



## INVESTING IN AN INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SYSTEM: GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE EU

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15.50 CONFERENCE "INVESTING IN AN INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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"Stabat Mater" Piazza Galvani, 1 Bologna

15.50-16:00 Institutional greetings

Stefano Bonaccini – President of the Emilia-Romagna Region

Matteo Lepore, Mayor of Bologna

16:00-16:10 Opening remarks

Patrizio Bianchi, Italian Minister of Education

Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

16:10-16:30 Tackling inequalities by investing in quality education: Guidelines for the National

**Integrated ECEC system** 

Keynote Speaker

Susanna Mantovani, President of the ECEC National Commission

established by the Italian Ministry of Education

The Italian experience in the light of the European quality framework for ECEC

Keynote Speaker

Lucia Balduzzi, Coordinator of the Degree Course for Educators in Childcare Services, Alma

Mater University of Bologna

16:30-17:10 The European experiences

Speeches of invited EU Education Ministers

17:10-17:20 Closing remarks

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