



**VBJK**

*Centre for Innovation in the Early Years*

# What is VBJK?

- ° 1986 as a research centre certified by the Federal Government and connected with University of Ghent
- Action research – advocacy – pedagogical guidance and coaching – Training tools and magazines - PhD's in ECEC
- From local to international and from international to local
- Themes: Professionalisation - Diversity - Poverty – Accessibility – Quality – Men in ECEC
- Pedagogical – economical – social function of ECEC
- Children – parents – staff/team – communities

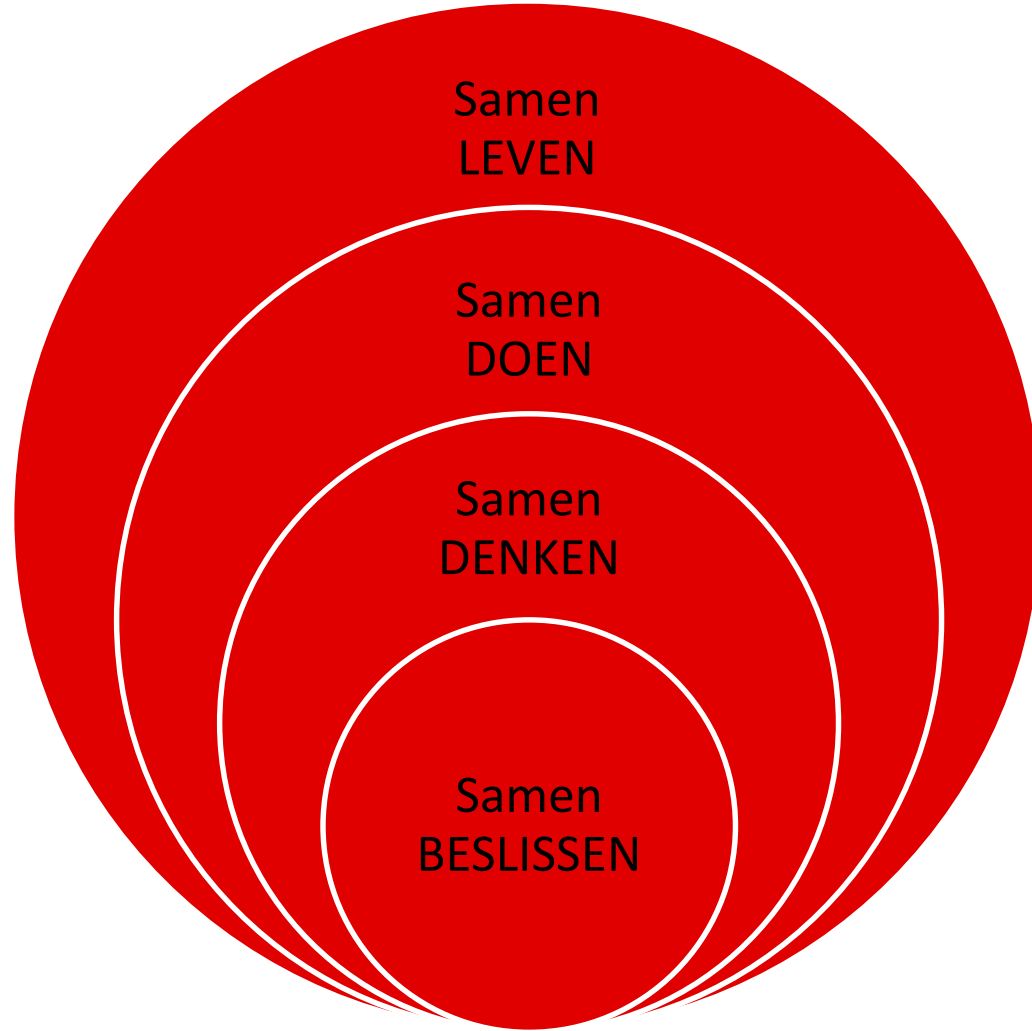
# International research and project examples

- Working in a context of diversity in services for young children and their parents: the European NOW project (MEQ, 1995-1998)
- DECET principles on quality in ECEC
- DECET / ISSA competences of staff, including working with parents
- CoRe research: staff competences in a context of respect for diversity
- Transatlantic Forum on Inclusive Early Years

# Local research and project examples

- Ecce Ama! Childcare with a social function
- Pedagogical guidance on accessibility of vulnerable groups (Brussels child care centres)
- Parents as partners and the supporting function of childcare (PIO)
- Pedagogical guidance on inclusive childcare
- PHD's: social support and parents in childcare/  
conceptualisations of care and education in kindergarten according to parents







# VBJK and EQUAP

**VBJK has a long standing tradition of focusing on diverse working methods and implementations to give parents a strong feeling of being welcome and appreciated, of being allowed to be who they are, of having a place and adding meaning to ECEC.**





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