

Monitoring child well-being : better policy and practice

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Children and young people from local organisations across the European Union (participating in a parallel Youth Exchange project)

Background to the conference

Measurement and indicators are at the heart of improving performance in policy and practice. Unless we measure an issue or problem, chances are it will be ignored and nothing will get done.

Child well-being is notoriously difficult to measure, but there are more and more examples of where it is being done with good effect on policy development. This conference is framed within the European Union's Social Inclusion agenda which has identified the eradication of child poverty by breaking the cycle of intergenerational inheritance as one of its key objectives. To help achieve this goal, the EU monitors income poverty and material deprivation and there are plans to develop common indicators that better reflect child well-being. This conference should feed into that debate.

The EU social inclusion agenda also aims to bring about policy change through mutual learning and exchange of practice across Member States. This conference is an opportunity to share how indicators are being used: in policy development at national and regional level, in advocating for children's rights and well-being, in improving practice and setting standards in service delivery to families and children. A further question is how indicators are being informed by children and young people themselves. In addition to workshops on this issue, a group of young people from five member states will participate in the conference and bring some of their reflections on the issue.

Practical details

The conference takes place in the Grand Resort Hotel, Limassol. This five star hotel has offered us an exceptionally low rate: rooms are available for 85€/night single room, 100€/night double room. Price includes breakfast. All rooms have a sea view.



Accommodation must be booked through Eurochild before 30th September.

Participation fee is 80€ for Eurochild members, 120€ for non-members. A 20€ reduction is available if we receive the booking form before 30th June 2009. Travel sponsorship for a limited number of Eurochild members is available. Please ask the Secretariat for details.

Registrations will be open in June on www.eurochild.org.

Eurochild is an **international network of organisations** working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people. Eurochild's work is underpinned by the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** (UN CRC).

We aim to involve children and youth organisations from across Europe in the EU's social inclusion strategy and to facilitate the exchange of good practice. Eurochild's main focus is the fight against child poverty and social exclusion.

Programme

Wednesday 11th November 2009

Evening

Opening & Reception with Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus

Thursday 12th November 2009

Morning

Plenary Session I: Better indicators, better policy. Why measurement matters.

Workshop Session I: Indicators in public policy

- Indicators and advocacy
- Indicators and listening to children
- Indicators and improving services in local government

Afternoon

Workshop Session II: Indicators in practice: improving services to children and families

- Early years education and care
- Parenting and family support
- Children's participation
- Children in care

Friday 13th November 2009

Morning

Site visits & continuation of Workshop Session II

Afternoon

Round Table Debate: Delivering better policies

- Representatives from the **European Union, Council of Europe, national government, and children and young people**

Plenary Session II: The Way Forward

- Representative from the **future Spanish or Belgian Presidency of the EU**
- **Ninetta Kazantzis**, President of PCCPWC, Cyprus

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