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MEET Kick-off Meeting in Italy (October 2016)
The 1st MEET partner meeting has taken place in Monte Marenzo, Italy, from the 24th until the 28th October 2016, at the premises of Specchio Magico. The MEET project aims to develop an experimental framework for European Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) system, involving school directors, teachers, educational agencies, professionals, families and children. This framework will focus on developing an innovative methodology, which aims to empower high quality and accessible ECEC services. It also fosters the assessment of transversal skills, for students with ages 0-5.

Partners discussed about strengthening the first experiences of pre-school children and ways of building a model of sustainable and transferable intervention, employing metacognitive approaches in early age learning processes. The consortium has also visited the Childhood Neuropsychiatry Department in Lecco Hospital, where partners had many fruitful discussions about ways of learning during the pre-school age and how all the needs of students with special educational needs can be met. Partners also discussed about the disseminations activities of the project and set deadlines for a number of tasks. The subsequent meeting will take place in Granada (Spain) during October 2017.

MEET in the EOC newsletter of October 2016 edition
The MEET project was presented in the newsletter of the European Office of Cyprus (EOC) in October 2016. The newsletter focused on presenting the main objectives of the project and providing information about the methodology, the development of the MEET APP and future steps. The EOC newsletters are reached by a variety of stakeholders, such as educators of pre-school, primary school, secondary school and higher education, policy makers, academics, universities, NGOs, research centres and many more. For more information, please click here.

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MEET - Second Partner Meeting in Cyprus (March 2017)
The second Transnational Partner Meeting of the MEET project was held in Nicosia during the period of 20th – 23rd March 2017. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss about the progress of the Output 1: “Guidelines for Operators and Teachers”, agree on the development of the platform and website, as well as discuss about the development of the MEET application for children. Partners had a lot of fruitful discussions, exchanging ideas and best practices from their local context in order to implement the project in the most innovative way in Spain, Cyprus, Italy and Northern Ireland. The consortium also visited the Ministry of Education and Culture Cyprus, where Education Specialists provided them with presentations regarding the local ECEC services and Special Education. The consortium of partners will finalise the E-Guidelines for Operators and Teachers in June 2017 and the MEET application by the end of the year. The next partner meeting will take place in Granada (Spain) during October 2017.

MEET was a part of the Treasure Hunt Activity for the purposes of the European Youth Week in Cyprus on 6th May 2017
MEET has formed a part of the Treasure Hunt Activity, organised by CARDET and the Youth Board Organisation of Cyprus, under the framework of the European Youth Week 2017. The event took place on the 6th May 2017 and 10 booths were available for the general public (such as children, families etc). More than 400 people attended the event, who had the opportunity of registering their teams and taking part in the Treasure Hunt Activity, as well as to be informed about the projects in which CARDET is involved by visiting the Information Point. A specially tailored activity was created on the basis of the MEET project’s objectives, which was related to inclusion in schools.