



WG2 Case study profile (updated March 2014)

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| WG2 Thematic group | WG2.2. Children and childcare |
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| Title of case study (and priority ranking) | The public supply of daycare services in the municipality of Reggio Calabria: the impact of the crisis on a long-term deficit |
| Country/region/place investigated | Italy Calabria Municipality of Reggio Calabria |
| Social service sector(s) investigated <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> | <i>Short description</i> Long-term issues and recent changes in the local governance of childcare services are analyzed in the municipality of Reggio Calabria |
| Category of case study ('what' is investigated) <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> | <i>Short description</i> The paper addresses the organization and changes in the public supply of ECEC services in the Municipality of Reggio Calabria, with a focus on the governance (vertical division of labour, i.e. between government levels, as well as horizontal division of labour, i.e. between state, for profit, non profit and family) of childcare services, in the context of the Italian 'regionalization' of social services. The impact of the current crisis on a long-term deficit is also considered. The municipal trajectory is analyzed within the regional and national programming contexts. Structural, institutional and cultural factors are mobilized to explain the enduring deficit in such services. |
| Time frame considered <i>(from when to when)</i> | From 1971 (First National Law establishing daycare as a public services) to date, with a focus on last 3 years (crisis) |
| Five 'perspectives' <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> | <i>Short description</i> Special attention is given, on the one hand, to the enduring limited capabilities of both the regional and the local governments in planning/implementing childcare services and, on the other hand, to the division of labour among the public and other providers and the way the retrenchment of public support is further affecting a long-term deficit, with relevant effects on social and territorial cohesion and the position of women. |
| Three processes in restructuring + crisis <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> | <i>Short description</i> All three processes are investigated. In Reggio Calabria cuts in the public support of care services have escalated. The municipality is on the verge of bankruptcy and under compulsory administration. The impact of the recent crisis |



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| arrangements between <i>government</i> levels) • <i>Horizontal</i> subsidiarity (involvement of/outsourcing to other suppliers) | has worsened a long-standing lack of attention to this service domain from both the regional and the local governments and increased their abdication to the private sector and families. |
| Specific questions/focus | <i>Short description</i> - 'What' has happened - 'Why' - 'How' it is affecting people |
| Local Stakeholder Network (LSN) | <i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> YES A LSN involving different actors (public institutions, private suppliers, the third sector, and users) operating in the city of Reggio Calabria has been set up and a LSW has been organized on 19 November 2013. |