

# Programme and Report

6<sup>th</sup> Training Activity  
and  
6<sup>th</sup> Multiplier event

## STESSIE

Strengthening, spreading, (disseminating, implementing and evaluating)  
the Toolbox

for (self-)Evaluation and Stimulation Social Inclusion in Education

*Cooperation partnership in school education – Erasmus+ project KA220*

**Ghent, Belgium,  
March 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**





# PROGRAMME

Monday March 17th 2025

Monasterium Hotel Gent

@meeting room St Erasmus and St Irenus

18.30 – 20:30	<p>Welcome meet and greet at Monasterium Hotel Gent</p> <p>Watching <b>Documentary ‘Inclusive’</b></p> <p>Introduction by prof. dr. Elisabeth De Schauwer (Ghent University)</p> <p>Q&amp;A with filmmaker Ellen Vermeulen</p> <p>Drink and appetizers offered by Ghent University</p>
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Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

Monasterium Hotel Gent

@meeting room St Lucas

09.30 – 10.00	Official welcome and registration
10.00 – 11.00	<p>Welcome</p> <p><b>Introduction by the Flemish Inspectorate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Useful information about the Flemish Education System (Els Van Raemdonck)</li> <li>▪ The Flemish inspectorate supports inclusion (Yvan Ameye)</li> <li>▪ Objectives of the week (Erik De Bou)</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Introduction by <b>prof. dr. Elisabeth De Schauwer and dr. Hanne Vandenbussche</b> (Ghent University):</p> <p><b><i>Research into inclusive education in Flanders</i></b></p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch offered @Monasterium by the Flemish Inspectorate
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Keynote by <b>expert prof. Simeoni Symeonidou</b> (Cyprus)</p> <p><b><i>Anti-oppressive approaches for social and educational inclusion</i></b></p>
15.30 – 16.15	<p>Presentation of the week activities (Erik De Bou)</p> <p>Family photo</p>
16.15 - 18.00	Free time
18.00 - 19:30	Cultural visit - Walk through Ghent’s history of migration (offered by Ghent University)

Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

at Ghent University

@Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences (Henri Dunantlaan 2, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

08.30	Walk from the hotel to Ghent University (with host Erik De Bou)
09.00 – 10.00	Presenting results of STESSIE piloting in Flanders (Silke Daelman) Presenting current advances in STESSIE application (Dominique Quéré)
10.00 - 12.00	Focusgroups with teachers and principals that tested STESSIE (in 3 groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Freinet Middenschool Gent</li><li>▪ OLVC college Zottegem</li><li>▪ Broederschool Sint-Niklaas</li><li>▪ Europese school Mol</li><li>▪ Europese school Ukkel</li><li>▪ De Wonderboom Gent</li></ul>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch @UGhent offered by Ghent University
13.00 - 14.00	Encounter with organisation 'Parents for inclusion'
14.00 – 15.30	Keynote by <b>expert Prof. Elke Struyf</b> (Antwerp University) <b><i>Inclusive education in Flanders: vision of the future versus reality</i></b>
15.30 - 16.30	Teamwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Next steps</li><li>▪ Website</li><li>▪ Application</li><li>▪ Testimonies and website</li></ul>
17.00 – 17.30	Walk to the Monasterium hotel Free time

Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

at Monasterium Hotel Gent @meeting room St Lucas

09.00 – 10.00	Keynote by <b>expert Carla Adriana de Jesus Bernardes Teixeira</b> (Portugal) <b><i>INCLUSION: IGEC's Commitment to Educational Quality</i></b>
10.00 - 11.30	Teamwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Administrative issues (Erik De Bou)</li><li>▪ Preparation multiplier event</li></ul>
11.30	Leaving for Lunch @ Hotelschool Gent – Lange Violettestraat 10
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch @ Hotelschool Gent offered by SICI  Leaving for school visits

<b>13.30 – 16.00</b>	<p>School visits in Ghent (walking or by tram)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Secondary School Vocational training (Group Erik) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hotelschool – Lange Violettestraat 10</li> <li>○ Laura – Ruth – Katarina – Xabier – Paloma – Delphine - Tsvetelina</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Adult education centre (Group Els) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ligo CBE Gent– Kolveniersgang 133</li> <li>○ Ana – Dominique – Aitziber - Berit</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Secondary School Freinet education (Group David) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Freinet Middenschool – Offerlaan 1</li> <li>○ Satur – Carla – Joa – Lindsey</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Primary education (Group Yvan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ De wonderboom – E. De Deynestraat 2b</li> <li>○ Ina - Triin – Eva – Elisabetha – Rosa - Nadja</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>16.00 – 18.45</b>	<p>Back to Monasterium hotel Free time</p>
<b>18.45 – 19.00</b>	<p>Walk from the hotel to the restaurant</p>
<b>19.00 – 21.30</b>	<p>Dinner @restaurant Pakhuis offered by SICI Schuurkenstraat 4</p>

**Friday March 21<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Multiplier Event**

**At Ghent University (Henri Dunantlaan 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

<b>08.30</b>	<p>Walk from the hotel to Ghent University</p>
<b>08.45 – 09.15</b>	<p>Registration + Coffee offered by Ghent University</p>
<b>09.15 - 09.30</b>	<p>Introduction by prof. dr. Elisabeth De Schauwer</p>
<b>09.30 – 11.00</b>	<p>Keynote by <b>Bruno Vanobbergen</b> <i>The director-general of Catholic Education Flanders explains his views on inclusive education.</i></p>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<p>Presentation of STESSIE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contextualisation and mission (Ana Esteve López &amp; Silke Daelman)</li> <li>▪ Application (Dominique Quéré)</li> <li>▪ Project and website (Erik De Bou)</li> </ul>
<b>12.00</b>	<p>Farewell</p>

# REPORT

## 6<sup>th</sup> Training Activity

Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. After the welcome and the introduction by prof. dr. Elisabeth De Schauwer (Ghent University), all participants watched the Documentary 'Inclusive' (<https://avilafilm.be/nl/film/inclusief>):  
A modest and thoughtful documentary about four children with special educational needs who go to a regular school. The film shows the small interactions but also the great efforts that they themselves, their teachers and parents make for this. Without taking a judgment or position, director Ellen Vermeulen listens and looks with respect at the children, who are looking for their place both at home and at school. A tender portrait, carefully captured on film in black and white, that offers insight into the lives of Rosie, Sami, Irakli and Nathan.
2. Afterwards there was a Q&A session with filmmaker Ellen Vermeulen about the opportunities and the difficulties working together with the parents and the schools for making the documentary as realistic as possible.
3. Meet and greet with drink and appetizers offered by Ghent University



Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. Introduction by the Flemish Inspectorate:
  - Useful information about the Flemish Education System (Els Van Raemdonck)
  - The Flemish inspectorate supports inclusion (Yvan Ameye)
  - Objectives of the week (Erik De Bou)

2. Introduction by prof. dr. Elisabeth De Schauwer and dr. Hanne Vandenbussche (Ghent University): Research into inclusive education in Flanders.
3. Keynote by expert prof. Simeoni Symeonidou (Cyprus): Anti-oppressive approaches for social and educational inclusion.

Mrs. Simoni Symeonidou is an associate professor (Inclusive Education) at the Department of Education of the University of Cyprus. She holds degrees from the University of Cyprus (BEd in Primary Education), the University of Manchester (MEd in Special Needs and Development) and the University of Cambridge (PhD in Education). Her research interests include teacher education for inclusive education, curriculum development for inclusive education, anti-oppressive curriculum development, inclusive education policy and practice, disability politics, and disability research. She is actively involved in networks and local and European associations promoting inclusive education issues. She co-ordinates inclusive education modules for primary and pre-primary student teachers, and she also provides continuing professional development opportunities for teachers working in pre-primary, primary or secondary education through a masters' programme, professional development programmes, and seminars. Her [publications](#) include articles in international peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and two books in Greek and an edited volume in English. Simoni is the scientific co-ordinator of the research project 'Tesserae of Knowledge' ([www.ucy.ac.cy/psifides-gnosis](http://www.ucy.ac.cy/psifides-gnosis)); a project focusing on the collection, digitisation, dissemination, and usage of material produced by disabled people and people with chronic illnesses.

4. Presentation of the week activities (Erik De Bou)
5. Family photo
6. Cultural visit with professional guide: 'Walk through Ghent's history of migration'.





*(All Presentations on MS Teams).*

**Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> ,2025**

1. Presenting results of STESSIE piloting in Flanders (Silke Daelman)
2. Presenting current advances in STESSIE application (Dominique Quéré)
3. Focusgroups with teachers and principals that tested STESSIE, in 3 groups. The schools which participated were:
  - Freinet Middenschool Gent
  - OLVC college Zottegem
  - Broederschool Sint-Niklaas
  - Europese school Mol
  - De Wonderboom Gent
4. Encounter with the organisation ‘Parents for inclusion’ with a presentation about their work and efforts to cooperate as good as possible with the schools.
5. Keynote by expert Prof. Elke Struyf (Antwerp University): Inclusive education in Flanders: vision of the future versus reality. Mrs.Elke Struyf is a full professor at the Antwerp School of Education and the Faculty of Social Science (University of Antwerp). She is responsible for various courses in the Teacher Education program (e.g., on diversity and inclusion, student guidance, classroom management). Her research is in line with her teaching assignment to strengthen the nexus between education and research. Therefor she initiated research on teachers’ expertise development and its relationship with characteristics in the contextual (classroom or school) environment, in the domains of inclusive education, student guidance and classroom management.

6. Afterwards the STESSIE came stayed together for the teamwork about the next project steps for the website, the application, the testimonies and website translations.



*(All Presentations on MS Teams).*

Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

1. Keynote by expert Carla Adriana de Jesus Bernardes Teixeira (Portugal): INCLUSION: IGEC's Commitment to Educational Quality. Mrs. Carla Bernardes holds a degree in Modern Languages and Literatures from the University of Porto, where she began her journey in education and linguistics. She later deepened her expertise with a degree in Special Education and went on to complete a master's in Innovation and Quality in Formal and Non-Formal Educational Settings at the University of Vigo. Currently, she is pursuing a PhD in Equity and Innovation in Education at the same institution, focusing on practices that foster fairer and more inclusive learning environments. With 16 years of experience as a Portuguese and French teacher, Carla has gained invaluable insight into the challenges and opportunities of teaching. Since 2008, she has been an inspector at the Inspectorate of Education and Science in Lisbon, playing a key role in external school evaluations, disciplinary procedures, and educational monitoring—particularly in the field of Inclusive Education. Carla is deeply committed to the belief that inclusion is a journey—one that unfolds step by step. She recognizes that the hardest part is often taking the first step: facing the unknown without fear. Yet, it is precisely in those moments that the most meaningful opportunities arise to drive change and contribute to a more equitable society.



*(Presentation on MS Teams).*

2. Teamwork in different groups: application manual, website texts, administrative issues, preparation multiplier event
3. School visits in Ghent:
  - Secondary School Vocational training - Hotelschool
  - Adult education centre - Ligo CBE
  - Secondary School Freinet education
  - Primary education - De wonderboom

During the school visits participants had the occasion to ask question and see the school equipment. Colleagues were divided in different groups (see programme).



4. In the evening the official event dinner was organized in restaurant Pakhuis and offered by SICI



## 6<sup>th</sup> Multiplier event

**Upcoming NETWORKING EVENT**

STRENGTHENING & SPREADING THE TOOLBOX FOR (SELF-)EVALUATION AND STIMULATION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION IN EDUCATION **STESSIE**

**21 MAART 2025** | **SLOTEVENT TRAININGWEEK ERASMUS PROJECT**  
H. DUNANTLAAN 1, AUDITORIUM 5  
FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

**8u45** | REGISTRATION & COFFEE

**9u30** | **BRUNO VANOBBERGEN**  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN FLANDERS

**11u00** | PRESENTING TESSIE APPLICATION  
INSTRUMENT TO SUPPORT SELFREFLECTION ON INCLUSION IN SCHOOLS

Subscribe for free:  
<https://event.ugent.be/registration/SloteventSTESSIE>

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### Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

1. After the introduction by prof. dr. Elisabeth De Schauwer, we had a very interesting keynote by prof. Bruno Vanobbergen, *The director-general of Catholic Education Flanders explains his views on inclusive education*. Mr. Bruno Vanobbergen studied and worked at Ghent University and obtained his PhD in educational sciences in 2003. He served for ten years as the Flemish Children’s Rights Commissioner, advocating the rights and well-being of children in Flanders. For his work, he was awarded an honorary doctorate. In 2019, he became the general director of youth care at the Agency Opgroeien (Growing up), where he was appointed administrator-general in 2022. Since August 2024, Bruno Vanobbergen has been the director-general of Catholic Education Flanders, responsible for the policy and strategy of Catholic education in the region. In addition to his administrative roles, he is a guest professor in the Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy at Ghent University. He has authored several books and scientific articles, including ‘Mag ik dit vertellen’ (Can I Tell You This, 2012), ‘Het kind van onze dromen’ (The Child of Our Dreams, 2014), and ‘Het kind’ (Child, 2021).  
(*Presentation on MS Teams*).
2. Presentation of STESSIE for the audience
  - Contextualisation and mission (Ana Esteve López & Silke Daelman)
  - Application (Dominique Quéré)
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