

# News

## EUROPEAN CAFÉ

17 persons from 11 countries met via Zoom for the first virtual OMEP café of the year. After initial reports about the situation related to the pandemic, other topics were also brought up.

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Obesity seems to have increased among young children, as was reported from Slovakia, and more children are in hospital. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, there has been changes in the curriculum, and to be of special interest is that education for sustainable development is now included. OMEP Russia suggested for OMEP Europe to arrange a webinar to discuss experiences of how the comment areas and indicators in the 2nd edition of the OMEP ESD Rating scale (2019) have been perceived by teachers. In Germany, Children's Rights are now included in the Constitution. Sweden works with many projects linked to children's health and Croatia has arranged a LIVE international conference, which was very appreciated after the periods of online meetings.



## PROJECT PROPOSAL

OMEP Russia has launched an idea about a new project called World Living Heritage. A source of inspiration for teachers and the key to sustainable development. project or not. More information about the project will soon be sent by OMEP Russia



## COLOUR YOUR RIGHTS

OMEP Cyprus reported that because of the pandemic Children's Art project around the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, has been delayed. A digital exhibition with 20 countries art work included, will be held in Athens. OMEP Cyprus is planning for an Art Exhibition and workshops in May.



## SUSTAINABILITY FROM THE START – ESD FOR ECE – AN ERASMUS+ PROJECT

This new Erasmus funded project is coordinated by University Kristianstad, Sweden, and includes five national OMEP committees in Europe: Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Sweden and a company for digital learning.

The overall mission is to develop an online course – Sustainability from the start for ECE teachers and other staff. Developing the course will take place in 2022, taking the course will start in 2023. In 2023, an adaptation of the course to ECE Teacher Programmes will take place, and this will be offered to universities.



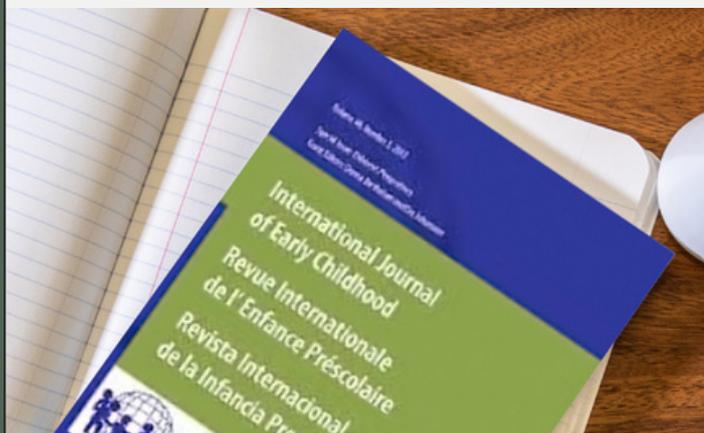
# INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

OMEP members have an opportunity to sign up for getting the International Journal of Early Childhood in a digital form

More information is available on the OMEP World website:

[https://omeworld.org/login/?redirect\\_to=https%3A%2F%2Fomeworld.org%2Fread-the-international-journal-of-early-childhood-ijec%2F](https://omeworld.org/login/?redirect_to=https%3A%2F%2Fomeworld.org%2Fread-the-international-journal-of-early-childhood-ijec%2F)

IJEC, 54(1) is a Special issue on Early Childhood Education for Sustainability: Critical Exploration of Possibilities and Challenges with Guest Editors Ingrid Engdahl and Christin Furu (Abo Akademi University).



## OMEP EUROPE ON FACEBOOK

Soon the Facebook page for OMEP Europe will be opened, which will facilitate communication between the committees in Europe, and also give us the possibility to measure how the page is used, and how many people we reach with OMEP news.



## MORE EUROPEAN OMEP CAFÉS

Next OMEP café will be organized in June where will be talked about different projects, themes and preparations for the World Assembly and Conference in Athens in July.

## APPLICATION ON OMEP ESD AWARD

Applications for the OMEP ESD Award, for teachers and for students, due date is March 15, and the application form is found at Awards in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) – OMEP ([omeworld.org](http://omeworld.org))



# UPCOMING CONFERENCES

June 13 - 14, 2022, Nantes (France) TED Teacher Education for Sustainability conference on SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND TEACHING TEAMS

July 11 - 15, 2022, Athens (Greece), OMEP World Assembly and Conference

October 2022, Poznan (Poland), International Conference on THE CHILD'S RIGHTS TO HIGH QUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION



## IMPORTANT DATES

February 28 Application for the New Scholar award  
<https://omepworld.org/?s=New+Scholar+Award>

March 15 Application for the OMEP ESD Award for teachers and for students

March 15 Annual reports for 2021 are due

March 31 End of Early Bird registration for OMEP Athens 2022

