

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the  
Proposal for a Council Recommendation on High Quality Early Childhood  
Education and Care Systems**

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The Chamber of Deputies supports the development of the European Education Area, whereby people can benefit from the Union's educational offer, including high quality early childhood education and care. It also considers that inclusive early childhood education and care, in accordance with the Interinstitutional proclamation endorsing the European Pillar of Social Rights, should be reflected more strongly in the Union's policies regarding public health.

The Chamber of Deputies considers that the first years of life represent an important step for embracing moral principles, as basis of harmonious and balanced mental development, and recommends the continuation and intensification of Union efforts, dedicated to ensure the balance between personal life, family, on one hand, and professional activity, on the other. Also, appreciates the objective of the recommendation on establishing a common definition on European level of the quality in the field of early childhood education and care, and recommends that its flexibility permits the expression of specific conditions of each Member State and takes into consideration the emotional environment necessary in the first years of life.

The Chamber of Deputies recommends facilitating the exchange of best practices and experiences between Member States, in the context of the strategic framework for cooperation in the field of professional education and training, in supporting high quality systems of early childhood education and care, as well as involving the business sector in supplying high-quality services.