Presidency Conference
Child Guarantee - Equal Chances for Every Child

9 November 2021

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Draft Programme

9:00 – 9:30 Opening Session
Moderated by Bilal in Arja Ela (teenagers from Slovenia)

- Janez Cigler Kralj, Minister for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia (5’)
- Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission (5’)
- Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights (5’)
- Ana Mendes Godinho, Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal (5’)
- H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President EUROCHILD (5’)

9:30 – 10:20 Working Session I - Effective implementation of the ECG Recommendation

- The key principles of the European Child Guarantee and the next steps for implementation – Jiri Svarc, Head of Unit, EC (10’)
- Key messages from the thematic discussion on fighting child poverty and social exclusion – Peter Lelie, Chair of the Social Protection Committee (10’)
- European Child Guarantee from the Child Rights Perspective – Valeria Setti, Commission Coordinator for the rights of the child, EC (10’)
- Policy integration and coordination of the ECG: Key findings of a rapid evidence assessment of data in EU member states – Daniel Molinuevo, Social Policy Economist, UNICEF (10’)
- Use and adjustment of existing databases in identifying target groups: Presentation of the Child Welfare Index – Urban Boljka, PhD, Social Protection Institute Slovenia (10’)

10:20 – 10:35 Coffee break

10:35 – 11:30 Working Session II – Exchange of best practices on social inclusion of children in need

- The implementation of the European child guarantee, a local and regional perspective – Jari Andersson, European Committee of Regions (10’)

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• Sharing experiences and lessons learnt from the ECG pilot and from policies and programmes addressing child poverty and social exclusion in Croatia – Tatjana Katkić Stanić, Director General, Ministry of Labour, Pensions System, Family and Social Policy, Croatia, ECG National Coordinator (10’)
• Identifying and supporting the most vulnerable children through outreach services – lessons from the ECG pilot in Bulgaria – Ivan Krastev, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria (10’)
• Deinstitutionalisation and childcare reform in ECG pilot countries: trends, lessons learned and priority interventions – Stela Grigoras, Phase III ECG Programme Manager, UNICEF (10’)
• Galician programme to avoid evictions of vulnerable families – Ana María Aboy Fernández, Deputy Director for Benefits and Inclusion Programmes, Government of Galicia, Spain (10’)

11:30 – 12:10 Discussion and wrap-up session

Moderated by: Ružica Boškić, Presidency

• Discussion (chat function)
• Lessons learned and the way forward – Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General EUROCHILD (15’)

12:10 – 12:30 Closing Session

• Adrien Taquet, Minister of State for Children and Families, France (tbc) (5’)
• Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia (5’)
• Katarina Ivanković Knežević, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, European Commission (5’)
• Janez Cigler Kralj, Minister for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia (5’)
