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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')

- 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')