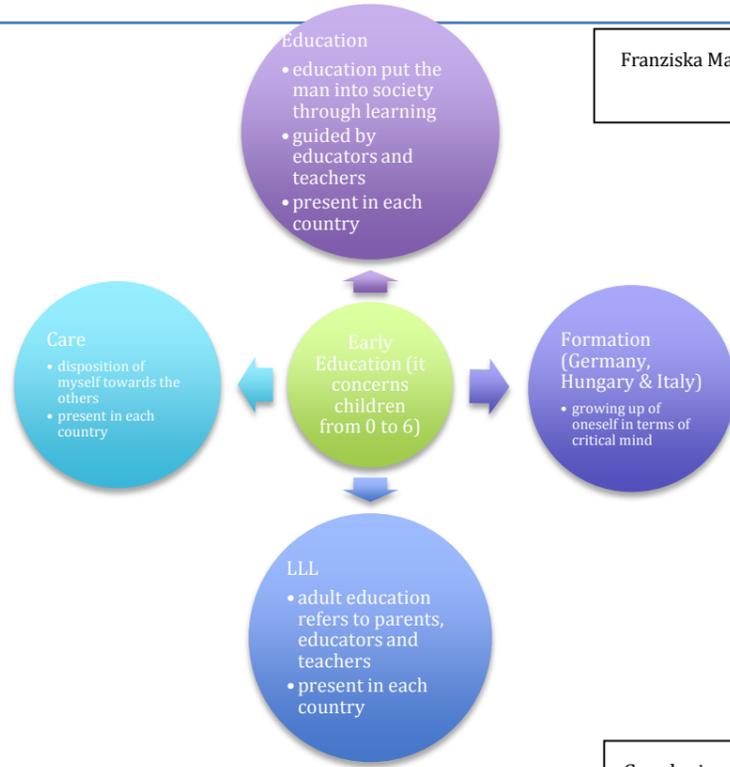
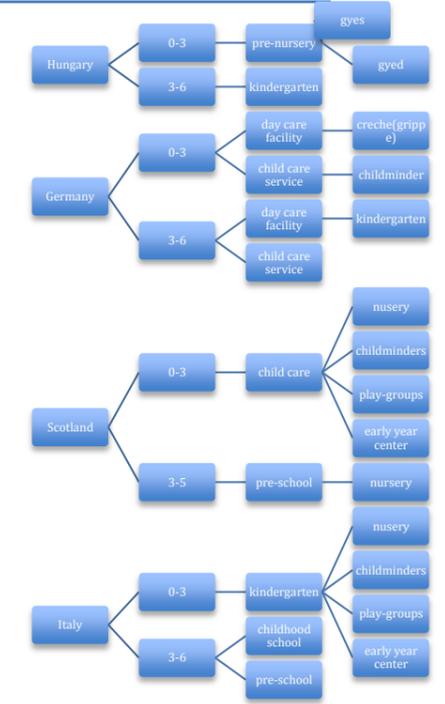
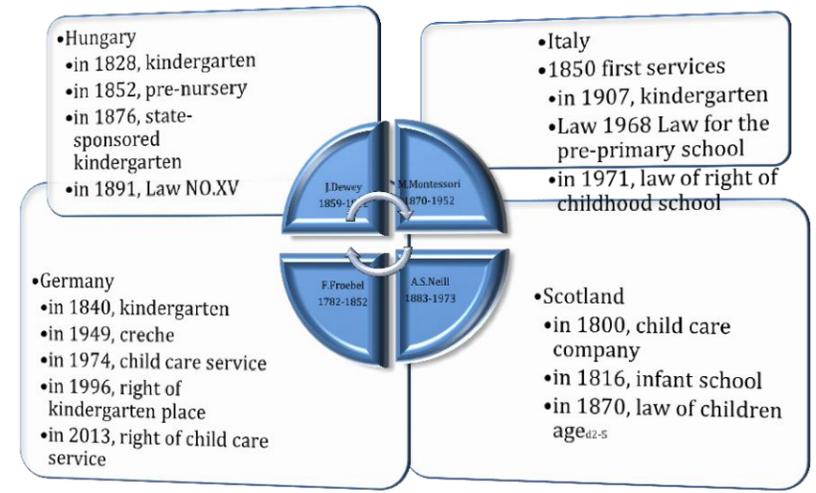


Early Childhood Education and Care for LifeLong Learning.

A comparative study in Europe



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Conclusion

Each country has a different situation regarding early education, depending on many factors (history, society, culture and economy). We have found that the countries we have compared have similarities and differences: similar parent-training programs and a similar structure.

Early education is becoming more important in every country.

Recommendations:

- Make early childhood education a priority
- Have a common European framework
- Quality: qualification of workers
- Inclusion
- Services from 0 to 3 to be a right for each child
- Care as priority
- Value and more parent formation

Comparison of ECEC	Hungary	Scotland	Germany	Italy
Legislation of services				
Strategies for ECEC	- 0-3 day-care (care), - 3-5/6 kindergarten/pre-primary education (care and education)	- 3-5 pre-primary school - right to go to pre-primary school - not compulsory, but guarantee	- guarantee for day-care 0-3 - guarantee kindergarten from 3-6 - not compulsory	- guarantee for pre-primary school 3-6 - not compulsory
Qualification for teacher and educators	- certification for day-care care 0-3 (vocational training) - degree for kindergarten	- National certificate one year; Higher National Certificate in Early Education and Childcare. - Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) PVG scheme	- dual training for day-care and kindergarten	- 0-3 = educators - 3-6 degree for pre-primary school = teacher
Organization of services international (EU, EAEA, UNICEF, OECD)				
Funding	- government - private - day-care have to pay - kindergarten is free	- local government - private	- government - states - council - private	- public day-care and pre-primary school payed by government - private
Time	- opening time day-care undetermined - kindergarten 7am to 5pm	- undetermined opening times		- 0-3 opened 7:30 am to 4:30 pm - 3-6 opened 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Problem of the services				
Problems	- long waiting lists - place guaranteed, but care rate is not high enough - high charge in day-care	- no universal programm for children from 0-3 - care rate is not high enough	- long waiting lists in some areas - care rate is very different between areas	- requirement for place 0-3 → high costs - care rate is very different between areas

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Italy	Germany	Scotland	Hungary
The training of educators (certification)			
0-3: Non-compulsory academic studies (3 years) 3-6: Compulsory academic studies (5 years)	- Childcare assistant (2 years) - Educator (2-4.5 years) - Only a few with academic training - Criminal report check	- vocational training 1-2 years - HNC (Higher National Certificate) 1 year - Degree in early years education and childcare - registration with the Disclosure Scotland criminal records check	- Academic studies (3 years) - Vocational training (2 years) - Criminal record check
Professional profiles			
- Educator - Teacher in School for Childhood	- childminder - kindergarten teachers	- childminder - nursery nurse	- healthcare visitor - childminder - kindergarten teachers
Strongest relationship with families			
- Relationship between parents - Relationship with civil society	- relationship between parents and children - good relationship with institutions	- between family members	- Other families - Grandparents - Healthcare visitor - NGO's - formal ed.
Trainings for parents			
- Born to Read - Workshops - Meetings between parents - Meetings between parents, educators, "experts" - A day in the service	- Triple P - Strong parents - strong children - Etc. - by private organizations or associations (for example: child protection agency)	- Triple P - Mellow Parenting - Parenting Positively - Raising Children with Confidence - Scottish Bookbug - charity and NHS counseling services	- Born to read - Sober Baby Program - Cradle



