Reference number	LLP-ERA/MT/IP/02/2007
Title	**Professional Reflections in Early Childhood (PREC)**
New program / renewal? (please underline)	New program Renewal: 2nd year 3rd year
Subject area code	05.0, 05.1, 05.2
Description	An integrated European approach to early childhood education and care (ECEC) is needed with regards to practices, theories, critical themes and research. There is great diversity concerning forms of provision and approaches to professional development. The objective of the IP is for post-graduate students and staff from six European institutions to reflect upon professional development and practice in ECEC. This IP examines notions of childhood and ideas about early childhood practice. Participants are challenged to identify key theories and principles, which inform their practice and vision of early childhood. This will be achieved by: • engaging in critical analysis of the relationship between theory and practice • exploring what it means to be an early childhood professional; • developing a shared understanding of the terminology used; • becoming familiar with European ECEC national policy documents; • researching and documenting the various roles undertaken by early childhood professionals across Europe. Students should become aware of key issues which they can confidently address in early childhood settings, including quality, curricula, diversity, inclusion, transitions, meeting children's rights, ethical approaches and integration. Students will have extended their concepts of professionalism in early childhood, thus boosting their personal and professional confidence and habitus.
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LLP Grant (€)	€ 26,743
Total budget (€)	€ 35,657
Activity duration	2 weeks
Location	Malta

Reference number	LLP-ERA/MT/IP/01/2007
Title	**Investment Funds in Europe: Regulation, Innovation & Management Issues**
New program / renewal? (please underline)	New program Renewal: 2nd year 3rd year
Subject area code	04.3, 10.7, 04.7
Description	The European fund industry is continuously increasing its assets under management which currently count for over EUR 5 trillion. In the past the EC expressed the perception that Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) legislation could function better. According to the EC, the fund industry does not exploit its full European potential, UCITS III have to be implemented more efficiently, and cost-efficiency generally has to be improved. Besides the discussion of these critical points, we will also focus on current problems in innovation and management issues. This will be effectuated in the form of student presentations, company visits and meetings with investment fund professionals, input-lectures, and the integration of a portfolio management game. The partnership between the five universities is deliberate and selected by hand: UK and Luxembourg as a very big market, Liechtenstein with a new and very liberal law, Cyprus, Latvia and Malta as new member countries with a huge market potential. We want to implement this programme several years, each year with a new focus but with close relations to the preceding year, thus with each year we would gain a better view and understanding on markets, products and problems.
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LLP Grant (€)	€ 25,415
Total budget (€)	€ 42,176
Activity duration	2 weeks
Location	Malta