

Expanding boundaries of ECEC

Anchors for a multi-disciplinary community network

Elmer
Integrated service
and
network partner

Brussels

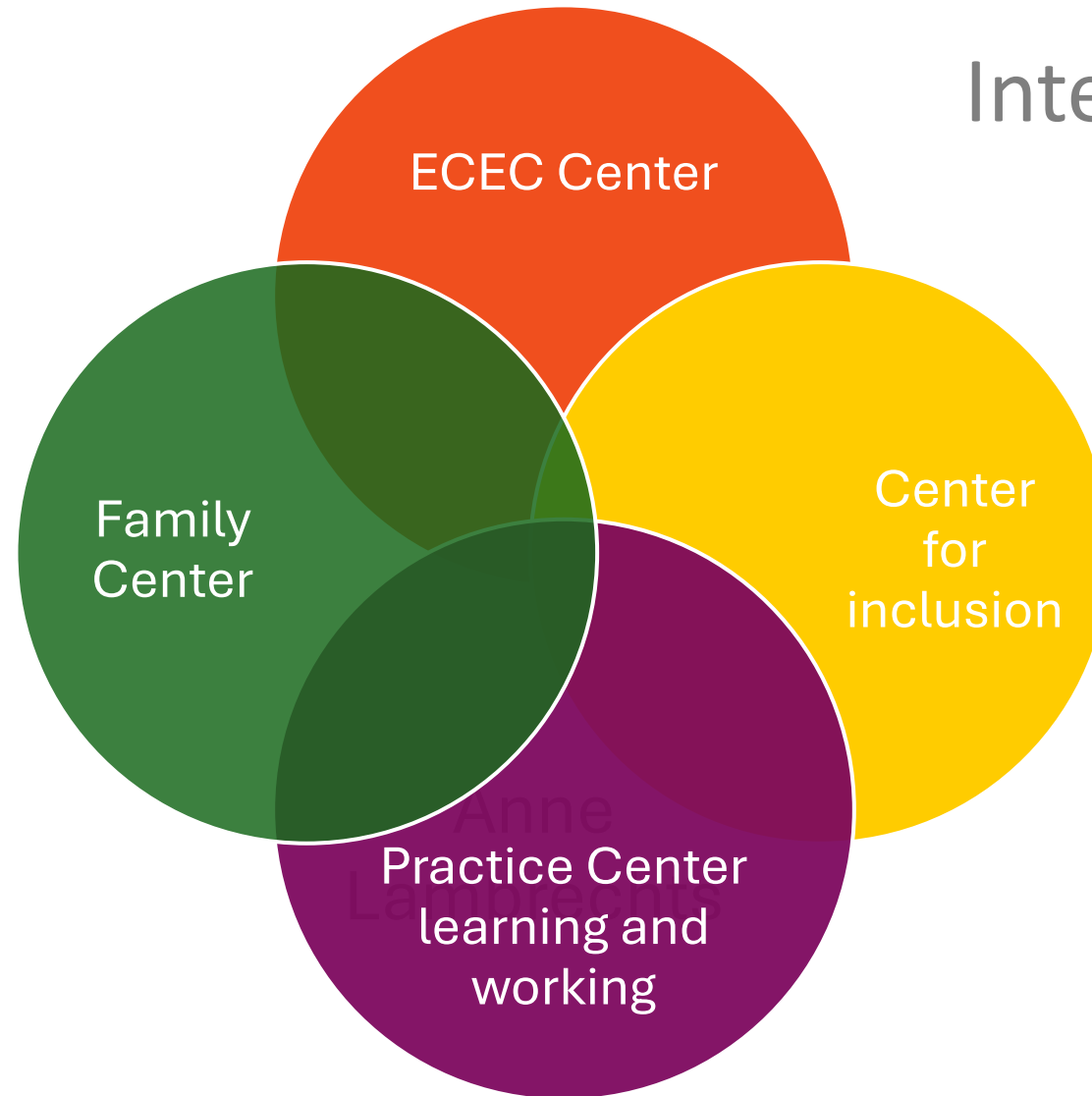


Elmer



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Integrated service



ECEC Center

4 services in the 19th century belt of the region of Brussels Capital

- Elmer Noord – Schaarbeek – 68 places
- Elmer Zuid – Anderlecht – 58 places
- Elmer West – Molenbeek – 34 places
- Elmer in de Stad – Brussels – 30 places



ECEC Center

Target groups

Parents

- Who follow training
- Who work
- Who suddenly found work
- With social / medical issues
- Who apply for a job
- In crisis-situations

Aim = social mix of families who live in the neighbourhood

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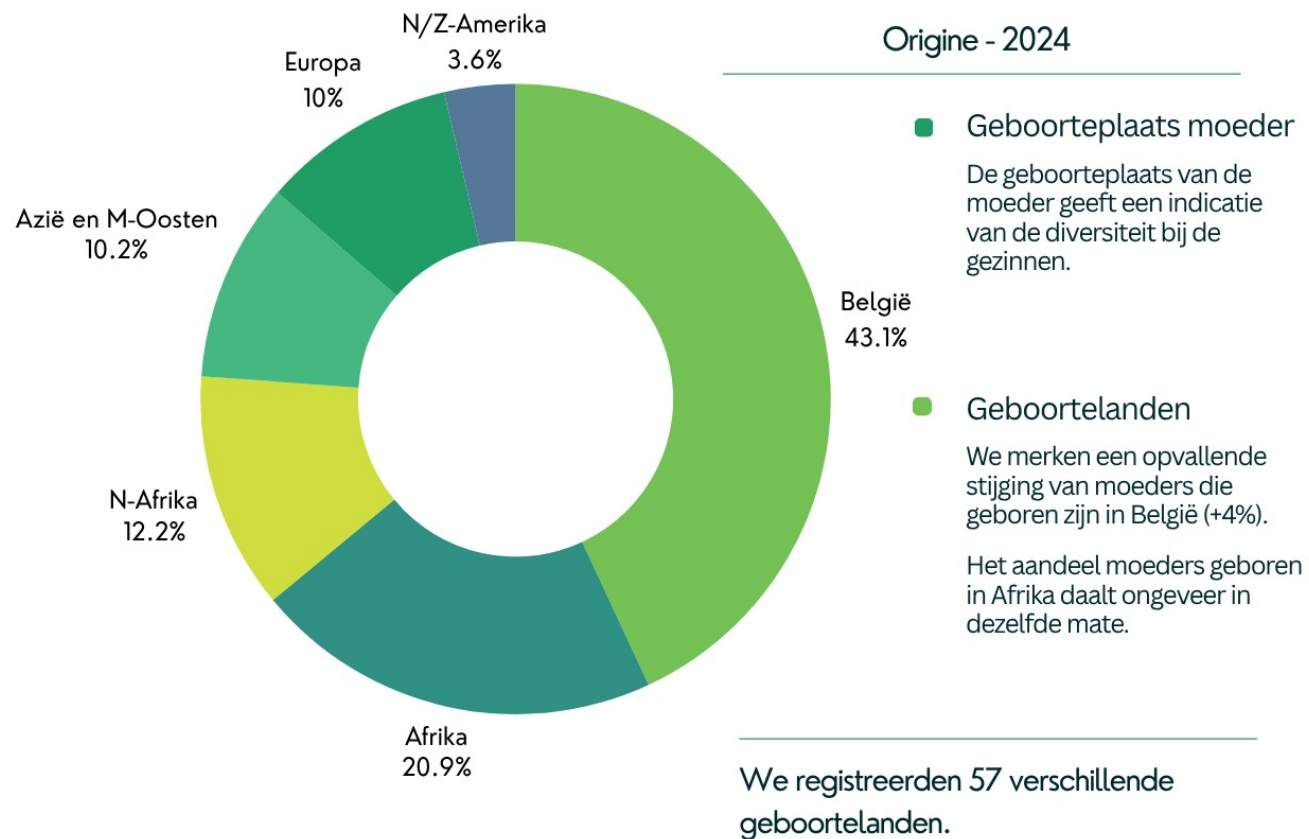
Reached families - 2024

- 428 children and their parents
- 18 children with special needs
- 25,9% single parents
- 26,4% parents with low-qualification
- 34,8% of parents follows training
- 48% low income
- 54,4% vulnerable families



57 different
countries of
birth (mother)

Reached families - 2024



Family Center

Family Center “Huis van het Kind Noord”
integrated in Elmer Noord

- Network of partners with shared ambition
- Integrated services in 1 place
- Simultaneity of activities
- Open for all families, with special attention to vulnerable families

Family Center

Activities

- Play-cafés
- Child-parent activities
- Parent cafés
- Pre- and perinatal consults
- School choice guidance
- Thematic consults
 - Childcare
 - Leisure activities
 - Children with special needs
 - Psychological consult

Center for inclusion

Assignments

- Proactive admission policy towards children with special needs
- Reservation of places for children with special needs
- Sharing knowhow about inclusion with other centers for childcare in Brussels
- Sensitizing other organisers of childcare about inclusion

Practice
Center
learning
and working

From parent to teamleader...

- Elmer trains long-term unemployed persons without qualification into qualified daycare workers
- 22 childcare workers in training
- Contracts from Employment service and Social Economy
- 1 day/week school
- Internship at work
- Duration of the formation +/- 1,5 years
- 105 persons (all woman) are graduated
- Some continued to become bachelor



Network



Social
service

Network



Service for
children with
special needs



ouders voor
inclus!e

Network



Network

Youth
care


thuis in zorg aan huis

Opgroeien

Jeugdhulp



één
gezin
één
plan

vertrouwenscentrum
Kindermishandeling



Medical
Service

Network



Kind & Gezin



Elmer vzw – Buurtdiensten in de kinderopvang – Centrum voor Inclusie –
Huis van het Kind – Praktijkcentrum Leren en Werken

Perinatal Care



Network



Cultural
organisations

Network



ART BASICS for CHILDREN



A short history

Since the start in 1997
Elmer builds on the same pillars towards

Children
Parents
Neighbourhood
Professional integration
Innovation



Towards a holistic support center

Children

Parents

Neighbourhood



Strong policy, shared by
the whole organisation

Towards a holistic support center

- Value and vision driven
- Documented in a dynamic Quality System
- Consultation structure on every level
- Regular monitoring and follow-up for evaluation and adjustment

Towards a holistic support center

Other important factors:

- Address opportunities that are in line with the mission and objectives
- Visits to interesting European practices
 - Spazie Insieme in Milan and Bologna
 - Family Centers in Stockholm and Göteborg
- Participate in European projects with Erasmus +



Erasmus+

Erasmus projects

Equap: enhancing quality in ECEC through parent participation



Building educational bridges in the city



Playing

Narrate

Greelco

STEAMworks



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