

Council of Europe Contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



4.2 Early childhood development and universal pre-primary education

By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education

Pre-school education is not a main focus of Council of Europe activities on Education. Indeed, in many member States, this matter is not the responsibility of the Ministries of Education but of other Ministries such as of Health or Social Affairs, etc. In 2000, however, the Council of Europe's governing body, the Committee of Ministers, addressed a Recommendation to member States on the education of Roma/Gypsy children in Europe which specifically requested member States to develop pre-school education schemes and make them available to Roma/Gypsy children.

Mapping of Council of Europe Education Activities for SDG 4.2

| Standards | Data / Reports | Tools | Activities |
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| Recommendation CM/Rec(2000) 4 of | | | Pre-school education that fosters |
| the Committee of Ministers to | | | multicultural learning and the |
| member states on the education of | | | integration of Roma children in |
| Roma/Gypsy children in Europe | | | Bulgaria - In the framework of |
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| | | | Generation Democracy II: |
| | | | Strengthening Democratic Culture in |
| | | | Basic Education Institutions in Turkey |