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BOYS IN CARE

Thank you for taking the time also to sign up for our newsletter by clicking [here](#). Previous editions of our newsletters can be viewed on the website of the project by clicking [here](#). We will be glad to forward the newsletters to a friend or a colleague in case you think it might be interesting for them too.

Strengthening boys to pursue care occupations (BiC)

Dear readers,

Wishing You a Healthy and Prosperous New 2019 Year!

Beginning of a new year is always the right time for a retrospection.

Looking back in 2018, we can say we have much to be proud of and to say we are prepared well for Boys in Care Work online and in live activities in 2019:

- ✓ In mid 2018 we launched our [You tube video channel](#), shoot and translated **16 videos**, presenting the stories of amazing men in care professions in English, Italian, Bulgarian, Lithuanian and German language. For six months the videos were seen over **600 times**.
- ✓ We have developed the Toolkit for gender sensitive educational and vocational counselling of boys. Partners tested some of the training methods with more than **200 students, teachers and counsellors** in Austria, Germany and Italy, and this is still the beginning. In 2019 we are organizing more trainings in all partner countries.
- ✓ In 2018 Information about the project reached directly over **150 boys** in Germany, Slovenia and Lithuania via Boys' Days, support actions and awareness raising events. In Austria in 2017 already **5200 boys** participated in Boys' Day, dedicated to care professions. In new 2019 we continue to involve directly boys.

The project is gaining supporters and interest in all partner countries. We presented it at national school exhibitions (Lithuania), national networks of NGOs, working with children and parents, Association of Nurses (Bulgaria), children and elderly care institutions and primary schools (Slovenia and Lithuania) and universities (Italy and Germany).

We established cooperation with local and state institutions – Labour Market Service (AMS) in Styria, Austria, Social Education Institute Berlin-Brandenburg (SFBB) in Germany, Ministry of Labour Family Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities in Slovenia, Education Development Centre in Lithuania.

Our ambition for 2019 is to involve more people, organizations and institutions in our discussions, events, trainings and at final **European conference in Florence, Italy**, which is planned for the **20th and 21st of June 2019**.

See what has happened in the last months of 2018 and what we expect very soon in 2019!

1. AWARENESS RAISING EVENT AND SUPPORT ACTION FOR BOYS IN LITHUANIA

On the 23rd of November 2018 the Lithuanian partner Centre for Equality Advancement (CEA) organized a support action for boys as a face-to-face discussion between male teachers and boys – school students in the national event-exhibition "School 2030".

The event provided us with a possibility to conduct discussion forums on variety of topics. In collaboration with the Education Development Centre, the associate partner of CEA, we prepared the section, named "Gallery of professions".

The male teachers, who already gave interviews about their great experiences as teachers at schools and contributed to the online informational video material, agreed to speak during the event to boys-school students and encourage them to choose professions in the field of education. They showed the role model which inspired boys-students to engage in the discussions, ask the questions about the benefits and challenges of the teacher's professions and stereotypes in professional choices.



On 24 November 2018 Centre for Equality Advancement (CEA) organized national awareness raising event "Does the school need male teachers?". The national awareness raising event was organized as a workshop for teachers from all over Lithuania, who attended the national exhibition "School 2030".

The workshop provided different expertise intervention from schools, NGOs and academia. CEA experts provided the findings of the research of vocational materials, completed under the project and highlighted the stereotypical representation of career orientation in Lithuanian schools.

Research findings also show that teachers' profession is missing in the field of professional choices. Thus, discussions mainly raised the questions about the under-representation of teachers' profession at school. The workshop addressed teachers' profession within the context of gendered labour segregation and suggested to rethink the content and methods of career education, that encourage change of gender stereotypes in vocational counselling.

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2. SECOND SUPPORT ACTION FOR BOYS, ORGANISED IN SLOVENIA



On the 25th of October 2018 the Slovenian partner Peace Institute organized the second support action for boys, interested in care occupations. Boys in the eighth grade of primary school Božidar Jakac were invited to visit the elderly care home Ljubljana Šiška and to be informed about the occupations, employment prospects and working conditions in eldercare. First, we made a short introduction about care professions and masculinities and discussed it with the group of boys at school.

Afterwards boys, school counsellor and the Peace Institute's team visited the eldercare home, where the director welcomed us together with a male medical technician, a male social worker and a male nursing assistant.

The event started with the video film about the everyday life in eldercare home. Then we were discussing educational and career paths in eldercare, the advantages and disadvantages of these jobs, including personal experiences about the work our hosts do and gender issues.

In conclusion, boys wrote their impressions about the work in eldercare.

Mojca Frelj, a member of the Slovenian Boys in Care team, presented the support action "Boys Can Do It" within the section of good practices at the international conference "Unstereotypical about stereotypes", which was organized by the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities on the 19th and 20th of October 2018.

The first day was dedicated to discussions about gender stereotypes from various theoretical and practical aspects, while on the second day workshops for teachers were carried out. The conference was the introductory event of the "Europe at School" project, which addresses the issue of gender stereotypes and equality between women and men in the school year 2018/19.

See more about the event: http://www.mddsz.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/enake_moznosti/tematski_posveti/nestereotipno_o_stereotipih/

3. BOYS IN CARE TRAINING PROGRAM STARTED IN ITALY

The Italian partner Istituto degli Innocenti has started the Boys in Care training programme. The first interventions involve university students in the field of education, who are studying to become teachers, in order to sensitize them about gender stereotypes and socialization, masculinity and care work.

The course is composed of 2 modules of 4 hours each carried out in November and in December, as well as an on-line part.

It includes an experiential part about gender stereotypes, masculinities and how they influence career choices and a theoretical part about horizontal segregation in education and in the labour market at European level, as well as on masculinities' studies.

On the 29th of November 2018, the first module was held, and it involved about 80 students. The overwhelming majority of participants were female students, but there were also some male ones.

The class was very interactive, and students could engage in some exercises on the concept of masculinities, which they appreciated and had fun while doing them.

The concept of caring masculinities was discussed



and compared with that of hegemonic masculinity. Students had a chance to watch and comment some of the videos with men, involved in care professions. The videos proved a very helpful instrument to discuss about stereotypes on care and gender. They also talked about their own motivations to choose a care profession, the social reaction to their choice and how gender influences this.

In the next modules, the students will continue to analyze the material, produced by the project and will also have the possibility to discuss with two male kindergarten teachers about their work experience, their motivation and any possible obstacle.

4. PARTICIPATION IN THE DESIGN THINKING WORKSHOP "OUT OF THE CLICHÉ TRAP"



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Daniel Holtermann, member of the Boys in Care project team, took part in the workshop for the extension of the Boys' Day material in Berlin on 31 of October 2018.

The aim of the workshop was to make the contents of Boys' Day and Girls' Day digitally accessible in the format of a "Serious Game". Young people can be reached better with digital offers and a playful access to cliché-free career orientation is an important

supplement to the already existing material.

Boys in Care Workshop at the "Education free of gender stereotypes" day in Berlin, Germany

The Boys in Care project team conducted a workshop on Boys in Care at the "Stiftung Bildung" day of experts and the awarding of the "Verein(t) für gute Kita und Schule" prize on 12th of November 2018.

In addition to the presentation of the Boys in Care project, the workshop focused on the testing and critical reflection of methods for strengthening boys in social, educational and nursing professions.

Next Boys in Care project training on 28.02 + 01.03.19 in Berlin.

The next open Boys in Care advanced training for teachers, career counsellors and interested specialists takes place on 28.02 - 01.03.19 in the SFBB in Berlin.

Contents are among other things: work, labour market and gender, masculinities, care and gender stereotypes. Various methods are tested, which can be used in the work with boys. You can find more information and registration [here](#).

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM IN AUSTRIA CONTINUES IN 2019

Capacity Building Programmes (CBP)

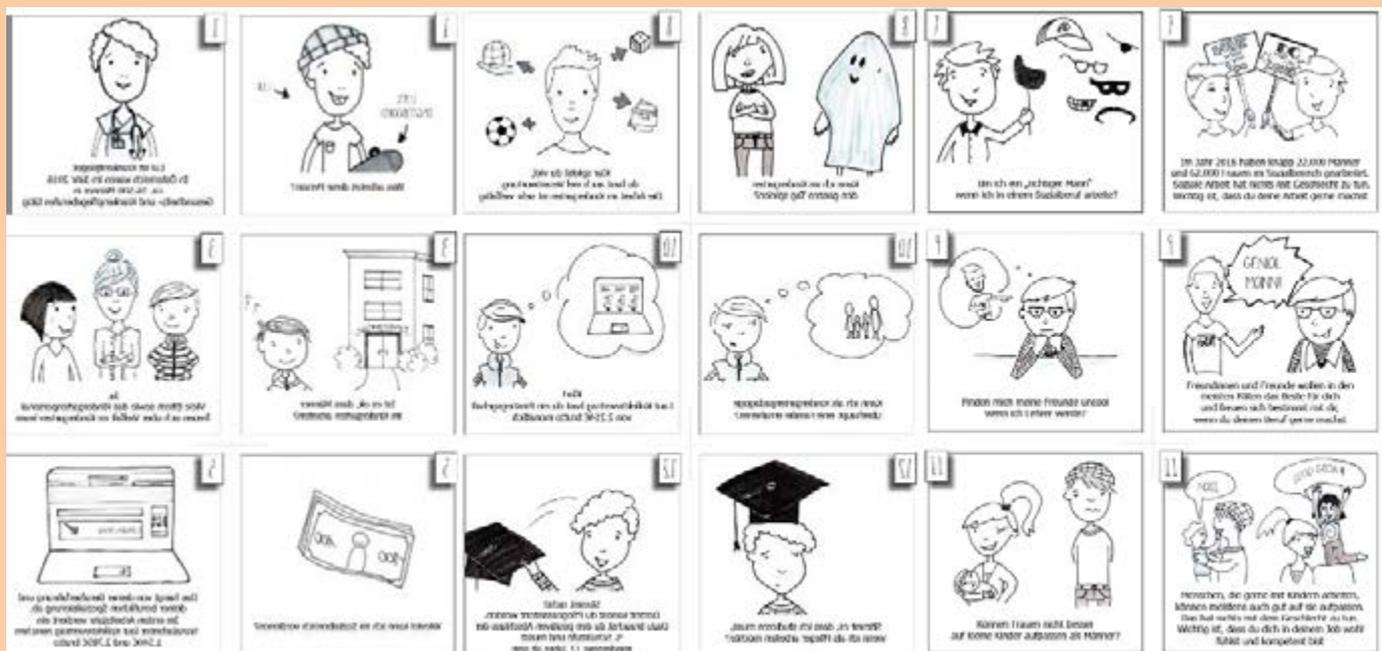
The Austrian team conducted the first 5 CBP trainings in Austria with 60 teachers, boys' workers and vocational counsellors in Vienna, Baden, Graz and twice in Klagenfurt. In the first modules of the CBP, Caring Masculinities, Horizontal Segregation but also methods for workshops with boys were introduced. With the help of the project programme, information on Boys' Day could be disseminated and reference was made to Austrian Ministry of Education (BMBWF)'s materials (e.g. brochure on gender-sensitive vocational orientation).

In 2019, further trainings will follow:

Innsbruck (25th March, 24th April), Vienna (26th March, 25th April), Eisenstadt (28th March, 11th April) and Linz (29th/30th March, 26th/27th April). Austrian Support Action partner is the Labour

Market Service (AMS) in Styria. Here, specific training courses are carried out, which follow a previous cooperation between AMS Styria and the Association for Men's and Gender Issues Styria. On 16th of October 2018, the first of two 6-hour trainings took place in Graz. Within the framework of the workshop the possibility was given to think about own projects in the region and to plan them with the help of the training leaders (also beyond the training). This was made more concrete by the fact that in the Deutschlandsberg region, workshops for boys were held under the guidance of Boys in Care project collaborators of the Association for Men's and Gender Issues in Graz.

Meanwhile a card game informing about boys in care occupations was developed by the Austrian partner to be used in CBP trainings:



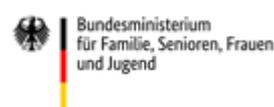
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