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The relevance of the initiative from the perspective of the paediatric community

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EAP represents paediatricians who are among the most trusted Health Professionals for children's care .

For any paediatrician ECD includes not only psychomotor development. Decreased physical growth and vaccination hesitancy can influence ECD in a vicious circle not allowing children to develop to their full potential .

Nurses and GP are also involved in many countries and TEAMWORK is therefore essential with proper and regularly updated CME and CPD in the science of ECD, which must be guaranteed for all the HP involved.

In the era of Digital Health it is important to have a European standardized system to monitor developmental milestones also to facilitate health care across borders. Electronic health records should be used to support continuity of care and shared understanding of care needs.

Reciprocal trust parents-paediatricians is essential to achieve an optimal ECD - there is a much greater need for evidence gathering on the experiences of children and their families, for the inclusion of young people in community advisory groups on their care needs .

Family centred health services should include tailored integrated care in the community achieved through a trusting relationship between parents and paediatricians .

How to motivate colleagues to "revisit the theory" and enter the field of ECD stepping beyond traditional approaches in education:

It is not enough to expect that multidisciplinary working can suddenly start and be effective in practice. It must start in the classroom with interprofessional education where possible, where there is shared education on early child development issues and shared interprofessional education on decision-making.

Working in the field of ECD with a focus on prevention and health promotion is always highly motivating for paediatricians and extremely relevant for EAP and the paediatric community.