

European expert meeting

The role of local level prevention systems for implementing the European Child Guarantee

9th October 2024
Berlin, Germany

The European Child Guarantee recognises the importance of using national and local policy levers to support its implementation through quality services for children in vulnerable situations.

Municipalities and services are at the forefront of work to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. According to a [report](#) adopted by the European Parliament in November 2023, “more needs to be done to achieve a more comprehensive, intersectoral approach to tackling children’s risk of vulnerability and to ensure genuine implementation by removing the policy, political, administrative and financial barriers.”

This aligns with recent developments in various European nations, where there is a growing focus on enhancing multi-agency collaboration across local service providers. These offer a wide range of early intervention support to families through a proactive, preventive approach, which can facilitate smooth transitions during times of stress or crises, such as poor health, financial hardship, or unemployment.

This expert meeting will:

1. Connect the European Child Guarantee recommendation to the local level, looking more closely at the impact of services on children and their families.
2. Explore different local service models across countries with a view to better understand what works and what does not.

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PROGRAMME

9.45-10.00	<i>Registrations/coffee</i>
10.00-10.15	Welcome <i>Elizabeth Gosme, Director, COFACE Families Europe</i> <i>Sven Iversen, Director, Association of German Family Organisations</i>
10.15-12.15	Panel discussion. Supporting parents and carers in the early years: effective models of intervention <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Martino Serapioni (European Observatory on Family Policy)</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <i>Arianna Lazzari (University of Bologna)</i> <i>Sandra Fischer (University of Bonn)</i> <i>Kristien Nys (Odisee University)</i>
12.15-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.30-15.00	Panel discussion. An international perspective on effective models of prevention <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Sven Iversen (AGF)</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <i>Prof. Jörg Fischer (Erfurt University of Applied Sciences)</i> <i>Olivier Thévenon (WISE Centre – OECD)</i> <i>Martin Lichte (European Social Network)</i>
15.00-15.15	<i>Stretching break</i>
15.15-17.00	Panel discussion. Leveraging effective local prevention systems for implementing the European Child Guarantee <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Elizabeth Gosme (COFACE)</i> <i>State of play of the CG Implementation:</i> <i>Jiří Švarc (DG EMPL – European Commission)</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <i>Martina Kottmann (Fed. Ministry of Family Affairs - Germany)</i> <i>Hanna Vseviov (Ministry of Social Affairs - Estonia)</i>
17.00-17.30	Final remarks <i>Annemie Drieskens, Chair of the Steering Group of the European Observatory on Family Policy</i>

Thursday 10th October 2024

Strategic exchange session on integrated family policy frameworks

09.30-11.30 *Presentation of the European Observatory of Family Policy, followed by a strategic brainstorming about future research and policy partnerships.*
