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## A “BRIGHTER FUTURE” Ahead for Children in Care Thanks to PAC-UK and Partners

An estimated 1,5 million children in Europe live in what the European Council terms “alternative care situations”, while approximately 15,000 children are adopted, either internationally or domestically, in Europe every year. Children in care and adopted children can experience extra challenges in different areas of their lives, including their education. In response to these challenges, **seven organizations from four European different countries** have joined forces to help these children access a BRIGHTER FUTURE.

An Erasmus+ project, **BRIGHTER FUTURE** kicks off in Barcelona on 18-19 December, 2019 and will bring together researchers, professionals, children and families from the following partner institutions and their communities: The [University of Verona](#) and the [City of Turin](#) (Italy); the [University of Groningen](#) and [Pharos](#) (The Netherlands); [The Autonomous University of Barcelona](#) and [CORA](#) (Spain); and [Family Action’s PAC-UK](#) (United Kingdom). This 30-month project aims to directly **improve the educational experience** of children in care and adopted children, through innovative training for some of the most important people in their lives – their teachers.

The project will draw on best practices to foment change not only in Europe but throughout the world. In addition to developing a training module for teachers, BRIGHTER FUTURE will host **learning and dissemination events** in each partner country and will also produce an **online library** of resources that will be free for interested users.

According to project lead Dr. Beatriz San Román of the UAB, “This is not a typical research project, it is a **mechanism of change**. We know there are better ways to incorporate children in care and adopted children into our schools, and BRIGHTER FUTURE will bring those best practices directly to the educators and professionals who need them.”

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