

debats **Europa Social**

A NEW GENERATION OF LOCAL AND EUROPEAN ACTION IN DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

 **NOVEMBER 16TH 2023 [9.30H - 13.30H]**

 URL PERE TARRÉS FACULTY OF SOCIAL EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK
[CARRER DE SANTALÓ, 37, AULA MAGNA. BARCELONA]

This year's "Europa Social" debate will focus on analysing the state of children's rights in Catalonia and the European Union and reasserting the potential of local action by Europe's third sector. It will offer proposals relating to the new European social agenda as part of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU and the European Elections 2024.

The debate, organised by the Third Sector Platform of Catalonia, through Catalonia's Platform for Childhood (PINCAT), and DIPLOCAT, will explore initiatives that improve the guarantee of children's rights spearheaded by different levels of governance and European countries. It will address structural as well as emerging challenges such as child poverty, intergenerational solidarity and attention to diversity.

Various key names from the field of children's rights in Catalonia and the rest of Europe will participate in the debate, including governmental officials and representatives from EU institutions and international organisations. The debate will also explore experiences of social innovation promoted by the Catalan and European third sector in defence of children's rights.

Programme

9:30h **Welcome of participants**

URL Pere Tarrés Faculty of Social Education and Social Work (Carrer de Santaló 37, 08021, Barcelona).
Conference led by **MIEKE SCHUURMAN**, Director of Child Rights and Capacity Building at Eurochild

10:00h **Welcome regards**

- ▶ **NÚRIA VALLS**, Secretary of Childhood, Adolescence and Youth, Department of Social Rights of the Government of Catalonia
- ▶ **LAURA FORASTER**, Secretary General of DIPLOCAT
- ▶ **GISELA RIBERAS**, Vice-Dean for Academic Organisation at the Foundation Pere Tarrés Campus of Social Education and Social Work
- ▶ **JOSÉ ANTONIO RUIZ**, Coordinator of Catalonia's Platform for Childhood and Adolescence (PINCAT)

10:20h **Focus Catalonia: Presentation of the PINCAT report on children's rights in Catalonia**

- ▶ **JUDITH CALABRIA**, Project Coordinator of PINCAT

10:30h **Round table discussion: EU and global perspectives to advance on children's rights**

- Facilitated by **ROGER GARCIA**, Child Policy Coordinator at the UNICEF Catalonia Committee (PINCAT)
- ▶ **JIRI SVARC**, Head of Unit Social Policies at the Directorate-General of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission
- ▶ **STELA GRIGORAS**, Child Protection Specialist at UNICEF Europe and Central Asia
- ▶ **RICARDO IBARRA**, Director of the Childhood Platform
- ▶ **ESTER CABANES**, General Director of Child and Adolescent Care, Department of Social Rights of the Government of Catalonia

11:15h **Focus Catalonia: Action research and social innovation for children at risk of vulnerability**

- ▶ **TXUS MORATA**, Director of the Pere Tarrés Chair of Educational Leisure and Sociocultural Action of the Faculty of Social Education and Social Work

11:30h **Round table discussion: Proposals on the rights of the child agenda based on local and EU third sector perspective**

- Facilitated by **CIARAN O'DONNELL**, Partnerships and programme officer at Eurochild
- ▶ **MATTIA DE BEI**, Board Member of the CNCA network - National Coordination of Welcoming Communities (Italy)
- ▶ **HENRIK NØRGAARD**, Community Consultant (Denmark)
- ▶ **MARGARET WHITE**, Director of Prisms association - Social innovation on autism (Malta)
- ▶ **BETTINA SCHWARZMAYR**, Educational Director at the Children and Youth Agency (WIENXTRA) at the City of Viena (Austria)
- ▶ **ELISENDA XIFRE**, President of FEDAIA - Network of social organisations advancing children's rights in Catalonia (PINCAT)

Followed by an open debate with the audience

13:15h **Closing remarks: Conclusion with a 2024 horizon - Europe and its third sector standing up for children's rights**

- ▶ **MIEKE SCHUURMAN**, Director of Child Rights and Capacity Building of Eurochild
- ▶ **FRANCINA ALSINA**, President of the Third Sector Platform of Catalonia

13:30h **Networking lunch**