

Fathers at stake- padri in gioco



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Action: Partnerships for cooperation and exchanges of practices

The second transnational meeting of the Fathers at stake project was held on March 9 in Rome, Italy. The project aims to change the conditions and relationships within families to make the parents' contribution in the upbringing of children and in the economy of family tasks more egalitarian.

By doing this, the project aims to change the condition of mothers and fathers and develop a new family concept in a constantly evolving world, in which the figure of the mother cannot and must not necessarily coincide with that of the element of the family who takes care of the children and manages the family dynamics.

During the meeting, the participants were able to compare the typical family systems of the countries they come from. In doing so, they had the opportunity to share good practices on parental and home management. In addition, the participants had the opportunity to share and compare national laws on separation, divorce, removal from work for maternity and paternity (parental leave) and child custody.

Good practice Finnish fathers

During the meeting the Finnish fathers shared with the partners their best practices for a better organization in the management of children, together with the mothers.

our goal is that these good practices can also inspire fathers of other nationalities to improve family management with their partners.

1. Men can be coached to understand and work the system.
2. Social work professionals and courts can be educated and are eager to learn.
3. Public sector workers appreciate new ideas and practices developed by NGOs.
4. Increase in the amount of shared custodies, shared parenting and homes.

5. Parenthood stays even if relationship ends, and one can work to improve it.

6. welfare of children is paramount in Finnish system.

7. Men are opening up for the benefits of peer support and professional help.

8. Willingness to plan for the future.

9. Word of mouth and spontaneous online discussion groups create shared knowledge among men.

10. Services aimed directly at men feel more approachable for them.