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The impact of economic migration on
Children Left Behind and their families

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A definition of the network

ChildrenLeftBehind.eu is a European network of nongovernmental organizations, centres for social studies, Universities, Institutions and individuals who co-operate at national, regional and European level for the protection of the rights of **children affected by migration** and the support of **transnational and migrant families**.

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The network

- Promoted by L'Albero della Vita foundation
- Informal network
- Starting with the organizations involved in the conference
- Wishing to develop across Europe (both EU and non-EU countries)
- Aiming at lobbying properly at all levels and geographical contexts for the issue

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Our commitment

- **Creating and enforcing the network** (relations, activities, visibility, communication)
- **Promoting the learning** of the phenomena (data collection, sharing of good practices)
- **Facilitate partnership** for cross-country activities and project designing for CE calls

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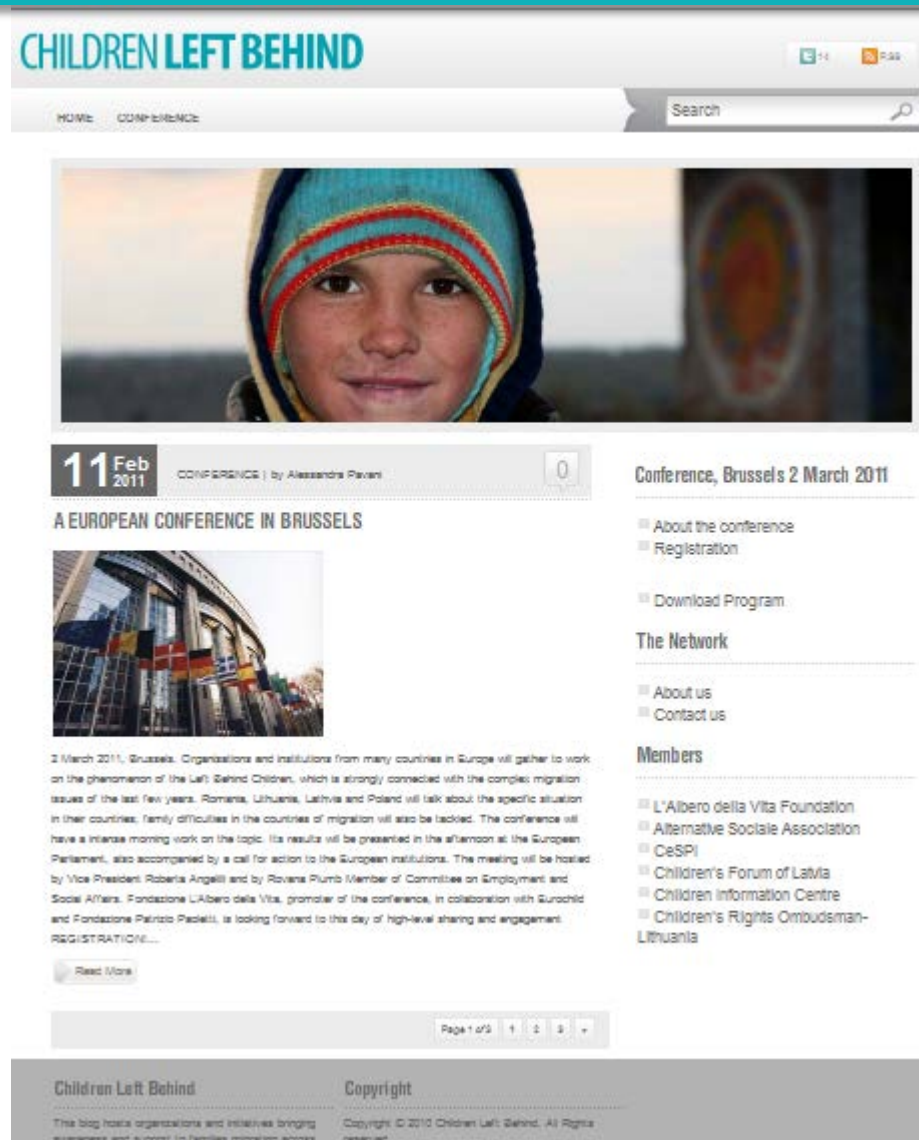
Our commitment

- **Influencing policies at European level**
- **Advocating at national level** strengthening the capacity of the single members
- **Raising awareness** of the issue through European civil society

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A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS



2 March 2011, Brussels. Organizations and institutions from many countries in Europe will gather to work on the phenomenon of the Left Behind Children, which is strongly connected with the complex migration issues of the last few years. Romania, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland will talk about the specific situation in their countries. Family difficulties in the countries of migration will also be tackled. The conference will have a intense morning work on the topic. Its results will be presented in the afternoon at the European Parliament, also accompanied by a call for action to the European institutions. The meeting will be hosted by Vice President Roberta Angelini and by Rovana Plumb Member of Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Fondazione L'Albero della Vita, promoter of the conference, in collaboration with Eurochild and Fondazione Palazzo Pirelli, is looking forward to this day of high-level sharing and engagement.

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- Alternative Sociale Association
- CeSPI
- Children's Forum of Latvia
- Children Information Centre
- Children's Rights Ombudsman-Lithuania

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Members and partners

- National, regional, local NGOs
- Universities and centres for social studies
- Public institutions and statutory bodies
- European organizations and networks
- Individual (experts)

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A call for action for the EU Institutions

A call for action

Premise

- **Free movement of workers** is a fundamental principle of the European Union
- **Several western EU** countries have actively sought to recruit outside their borders to fill labour shortages
- **Workers mobility** can help to address skills gaps and contribute to economic growth
- **The human and social costs** of economic migration in the longer-term are still obscure

A call for action

The issue

- Far too little attention is given to the **impact of economic migration on children**, even though it can seriously affect their well-being and life chances
- So far the phenomenon of “**Children Left Behind**” due to their parents’ migration has been **neglected in migration policies**

A call for action

The issue

Children left behind have a **much higher risk of:**

- Inadequate access to sanitation, hygiene, proper clothing and food
- Physical, sexual, psychological abuse
- Trafficking of human being and prostitution
- Overburdening (adult responsibilities)

A call for action

The issue

Children left behind have a **much higher risk of:**

- Educational neglect: lack of stimulations, ethical-moral norms, models, control/supervision by adults
- School drop-out or lower performance
- Difficulties in emotional and relational development
- Insufficient development of life skills and prospectives

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The issue

About 500.000 children and young people are Left Behind in Eastern Europe !

What new generation is being created?

What outcomes are we preparing for the future of Europe?

What is the social and economical impact of this educative emergency for the European Union?

What model of development are we adopting?

Recommendations to the European Commission (1)

March 2009 - European Parliament voted a Resolution (B6-0112/2009) on migrant children left behind in the country of origin.

Highlighted the need of action.

- (a) Calls on the Commission to undertake a study to assess the extent, at EU level, of the phenomenon [...];
- (b) [...]propose to all interested parties the adequate application of the already existing means to help migrants and their children who remain in the country of origin;
- (c) calls on the Commission and the Member States to actively involve the social partners and NGOs in actions targeting the improvement of migrants' children

Recommendations to the European Commission (2)

We therefore call on the Commission
to urgently launch the study to assess the extent of
this phenomenon at EU level indicated in the
Resolution as soon as possible.

We also call on the Commission
to ensure the Europe 2020 strategy adopts, when
dealing with workers mobility, a balanced approach to
social inclusion and economic and employment
growth

Recommendations to the European Commission (3)

The European Commission and Member States have **policies on protection of children's rights and social policy in favor of families and children**, but they **do not consider these specific, and new types of families**, often because they are still unknown and underestimated.

For this reason, we call on the Commission to give visibility to this issue and facilitate EU cooperation to exchange policy and practice.

Forums and consultation with NGOs and social partners and a thematic year on migration and integration of migrants could be promoted under the Platform against poverty and social exclusion.

Recommendations to the European Parliament (1)

The European Parliament has shown strong interest on this topic and voted a Resolution. However, the debate around this issue needs to be raised and explored also from different perspectives and EP agendas.

We call on the European Parliament (the LIBE Committee) **to follow-up to EC Communication on children's rights** which has been launched on 15 February 2011 and point out the necessity of the inclusion of such an important issue

Recommendations to the European Parliament (2)

In the framework of Europe 2020, in December 2010 in the Communication on the European Platform Against Poverty, the European Commission committed to prepare a **Recommendation on child poverty and well being**.

We call on the European Parliament (the EMPL Committee) **to underline the link between poverty, migration and children left behind and follow up accordingly the development of the EC Recommendation.**

Recommendations to the European Parliament (3)

One of the **main effects of parents migration**, that can be seen also on the short term, is linked to the **social and educational development of children** who are left behind. Increase of early school leavers, low attendance and performance

We call on the European Parliament (EDUC Committee) **to bear in mind difficulties of these children** in the efforts to reduce early school leaving and to promote early education and care, **in the Committee and in relation with Member States.**



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