Dear Colleagues,

The EMPAQT project team invites you to promote your project, research, policy or practice at the

International Conference

**Policies and practices for the prevention of Early School Leaving**

The conference will take place from **2 till 4 May 2018** in Marma Hotel, **Istanbul**.

The **conference topics** are:

• European policies for tackling ESL

• Communication as a tool for prevention ESL

• Best practices in education of disadvantaged groups

• Social and Emotional learning

• School councilors - roles and challenges

• Teachers’ qualification for inclusive education

• Raising students’ engagement for education

• Multi-systemic (Multi-partner) approach for tackling ESL

The conference invites teachers, researchers, PhD students, psychologists, school counsellors and pedagogy experts, policy and decision makers in education, representatives of the Ministries of education, local authorities and other stakeholders to present and exchange ideas about pedagogical tools and other solutions for tackling Early School Leaving.

The official languages of the conference are English and Turkish. Simultaneous translation will be provided at the plenary sessions.

A dissemination area for materials and outcomes from implemented projects and initiatives, and an option for poster session will be available.

The conference participants will receive certificate for participation.

The **conference host** is:

**Research and Application Centre for Street Children (SOYAÇ) at Maltepe University**.

The **conference co-organisers** are:

• Trakia University, Bulgaria

• Center for Creative Training Association, Bulgaria

• Institute of Education Sciences, Romania

• AFP Patronato San Vincenzo, Italy

• Muğla Provincial Directorate of National Education, Turkey

• Maltepe University, Research and Application Centre for Street Children, Turkey

• University of Malta, Centre for Resilience and Socio-Emotional Health, Malta

• Regional Department of Education-Silistra, Bulgaria

To get in touch with the conference organizers, please write to: **empaqt@cct.bg**

More information is available at

**http://empaqt.eu/conference.html**