



Socially Sustainable Early Childhood Education and Care

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Auditorium Minna Canth, Ratatie 22, 01300 Vantaa

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Program:

- 9:00–9:30** **Opening words and brief overview of the project,**
Virpi Lund, Project Coordinator
- 9:30–10:30** **Growing into belonging. Social pedagogy as a framework in early childhood education,**
Elina Nivala, Associate professor in social pedagogy,
University of Eastern Finland
- 10:30–10:45** **Break**
- 10:45–11:15** **The Situation of Social Pedagogy in the Estonian Context,**
Katrin Saluvee, Junior Lecturer in Pre-school Education &
Programme Director, University of Tartu Narva College, Estonia.
- 11:15–12:15** **Lunch** (at own expense)
- 12:15–13:15** **Panel discussion**
by Kati Rintakorpi, Principal Investigator of the SoSECE project
Panelists:
Lithuania: Prof. dr. Leta Dromantienė, Vytautas Magnus University
Estonia: Headmaster of the kindergarten, Ene Nool
Latvia: Prof. Emeritus, dr. Ilze Ivanova, University of Latvia
Finland: Senior lecturer, Med Johanna Holmikäri
& Daycare Manager from Vantaa, Marja-Sisko Pohjola
- 13:15–13:35** **Greetings from the associate partner,**
Mikko Mäkelä, Head of Early Childhood Education at Vantaa City
- 13:35–14:15** **Coffee break**
- 14:15–15.00** **Enhancing the Development of Multiprofessional Competences in ECEC and Child Welfare Teams: case of Latvia and Lithuania,**
Prof. dr. Giedrė Kvieskienė, Vytautas Magnus University &
Professor, dr Ilze Ivanova, Latvia University
- 15:00–15:15** **Closing summary**