

## What has Primokiz achieved in Romania?

In Romania, the pilot began with a situation analysis carried out by local teams in 21 communities. The situation analysis successfully brought early childhood onto the local agenda by gathering relevant current information — from professionals, families, and local stakeholders — necessary for informing local development strategies as well as current and future interventions.

The situation analysis succeeded in strengthening intersectoral collaboration by bringing together stakeholders from the medical, education, and social sectors with local administrators — all of whom play a key role in the holistic development of children in their early years.

Using data from the situation analysis reports, the local development strategies have included wide-ranging provisions for the ECEC environment in Romania, including investment in infrastructural development — such as the construction of new creches and kindergartens, playgrounds, and enhancing or improving existing ECEC infrastructure. Funds have been dedicated to training staff and supporting their participation in continuous professional development programs.

Primokiz has also succeeded in diversifying early education systems to meet the multiple needs of children and families who cannot fully benefit from formal ECEC services, through non-formal PrimoHUB services.

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## Perspectives of stakeholders

The Primokiz pilot has benefitted from and leaves a legacy of increased interest and direct involvement of local governments in early childhood. Such buy-in from local administrators is essential for the sustainability of the initiative. This new interest in early childhood is illustrated by Valentin Vieru, Mayor of MOINEȘTI Municipality who stated that,

*This project put us in the position to analyze the existing situation in the community more carefully, to listen to the voice of the people of Moinești and to undertake measures for efficient use of resources in order to implement optimal solutions in the field.*

Additionally, city mayors, such as Victor Laurențiu Neghină, Mayor of ONEȘTI Municipality, valued the cross-sectoral collaboration that emerged from the pilot, stating that,

*bringing to the same table specialists from the three sectors involved in early childhood, social, education and health, contributes to finding the best solutions for the development of services intended for this age segment.*

This buy-in from local authorities is essentially in ensuring the sustainability of these gains and to ensure that capacity is maintained at local level so that the Primokiz process can be redeployed when needed.

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