



CONFERENCE

LEFT BEHIND

The impact of economic migration
on children left behind and their families

2 MARCH 2011 • BRUSSELS

9.00 - 13.00: Hotel Leopold, rue du Luxembourg 35

15.00 - 16.15: European Parliament (room 6Q1)

The event is free. Places are limited. To attend please register at www.childrenleftbehind.eu before 27 February 2011. For any question or more information, contact Paola Panzeri, L'Albero della Vita EU Liaison Officer, at info@childrenleftbehind.eu or phone: +32 2 203 22 25.

Education Partner



FONDAZIONE
PATRIZIO PAOLETTI
PER LO SVILUPPO E LA COMUNICAZIONE



L'ALBERO
DELLA VITA
PROGETTI D'AMORE PER I BAMBINI

in Collaboration with

eurochild

Education Partner



FONDAZIONE
PATRIZIO PAOLETTI
PER LO SVILUPPO E LA COMUNICAZIONE



L'ALBERO
DELLA VITA
PROGETTI D'AMORE PER I BAMBINI

in Collaboration with

eurochild

www.alberodellavita.org • www.ChildrenLeftBehind.eu

www.alberodellavita.org • www.ChildrenLeftBehind.eu

MORNING (09.00 - 13.00)

Hotel Leopold, rue du Luxembourg 35

Focus on the phenomenon Europe-wide: building a common knowledge

Registration (08.45 - 9.00) Welcome

(9.00 - 9.50)

Educational, juridical and sociological implications of the issue of children Left Behind and their families

Mr. Patrizio Paoletti, *President Fondazione L'Albero della Vita and Fondazione Paoletti, Italy*
Mr. Marco Benini, *Expert in educational processes for FPP's adult and child programs, Italy*
Ms. Jana Hainsworth, *Secretary General Eurochild, Belgium*
Ms. Adriana Opromolla, *Social Policy Officer, Caritas Europe, Belgium*
Ms. Flavia Piperno, *Researcher, CeSPI Centro Studi Politica Internazionale, Italy*

(9.50 - 11.00)

European Insights of the Left Behind phenomenon: the countries of origin

ROMANIA, A KEY EUROPEAN CASE

Mr. Ivano Abbruzzi, *Head of Projects and Research, Fondazione L'Albero della Vita, Italy*
Mr. Alex Gulei, *Programme coordinator, Asociatia Alternative Sociale, Romania*

THE BALTIC STATES CASE

Ms. Inete Ielīte, *Chair of the Board, Children's Forum of Latvia*
Ms. Edita Ziobiene, *Ombudsperson for children, Lithuania*

THE POLISH CASE

Speaker to be confirmed

Discussion (15 min) Break 11.00 - 11.30 (30 min)

(11.30 - 13.00)

European Insights of the Left Behind phenomenon: migrating parents in destination countries

CONDITIONS AND CHALLENGES, EXAMPLES OF SUPPORT OF MIGRATING PARENTS

Mr. Giovanni G. Valtolina, *Head of Child and Family Department, ISMU Foundation, Italy*
Ms. Simona Farcas, *President of FARI Directive Council, Federation of Rumanian Associat. in Italy*
Ms. Asun Berne, *Researcher, University of Barcelona, Spain*
Ms. Federica Marengo, *Project Manager, Association ALC, France*
Ms. L. Ryan, *Co-Director*; Mr. A. D'Angelo, *Lecturer in s.sciences, Social Policy Research Centre, University of Middlesex, UK*

Discussion (45 min)

Conclusions (5 min)

Lunch 13.00 - 14.00 (60 min)

Transfer and access to EP 14.00 - 14.30

AFTERNOON (15.00 - 16.15)

European Parliament

Presentation of the issue, commitment for future actions



Registration (14.30)

Welcome

Mr. Patrizio Paoletti, *President Fondazione L'Albero della Vita and Fondazione Paoletti, Italy*
Ms. Roberta Angelilli, *Vice-President European Parliament, Italy*
Ms. Rovana Plumb, *Member of the European Parliament, Romania*

CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND IN EUROPE

Conclusions of morning sessions

Presentation of the ChildrenLeftBehind.eu network

Call for action to the institutions

PANEL DEBATE AND COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE ACTION

Ms. Roberta Angelilli, *Vice-President European Parliament, Italy*
Ms. Rovana Plumb, *Member of the European Parliament, Romania*
Ms. Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, *Member of the European Parliament's Bureau, Poland*
Mr. Patrizio Paoletti, *President Fondazione L'Albero della Vita and Fondazione Paoletti, Italy*
Ms. Jana Hainsworth, *Secretary General Eurochild, Belgium*
Mr. Torbjorn Froyshes, *Special Repr. of the S.G.-Director of the Council of Europe Liaison Office*
Ms. Marie-Anne Paraskevas, *European Commission, Policy Officer Social Inclusion DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*

Other institutional representatives

Conclusions

The conference will address the issue of children left behind in the country of origin when parents move to another European country in search of employment; the issue will be dealt with from the point of view of the causes and consequences of the migration, in particular the effects on children and their families in the respective countries of origin and of destination.

This phenomenon is still underestimated and often unknown even if it concerns approximately half million children in the EU. The event gathers experts from all over Europe (NGOs, academics, national institutions, research centres) to discuss with representatives of the European institutions and the Council of Europe.

THIS PROGRAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES

WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ENGLISH, TRANSLATION TO/FROM ITALIAN WILL BE OFFERED