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Strengthening boys to pursue care occupations (BiC)

WELCOME

Dear readers, we welcome you to the first issue of the Boys in Care project Newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy it finding it to be inspiring and informative about our research work and campaign on encouraging and motivating boys in Europe to overcome gender stereotypes in choosing and pursuing career paths in caring professions.

We will provide you with news and ideas roughly once in six months starting from April 2017 until September 2019. Our newsletter will include news from partners, outcomes of our common comparative study in six European countries – Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Lithuania, Italy and Slovenia, dates of national and European awareness raising events and trainings, European conference and much more.

We will also highlight and keep you updated about similar national and European initiatives and projects, that are changing the notions that caring professions are only for girls and women.

Thank you for taking the time to sign up for our newsletter by clicking [here](#). If your email address was added by mistake, please accept our apology and inform us to be removed from our mailing list.

Following issues of our newsletters can be viewed on the website of the project by clicking [here](#). You can also forward the newsletters to a friend or a colleague in case you think it might be interesting for them too.

Please feel free to contact us directly if you have any ideas for future newsletters, any comments, questions or concerns.

Warm regards from the Boys in Care project team.

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IN
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PROJECT

The project "BOYS IN CARE – Strengthening Boys to pursue Care Occupations (BiC)" which is under implementation from April 2017 to September 2019 in Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Lithuania and Slovenia is aiming at:

- Explicitly naming boys as a driving force and target group in vocational choices with a focus on care professions;
- Developing, implementing and disseminating educational and counselling tools for teachers and vocational counsellors to be able to support boys;
- Creating and improving initiatives for gender untypical vocational choices supporting boys;
- Challenging the under-representation of men in professional care education including health care, elderly care, early childhood education and primary school teaching where in the majority of EU countries less than 15% of the care work is undertaken by men;
- Creating supportive environments enabling boys to pursue care careers;
- Challenging the cultural ascription of care work.

The project is specifically targeting:

- Boys and parents;
- Teachers in primary and secondary schools;
- Vocational counsellors;
- Policy makers in the field of education and the labour market.

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ACTIVITIES

WE ARE REVIEWING:

- Textbooks, teaching and informational materials for vocational choices at national level in six European countries – Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Lithuania, Italy and Slovenia;
- Evaluate existing projects which are focussing on boys in untypical occupations (Boys' Day, Neue Wege für Jungs).

WE ARE DEVELOPING:

- Online toolkit for gender sensitive educational and vocational counselling;
- Gender sensitive online informational material;
- Training courses for teachers and vocational counsellors;
- Manual, oriented on the needs of teachers and vocational counsellors (incl. strategies, tools, specific knowledge).

WE ARE ORGANIZING :

- International exchange workshops for experts (mutual learning) about mechanisms for supporting boys in gender untypical vocations;
- Specific awareness events in each country according to the local situation and needs;
- Policy work with associated partners to ensure sustainability of the project results beyond the project duration.

PROJECT WEBSITE

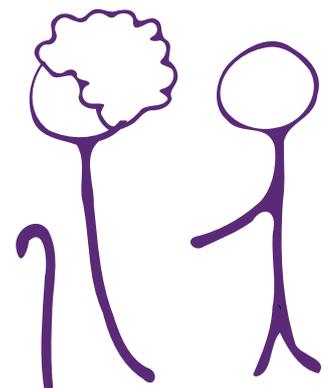
On the website you will find detailed information about the project as well as regular updates on partners' activities and relevant news items

Visit it at:
www.boys-in-care.eu

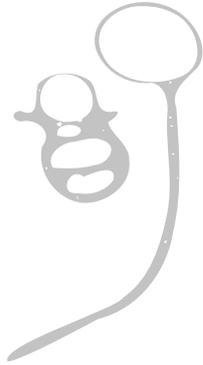


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NEXT STEPS:



The partners are in the process of researching and analyzing the national insights on caring occupations/ professions and gender, materials for occupational orientation/vocational education and existing analysis of approaches to support boys in pursuing care careers in partner countries. The outputs of the project will be based on the initial research. This research includes: an assessment of the needs at country level, possible target groups and contents of training activities. The six country reports will be finalized in November 2017. The first results of the national country reports were discussed at our second project meeting in Graz (10-12 October 2017) and will be summarized in the next Newsletter. Follow our work via our Facebook page and Website of the project and subscribe to our Newsletters!

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