

Meeting with the representatives of the *University College Arteveldehogeschool Ghent*

On Monday, 7 January 2013, National centre for external evaluation of education hosted a meeting with representatives of Belgian university in Ghent “University College Arteveldehogeschool Ghent“.

The goal of the gathering was an exchange of experience and identification of collaboration areas.

Representatives Karolien Frederickx and Charlotte Soenen presented Belgian early childhood education and care system, organization and history of the University as well as study programmes concerning early childhood education and care available at the *University College Arteveldehogeschool Ghent*. Furthermore, they presented national and international projects of the University with the emphasis on the area of early childhood education and care.

Director Goran Sirovatka and deputy director Jasmina Muraja, Ph.D. presented assignments and projects of the National centre for external evaluation of education at national and international level. Sandra Antulić presented self-evaluation projects with special emphasis on the self-evaluation of early childhood education and care project, which has been implemented at the national level since the beginning of the current school year.

The presentation was followed by the discussion on theory and practice in early childhood education and care in the Republic of Croatia, where significant contribution was made by professor Edita Slunjski, Ph.D. and professor Maja Ljubetić, Ph.D. The discussion included elements of theory in early childhood education and care as well as contemporary concepts in early childhood education and care practice as well as the comparison of Croatian and Belgian system.

The meeting concluded with an identification of mutual interests and collaboration areas and with the confirmation of further exchange of knowledge and experience.

Meeting programme is set out below.

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PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:30	Introduction and welcome Goran Sirovatka, director of the NCEEE
10:30 – 11:00	Walking tour of NCEEE
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation of NCEEE's work and education system in the Republic of Croatia Jasmina Muraja, Ph.D., deputy director and head of Department for quality assurance in education
11:30 – 12:00	Self-evaluation of early childhood and preschool education institutions Sandra Antulić, expert assistant in Department for quality assurance in education
12:00 – 12:30	Early childhood education and care Edita Slunjski, Ph.D. (Faculty of Philosophy, University in Zagreb) Maja Ljubetić, Ph.D. (Faculty of Philosophy, University in Split)
12:30 – 13:30	Representatives of the <i>University College Arteveldehogeschool Ghent</i> Karolien Frederickx and Charlotte Soenen
13:30 – 14:15	Lunch break
14:15 – 15:15	Agreement on collaboration
15:15 – 16:00	Final discussion