



AGORA project by VELUX: country surveys on Early Childhood Intervention in Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland and Hungary.

Dear Colleague, dear parent or caregiver,

Thank you for agreeing to be a respondent for this important survey.

Developmental risks and difficulties are the most common chronic conditions that affect children worldwide. Many children with such difficulties are not benefitting from Early Childhood Intervention Services to support them and their families to achieve their potential.

The AGORA project consists of an innovative pilot initiative developed in 5 Central and Eastern (CEE) countries (Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria) addressed to overcome the challenges in the implementation of strategies to develop adequate Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) systems for children with disabilities.

1. *The objectives of the project are:*
 1. *to create an all-embracing learning and convening space to bring together essential actors to co-produce high quality ECI services*
 2. *to produce practical guidance and tools to provoke a systemic change on the social welfare system by improving the legal and policy frameworks at European, national and/or regional levels*
 3. *to develop examples that can serve as inspiring guidelines for other countries in Europe and other groups of children with special needs or at risk of exclusion (such as children with Roma or migrant background).*

About this survey:

- The survey consists of structured and open-ended questions and will take approximately 1-2 hours of your time.
- In situations where there is no official information available and/or there may be marked variability in resources available in various parts of the same country, please provide your best estimate for the question.
- The data will be analysed and reported per country and analysed and summarized for all 5 countries involved.
- If you prefer, your name can be kept confidential. If you would like to be listed as a contributor in the final report, please indicate this at the end of the survey.

We thank you in advance for your time and all your efforts, and hope that the results of this survey and the final report will help ensure a better future for children in general and, in case you are a parent or caregiver, your child in particular.