



Transatlantic Forum on Inclusive Early Years (5) **Integration, continuity and alignment**

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Integration is a global trend in EU (and beyond)

Including, but not limited to

- Huizen van het Kind (**Belgium, Flemish Community**)
- Sure Start & Children's Centers (**England**)
- Familjecenter (**Finland**)
- Réseaux d'écoute, d'appui et d'accompagnement des parents (**France**)
- Familienzentern (Germany)
- Centra voor Jeugd en Gezin (The Netherlands)
- Familiens hus (Norway)
- Familjecentral (**Sweden**)
- Portugal, **Italy, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, USA, ...**



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Poverty as a multi-faceted problem

Poverty as a lack of material AND immaterial means

Poverty as a persistent problem

Poverty as an intergenerational problem

Cannot be addressed by scattered services

- Age segregation
- Sectorial segregation
- Target group segregation
- Policy segregation
- Organisational segregation



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- Cooperation and collaboration of different services in a network **vs** integration under one management **vs** integration under one roof
- Area-based **vs** population-based **vs** universal
- Integration **vs** alignment and transitions
- Case management (wrap-around) **vs** management integration
- Top-down **vs** bottom-up
- Immaterial **vs** material + immaterial needs (Education / care / Health / Employment / Housing / Income / Adult education / ...)



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- Reducing complexity in governance
- Economic efficiency
 - Saving overhead costs
 - Avoiding overlap
 - Generate synergies between public and private actors
- Improving quality of programs
 - Share knowledge and experience
 - Better adapt to communities
 - Smoother transitions for service users

And by the way: there is evidence for all the above (e.g. OECD, 2001; Melhuish et al., 2008; Peeters et al., 2014)



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Progressive universalism as the way out of targeted versus universal policies

But

With different policies depending on what previously exists

e.g. Familjecenter / REAAP / Huizen vh Kind / Sure Start



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- Leadership vs “identity”
- Alignment of cultures (e.g. Education and care)
- Alignment of professional status (including wages, qualifications, ...)
- Efficiency vs privacy (support vs control)
- Participation of users and communities in the design



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So there is a lot to talk about



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