



## COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION "MAPPING AND EXPLORATION EVENT ON THE SUBTHEME OF CHILD POVERTY"

### OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT:

- Discuss and map existing and new challenges regarding social inclusion of children living in poverty.
- Discuss and map the changing requirements of support systems and social services. Are services affordable, available, and effective?
- Review the ESF+ investments available to combat the existing and new challenges, including the ESF+ programming and preparations.
- Presentation of ESF+ funded interventions that proved to be effective in the light of the implementation of the Child Guarantee.

### KEY INFORMATION

Date: Monday, 27 February 2023

Time: 10.00 to 13.00 (CET)

### DRAFT AGENDA

Time (CET)	Description
9.30-10.00	<b>Technical set-up and virtual welcome coffee</b> Participants log in through the link at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the event to test the tools and have the informal chat with other participants.
10.00-10.20	<b>Opening and welcome</b> <b>Welcome to the participants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Asta Jurgutė, Head of the European Competence Centre for Social Innovation</li><li>▪ Agnė Buividavičiūtė, Coordinator of the Community of Practice on Social Inclusion</li><li>▪ Luk Zelderloo, Lead thematic expert in the field of social inclusion</li><li>▪ Zuzana Konradova, Thematic expert in the field of child poverty, EU Affairs Coordinator at Eurochild</li></ul> <b>Opening statement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Louise Reid, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</li></ul>
10.20-10.35	<b>State of play child poverty in the European Union</b> <b>The presentation will explore the current situation of child poverty in the European Union, ESF+ planned investments and the implementation of the Child Guarantee.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Zuzana Konradova, Thematic expert in the field of child poverty, EU Affairs Coordinator at Eurochild</li></ul>



10.35-11.20	<b>Member states reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Romania's Child Guarantee National Coordinator/ESF+ MA representative (TBC)</li><li>▪ Natalia Efremova, Bulgaria's Child Guarantee National Coordinator</li></ul>
11.20-11.30	<b>The voice of children</b> <b>Presentation of the child poverty report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Antonia Katic, Educator, Society Our Children Opatija – National Eurochild Forum in Croatia</li></ul>
11.30-11.40	<b>How do support services address the challenges and benefits of the ESF+</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ George Bogdanov, Executive Director, National Network for Children, Bulgaria</li></ul>
11.40-11.55	<b>Questions and answers</b>
11.55-12.05	<b>Comfort break</b>
12.05-12.25	<b>ESF+ programming and preparation</b> <b>Representatives of the member states will share their plans, good practices, and challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Therese Fiorini, Chief Coordinator (Operational Programme II), Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands, Malta</li><li>▪ Alexandra Telepčakova, Programme Manager, EU Funds Section, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovakia</li></ul>
12.25-12.35	<b>Reflections on challenges and actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (TBC)</li></ul>
12.35-12.50	<b>Concluding remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tanya Ward, vice president of the Eurochild, Children's Rights Alliance Ireland</li><li>▪ European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (TBC)</li></ul>