colleagues near the conflict area in our thoughts.

We have been so lucky to go on spreading ECI in different countries. Here an overview:

Training

North Macedonia:

Building a National Pool of Trainers in Family-Centred Early Childhood Intervention
North Macedonia has successfully completed a **Training of Trainers (ToT) programme in Family-Centred Early Childhood Intervention (FCECI)**, resulting in a national pool of eight certified trainers who are now leading capacity-building activities across the country.
Following the initial ToT programme, the trainers received ongoing supervision and mentoring from Ana Serrano and Snežana Ilić, supporting the implementation of family-centred practices and strengthening their training competencies.
As a major milestone of the process, the newly trained trainers independently delivered two regional training programmes under the supervision of Snežana Ilić. The first training brought together multidisciplinary teams from Western Macedonia, while the second training, held from 1–5 June 2026, was organized for teams from Eastern Macedonia. These trainings demonstrate the successful transfer of knowledge and the growing national capacity to sustain and expand family-centred early intervention

services.
In parallel, **North Macedonia** has initiated the translation of the **EURLYAID Guide** with support from **UNICEF**. This important initiative will contribute to the wider dissemination of evidence-based practices and provide an important resource for professionals and decision-makers involved in early childhood intervention.
The establishment of a national network of eight trainers, combined with ongoing implementation activities and the translation of key EURLYAID resources, represents an important step towards strengthening family-centred early intervention services throughout North Macedonia.

Conferences:

Adelaide, Australia

Our chair, Ana Maria Serrano has participated as an invited speaker with a Keynote presentation and did a workshop at the **PRECI AUSTRALIA conference** - 13th to 15th of May in Adelaide.



PRECI is a newly formed **Australian organization** aiming to support and develop a national research-to-practice network focused explicitly on the area of young children with developmental disabilities. The conference had around 400 participants among practitioners, researchers and parents. This conference was organized by our PRECI colleagues and the quality of the presentations and posters was impressive. Among the main topics discussed at the conference were:

- Inclusive Practice & Participation
- Thriving Families & Parent Participation
- Research to Practice (Knowledge Translation)
- National Practice Framework for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
- Tiered Systems of Support & Capacity Building

There were very intensive discussions in the sessions, in the corridors and at the dinner, an opportunity for learning and discussing experiences and knowledge. Conference topics also touched the premises of the recent work that PRECI colleagues did on the NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE FRAMEWORK FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION. The Framework is available on the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing – Australia (https://www.preci.org.au/bp-framework-eci/?v=b870c45f9584)

Announcement from the Minister for Health, Disability and Ageing – Mark Butler, at the Opening Address for the 3rd PRECI Conference

https://www.facebook.com/preciaustralia/videos/check-out-the-announcement-from-hon-minister-mark-butler-mp-minister-for-health-/1000698695823710/?rdid=L5QyJ9AT31GJpHXr

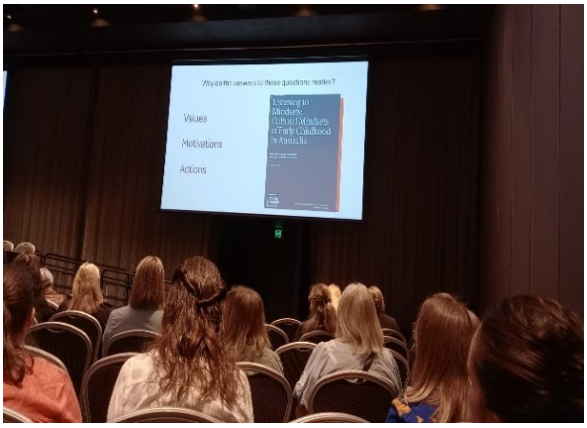
Some images of the event:













Turkish conference



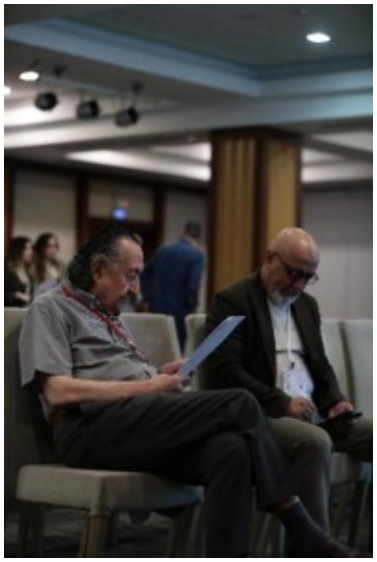
The **Turkish Association on Early Childhood Intervention (EÇOMDER)**, in partnership with **Anadolu University**, the International Society on Early Intervention (ISEI), and Eurlyaid – The European Association on Early Childhood Intervention (EAECI) organized the 3rd International Congress on Early Childhood Intervention (ICECI2026).
The congress, with the theme "**Current Approaches in Early Childhood Intervention**" took place at Pine Bay Holiday Resort, Kuşadası, Aydın, Turkey, from April 16 to 18, 2026. Practitioners, researchers, policymakers, families, and students join for this conference, engaging oral and poster sessions, and important discussions on meeting the diverse needs of children with developmental needs.

Ana Serrano represented Eurlyaid with a Keynote presentation

Some images of the conference:













We wish you all a well deserved holiday hoping that you can find a bench for relaxation, reflection and new energy. Many thoughts to all of you

from the Eurlyaid Board



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