

## EPA Values

### Preamble

**Our Purpose:** European Parents' Association (EPA) exists to amplify the voices of parents across Europe, promote equitable, inclusive, and high-quality education and family support systems, and collaborate with stakeholders to secure positive, sustainable outcomes for children, families, and communities. EPA's work is grounded in respect, integrity, and a shared commitment to parental empowerment and child well-being.

### Core Values

**Respect for Parents and Families:** EPA recognizes and values the diversity of families and parental experiences across Europe. EPA treats all parents with dignity, fairness, and empathy, ensuring that every voice is heard and respected regardless of background, religion, or socio-economic status.

**Respect for Diverse Backgrounds:** EPA is committed to active respect and inclusion for families from all diverse backgrounds. This includes, but is not limited to, families with migration backgrounds, Roma families, and families where a member has a disability. We value the cultural wealth and unique lived experiences these families bring as equal partners in education.

**Child-Centered Focus:** EPA prioritizes the well-being, safety, and rights of children in all activities. We are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment, specifically committing to safeguarding children from harm, abuse, or neglect in any framework where they are directly involved.

**Gender Equality and Inclusivity:** EPA is dedicated to creating a fair and equitable environment where every individual, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to participate, contribute, and succeed. We advocate for gender equality in all aspects of our operations, including decision-making, leadership, and representation.

**Collaboration and Partnership:** EPA fosters cooperation, mutual trust, and shared responsibility with educators, policymakers, and community stakeholders to create a thriving educational environment.

**Integrity and Accountability:** EPA conducts its work honestly and ethically, maintaining clear, transparent governance and financial management.

**Evidence-Informed Advocacy:** EPA positions and recommendations are based on the best available research and the authentic lived experiences of parents across the continent.

**Empowerment and Capacity Building:** EPA is dedicated to strengthening the agency of parents so they can contribute meaningfully to decisions affecting their children's future.

**Environmental and Social Responsibility:** EPA promotes ethical and responsible behavior, encouraging the integration of environmental awareness into education to help families model sustainable values for their children.

## EPA Value Statement

EPA values are not just ideals they shape how EPA behaves, engage, and make decisions. They guide EPA to act ethically in all interactions, represent parents with care, and foster safe, empowering environments for all members.

### EPA Value Statement (Concise Version)

At the European Parents' Association (EPA), we are committed to respecting all parents and families, with a specific focus on the inclusion of diverse backgrounds and the advancement of gender equality. By acting with integrity and prioritizing a child-centered safeguarding approach, and advocating for equitable, evidence-informed systems we empower every family to be an active architect of a sustainable future.