



## **SELFIEforTEACHERS version ECEC Information Sheet**

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the SELFIEforTEACHERS version ECEC pilot study for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) professionals, which is undertaken in collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) under contract **945080-SVQ-2023 JRC/SVQ/2023/LVP/1104** - *"Pilot study of the SELFIEforTEACHERS version for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)*.

Please read this Information Sheet in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research.

### **What does this research study involve?**

The purpose of this study is to pilot SELFIEforTEACHERS for ECEC professionals developed by JRC. Specifically, the study aims to test its reliability and validity of the tool through a pilot study in selected EU Member States and suggest to JRC the final self-reflection items for ECEC professionals.

### **Who is conducting this research?**

A team of researchers from Greece, Italy, and Cyprus, in collaboration with the JRC [collectively referred to as "research team" hereafter] conducts this research project. The project is facilitated by the Research Innovation and Development Lab (ReadLab, Greece) and scientifically coordinated and managed by Dr. Tharrenos Bratitsis, Full Professor and Director of the CrInTE Laboratory at the Early Childhood Education Department of University of West Macedonia, Greece. Dr. Stavroula Kontovourki, Associate Professor in Literacy and Language Arts Education, in the Department of Education, University of Cyprus, and Sandra Troia, Teacher and Consultant, Italy, act as senior researchers and local coordinators in given sites of the project.

### **What will your participation involve?**

You will be invited to respond to the ECEC version of the SELFIEforTEACHERS tool and provide your feedback to the research team through a brief online survey. The SELFIEforTEACHERS version ECEC may be accessed through the EU portal and includes a number of statements that allow you to reflect on your digital competences. Once you complete this, you will be prompted to complete the online survey. You may also volunteer to participate in a group interview with 4-5 colleagues from your county, which will allow a more in-depth discussion of your thoughts and reflection on the tool.

### **Why were you chosen for this research?**

Any ECEC professional from the selected EU Member States may participate in the study, given their interest in the topic and willingness to do so. Your participation is completely voluntary and there will be no impact to you whether you choose to participate or not.

### **Consent**

By responding to the tool in the EU Portal, you are agreeing to having your reflection and feedback used for the purposes of the pilot study. If you choose to participate in a group interview, you be asked to also sign a consent form prior to participating in the data collection.

### **Withdrawal**

If you change your mind and wish to withdraw you can do so at any point within two (2) months after the conclusion of the data collection. You may inform the research team for your withdrawal by email at [S4T\\_pilot@uowm.gr](mailto:S4T_pilot@uowm.gr). After this time, the researchers will have produced the reports that will present the anonymised findings of this study and it will not be possible to withdraw your participation.

### **Confidentiality**

The research team is taking all measures to ensure anonymization of all data and information. Any information you provide will not be traced to you personally, will be confidential and you will not be named or identified in any publications or reports, which will be produced.

### **Storage of data**

All data files will be kept in a secure password protected folder. All data files will be permanently deleted five years after the project is completed or after all scientific publications related to the present research study based on the data are published.

### **Use of data for other purposes**

The collected data will only be used for the purposes of this research study and will not be used at a later date for further purposes. Data will be analyzed and presented in official reports and scientific publications only.

### **Questions and contacts**

If you have any questions about any parts of the study please contact the research team: Prof Tharrenos Bratitsis, [S4T\\_pilot@uowm.gr](mailto:S4T_pilot@uowm.gr). If you wish to raise concerns independently of the research team, please contact: [JRC-DIGCOMPEDU@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-DIGCOMPEDU@ec.europa.eu).

Your participation in this study is greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance for your time!