



Call for papers

The 35th FICE International Congress

October 23.-25. 2024

Split, Croatia

*Please note short deadline for abstract submission: **01. April, 2024**

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Venue: Hotel Amphora Split

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Congress Coordinator, Petra Hrvoj, Fice Croatia

**Scientific Committee Chairs: Professor Emmanuel Grupper,
Professor Marijana Majdak**

FICE International 35th World Congress - Croatia 2024

[FICE International](#) (*Fédération Internationale des Communautés Educatives*) is a global network of organizations and professionals in the field of child and youth care and out-of-home care from more than 45 countries. FICE maintains contacts with UNESCO, UNICEF, the Council of Europe and ECOSOC. It is also a member of the UN-NGO-Group on the Rights of the Child and member of ENSACT.

Our members combine the knowledge and expertise of directors and practitioners of residential programs, stakeholders and policy makers, university professors, and researchers in the fields of social pedagogy, child and youth care, social work, youth work, psychology, and education. Working together they enhance their opportunities to influence the quality of child and youth care services around the world. FICE-International's vision is to create networks across continents to support actions of all those working with children at-risk, children with special needs, and children and young people in out-of-home care. All activities are based on our respect of all children, of all cultures, their interests, and their needs.

FICE Croatia is honored to organize the 35th World Congress of the FICE International network. This international event presents the opportunity for experts, practitioners, and academics from different countries to review and improve their work and to highlight innovative initiatives and ideas in different fields and disciplines. The last FICE international conference was held in Tel Aviv, Israel, October 29 – November 1, 2019.

Welcome to all participants to the 35th FICE International World Congress in Split, Croatia 23rd to 25th of October, 2024.

“SHAPING TOMORROW'S CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Quality and innovation in alternative care”

This event includes three days of conference program and one preconference day with field visits to organizations and service providers for children and youth, and an evening Grand Opening of the 35th World Congress.

The program will bring together numerous international and national participants, experts in the field of alternative childcare and child and youth protection.

This FICE international World Congress is an opportunity to exchange knowledge, experiences, and good practices, to join forces in project activities, to look for innovative solutions to new challenges, to set higher goals for services, and institute changes for promoting the wellbeing of vulnerable children in out-of-home care

Please Submit your abstract showing models of positive practice, projects outcomes, research results or the presentations of professional activities with children in risk and in care and help us build interesting and relevant content!

The three conference days will include:

- Plenary lectures
- Market of Social Services- presentation of national providers of social services for children and families
- Panel discussions
- Field visits
- Other interesting Cultural/social activities (to be announced)

The grand opening will be held on the 22th of October in the evening.

Already looking forward to see you in beautiful Split!

Warm greetings from Croatia!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,
Lucija Vejmelka, PhD, Associate professor, Conference Chair



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Shaping tomorrow's care for children and youth: Quality and innovation in alternative care.

Congress Structure:

The congress will include plenary sessions, thematic sessions, round tables, workshops, and posters.

- Plenary sessions will host lectures by invited presenters.
- Thematic sessions will focus on specific subjects

- Round tables will be designed to encourage a dialogue among conference participants, highlighting common areas of interest in the many countries represented.
- Workshops will be the platform for presenting specific activities, programs and research taking place in participants' work places.
- Poster sessions.

Call for Papers - Congress Topics:

We invite you to submit abstracts for thematic sessions, round tables, workshops, or poster presentations according to the following categories and topics:

- *Out-of-home care (foster care, kinship care, and residential care) for children and youth*
- *Innovative models of out-of-home care*
- *What happens after care? Care leavers and independent living*
- *Cooperation and multidisciplinary actions in child and youth care*
- *Staff training and professionalism of care work*
- *Standards of quality for family care and out of home care (perspective of professionals and users)*
- *Assessment of children and youth in out -of -home care*
- *Well-being of children at risk and in care*
- *Children and Youth participation in care*
- *The Role of parents and extended family of children in care*
- *Children in conflict zones, migrant families, refugees, and unaccompanied children*
- *Supervision, help and support by experts: how to survive and thrive in child care and child protection*
- *Digital well -being of children in care and care workers*
- *Inspiring and engaging practice for children and youth in out-of-home settings*
- *Examples from practice of multicultural work and addressing various forms of diversity.*
- *Improving the methods: of direct work, assessments, capacity building, and staff promotions in child care and child protection*
- *Research, data, trends: what is important to track in out-of-home care, and how?*
- *Blended care: use of technological tools, digital measurement instruments, online services and/or data driven care*

- *Other topics related to alternative care for children and youth....please fill in your proposal*

Presentation formats at the congress:

- **Thematic session:** Each 90-minute session will include four 20-minute **presentations**(15-minute presentation + 5 minutes for questions).
- **Round tables:** These 90-minute sessions will focus on active discussion of a specific subject, aiming to encourage a dialogue between participants from various countries around common interests.
- **Workshops:** Each workshop will last up to 45 minutes. The workshops will allow participants to describe their special activities. The workshops usually include a presentation of a specific therapeutic / research / pedagogical approach by a number of participants, which provides the audience with an introduction to this approach in order to enable them to consider implementing elements of it in the future.
- **Poster sessions:** These are an opportunity for Congress participants to learn about additional projects, innovative models, and research findings. Time will be scheduled during the conference for visitors to explore the posters, discuss them with the exhibitors, or ask questions.

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If you are a professional in the fields of education, social work and social welfare, social pedagogy, social education, psychology, mental health, sociology, anthropology, economics, law, and other disciplines, and wish to present your work, related to children at risk in the community and in out-of-home care, you are invited to submit your abstract to the Scientific Committee.

The abstracts should be submitted in English, in doc, docx, or pdf format in 12-point font, and include the following:

- Title (up to 150 characters)
- Abstract of the study/project/workshop (up to 200 words): Depending on the selected submission format:
 - **Presentation of a study:** Background, purpose of the study, methodology, main findings and implications

- **Presentation of a project within a workshop or as a single thematic presentation.** Aim of the project, work principles, implementation, and conclusions
- **Roundtable:** Topic for the round table, background to topic discussion, names and positions of participants (3 to 5 persons), and main points of the discussion
- **Workshops:** Topic of the workshop, the goal, the method of performance and the expectations
- **Presentation of a poster:** Title of research or project to be presented, description of main findings or project essentials.

The abstract submission should also include the following information about the presenter:

First name and last name of the presenter/s

Position, academic degree, institutional affiliation

Email and phone number

Topic category (from the list of topic categories above)

Presentation format (oral presentation at a thematic session, round table, workshop, poster presentation)

The language in which the presentation will be given (English or Croatian; most of the sessions will be held in English and only a limited number of sessions will be available in Croatian, without translation)

A brief (4-5 lines) biography in English should be submitted for each co-author at the time of submission of the abstract.

Online participation: The congress offers a possibility of online participation. Part of the program will be available in hybrid model and participants can submit abstract for the online presentation with reduced registration fee.

Schedule:

- Abstracts are welcome now!.
- Deadline for abstract submission – 01.4.2024.

- Notification of acceptances will be sent to applicants by 15.6.2024.

All presenters with accepted abstracts must register for the Congress and pay registration fees by July 1st 2024

We look forward to your abstracts and seeing you at the Congress.

The abstract should be sent to this dedicated e-mail address: abstracts@fice35.com

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

abstracts@fice35.com

or on social media!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fice35split/>

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Wishing everyone a successful, enjoyable, and productive Congress.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee

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