ABOUT THE PROJECT

‘CarePath’ project is a two-year initiative which aims to improve national and regional child protection systems in providing integrated aftercare support to children ageing out of care.

Project objective
The project strives to ensure that children ageing out of care have access to adequate trauma-informed aftercare support as part of the integrated child protection system. It improves the capacity of care professionals and aims to develop a sustainable mechanism that will enable public authorities and professionals to provide comprehensive psycho-social support services to children leaving care, based on trauma-informed interventions.

Target audience
The project targets public authorities, municipalities and bodies responsible for child protection in four European countries. It also involves professionals such as psychologists, psychotherapists, art therapists, social and healthcare workers, counsellors working with children ageing out of care, as well as vocational training providers.

Project activities focus on:

- identification of transferable leaving care mechanisms and trauma-informed interventions;
- training of professionals working with traumatised children, based on the views of care leavers and adolescents in alternative care;
- development of an open online course for professionals on leaving care and aftercare support provision;
- establishment of the CarePath integrated service provision mechanism for cases of traumatised children leaving care;
- organising a European conference on trauma-informed child protection systems.
ABOUT PROJECT PARTNERS

Co-funded by the European Union’s Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and coordinated by the University of Turin (Torino, Italy), the project will run in Italy, Greece, Hungary and Belgium. Partners include Calabria Region and the Person-Centred Approach Institute (IACP) in Italy, ReadLab, E-Trikala S.A and ERGO in Greece, Cordelia in Hungary and Eurochild in Belgium.

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO (UNITO)
The Department of Psychology and the Department of Law are part of the University of Turin that includes 27 Departments and 151 Degree Courses. The Department of Psychology is part of the Natural Sciences School. UNITO counts about 70,000 students and 2,000 of both professors and staff members. UNITO promotes national and international scientific research.

CALABRIA REGION
Calabria Region is a territorial entity with its own statute, powers and functions according to the principles laid down in the Constitution of the Italian Republic. In the CarePath project, Calabria is responsible for the development of a sustainable framework for the provision of integrated aftercare support services to children leaving care.

PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH INSTITUTE (IACP)
The Person-Centered Approach Institute is a scientific non-profit organisation dedicated to the protection and promotion of human potentialities. It offers training, research and consultancy with the various applications of the Person-Centered Approach — a scientifically validated approach formulated by Carl Rogers, one of the founders. IACP is an approved provider of continuing education courses by the Italian Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

EUROCHILD
Eurochild is a network of 171 organisations and individuals from 34 European countries working with and for children throughout Europe to promote the rights and well-being of children and young people. Eurochild’s vision is of a society where children and young people grow up happy, healthy and confident and respected as individuals in their own right. Eurochild’s mission is to promote the rights and well-being of children in policy and practice through advocacy, membership exchange and research.

E-TRIKALA S.A
E-Trikala S.A is the Development Company of the Municipality of Trikala (Greece) established in March 2008. It creates infrastructure and provide services through continuous development of Information and Communication Technology based applications aimed to improve everyday lives of all citizens. During 10 years of operation, e-Trikala had more than 20 proposals submitted and approved under the Information Society funding programme and other Operational and European Funding Frameworks. In collaboration with ESTIA, the company is currently implementing a project “Accommodation and assistance to asylum seekers and relocation candidates in Trikala”.

ERGO
ERGO is a non-profit organization that conducts a concerted effort to strengthen psychosocial skills of children and young people, as well as to provide education and consulting to parents and professionals who support these groups. ERGO envisions and claims a brighter future, where each child is entitled to maximum mental well-being and creative development opportunities.

READLAB
Research Innovation and Development Lab (ReadLab) is Greece-based research institution that aims to generate positive social and sustainable impact through innovation. ReadLab delivers high-quality research, training, educational, consulting and ICT services at local, national, European and international levels, adapting a human-centred approach and promoting sustainable development and growth.

CORDELIA
The Cordelia Foundation was established in 1996 with the aim to assist torture survivors and severely traumatized asylum seekers, refugees, their family members and unaccompanied minors arriving in Hungary by providing psychiatric, psychotherapeutic, psychological treatment and psycho-social counseling. Cordelia’s team consists of therapists with intercultural competences (psychiatrists, psychologists, non-verbal therapists) working with refugee clients at the reception centres and a child protection facility.