

# Planting Languages...Seeds of Success

Supporting the development of **Family Language Policies** to ensure children's optimal language development and wellbeing from the start



INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PROFESSIONALS

## Focus on Family Language Policy and practices

Planting Languages is a European Erasmus+ cooperation of five partner organizations with expertise in Family Language Policy. The outcome of this cooperation is a set of resources that will help young multilingual parents (with children up to four years old) to make the right language choices and establish a strong language-stimulating and motivating context for their children.

## A fertile soil where languages can grow...

The project overarching aim has been to empower parents at the start of their family language planning to be proactive and to help them realise that multilingual upbringing is a dynamic and complex process.

In planning and developing our resources we took into account that for many families, maintaining multiple languages is important for cohesion within the family and integration in their various social networks.



## The sowers and caretakers of the languages...

The tools of Planting Languages are useful to all young parents considering bringing up their children with more than one language and especially for:

- families with migration background
- refugee families

Although parents can work with the tools without external support, it would be best to do their reflection with a professional. Professionals also play an important role in raising awareness of the benefits and challenges of multilingualism and we are confident that the easy-to-use Planting Languages tools will be a valued resource in your daily practice.



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## Planting Languages tools

The tools developed within the project were created with a user-centred approach and were tested by parents and professionals. They are available in Dutch, English, French, Greek and Polish. The manual with theoretical background and practical guide is available in English only.

1. Reflection booklet: an eight-steps activity that helps parents with their initial language planning.
2. Videos: parents sharing experiences about their multilingual journey.
3. Portraits: series of posters discussing challenges in multilingual parenting.
4. Reminders: worksheets that help parents monitor their planning and the language development of their child.
5. Language card: a card to explain the family's language approach to others.
6. Flyer: short informative text that encourages parents of various language backgrounds to consider the option of bringing up their child multilingually.
7. Manual for professionals: manual with a concise theoretical framework in the first part and practical guidelines in the second part.

### To learn more visit the project website

[www.plantinglanguages.com](http://www.plantinglanguages.com)

The website offers free access to:

- all of the tools developed within the project
- newsletters and articles
- project information



### Questions?

Do you have any questions? Do not hesitate to contact one of the partners.



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