

AGENDA

A way forward towards family based care for children

[Eurochild and Martin James Foundation technical assistance project](#)

1 June 2022 14h00 – 15h30 via Zoom

Timeframe	Session	Speakers
14h00 – 14h10	Welcome & introduction of the Eurochild’s work on eradication of institutional care for children	Jana Hainsworth , Secretary General, Eurochild
14h10-14h45	Technical assistance - main lessons learned & achievements Moderated discussion with national partners: Presentation of the main achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how to achieve better outcomes for children, advocating at national level and in Brussels • Exchanges on national advocacy 	Tatiana Gorney , Psychologist and Expert, Roots Research Centre, Greece Rumeysa Bozdemir , General Coordinator, Hayat Sende Youth Association, Turkey Q & A
14h45 – 15h20	How the Child Guarantee National Action Plans envisage change for children in care? Strategy on the Rights of the Child in pre-accession process	Jiri Svarc , Head of Unit, Social Affairs & Inclusion, DG EMPL, the European Commission Henrike Trautmann , Acting Director, DG NEAR, the European Commission (TBC) Q & A
15h20 – 15h30	Closing & reflection on how cooperation of different stakeholders enables positive child protection reforms towards the goal of deinstitutionalisation	A representative, Martin James Foundation

Further information on Eurochild members:

In Greece, **Roots Research Centre Greece** have addressed the needs of children in alternative care in Greece's largest island, Crete, where most children in the alternative care system still grow up in institutions. They trained social workers and psychologists working in residential settings to destigmatise deinstitutionalisation. Local juvenile lawyers and university students have also benefited from the training. Roots Research Centre contributed to Eurochild Child Guarantee Taskforce Country Report - Greece and have participated in Child Guarantee pilot project on semi-independent living in the Greek island. In line with the newly adopted Deinstitutionalisation Strategy they have advocated for children in alternative to be prioritised in the implementation of the European Child Guarantee in Greece.

In Turkey, **Hayat Sende Youth Association Turkey** strengthened the foster care system and address misconceptions about family-based care by training over 250 prospective foster carers. They also provided psychosocial support to families or children in foster care and adoption. Partly in thanks to this training, Hayat Sende have begun engaging with the Ministry of Family and Social Services in Turkey. Benefiting from Eurochild's expertise in EU advocacy, Hayat Sende also contributed to the European Commission consultation on the 2022 Enlargement package aiming for prioritisation of family-based care for children in alternative care, as well as disseminating Eurochild's recent landmark study on mapping European child protection data collection systems to its stakeholders in Turkey.