



LEFT BEHIND

ROUND TABLE

PROMOTING THE RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND IN TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES

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Since the Unicef and Alternative Sociale Association study on Children Left Behind in Romania in 2008 that let the phenomenon be known, over the years the European Parliament and the EU Commission committed to an active understanding of the children left behind issue.

In 2012, the European Commission published a wide European study "*Social impact on Emigration and rural –urban Migration in Central and eastern Europe*" looking also at the impact of migration on vulnerable groups like children.

The European Conference Left Behind of March 2011 promoted by Fondazione L'Albero della Vita, in collaboration with Fondazione Patrizio Paoletti, Eurochild and Childrenleftbehind.eu – the thematic network that was official presented on that occasion - made the issue manifest as a European phenomenon involving hundreds of thousands of children in the EU.

Present round table discussion with experts and policy makers is a necessary further step to make progress in the active promotion of children's rights and well-being in transnational families, thereby stimulating parliamentary debates and furthering employment and social policies.

4:00 - 4:15 • OPENING

Welcome address by Ms. Roberta Angelilli (*tbc), Vice President - European Parliament, Member of the LIBE, EMPL Committees and the Family and the rights of the child & bioethics Intergroup

Welcome address by Mr. Ivano Abbruzzi, Project and Research Director, Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus, Italy
Representative of the Childrenleftbehind.eu network.

Introduction by Ms. Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild Secretary General
Chair of the round table

4:15 - 5:15 • INTO THE ISSUE

Video of the children left behind contest in Rumania with witnesses

Mr. George Pascaru, Sociologist and Project Assistant– Alternative Sociale Association, Romania
The issue in Romania, help to families and children, what is there and what is missing

Permanent Representative of Romania to the EU, Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU
Brussels
Children Left Behind and their families: the case of Romania

Ms. Laima Liucija Andrikiene, European Parliament - Member of the DROI Committee
Children Left Behind: the case of Lithuania

Ms. Margaret Tuite, Commission coordinator for the rights of the child - European Commission – DG JUSTICE - Unit C1 Fundamental rights and rights of the child
The EU Agenda for the rights of the child and the phenomenon of children left behind

5:15 - 5:45 • DISCUSSION

In the discussion, together with a.m. speakers, there will be among others:

Ms. Elena Oana Antonescu, European Parliament - Member of the LIBE Committee and the Family, the right of the child & Bioethics Intergroup
The Romanian perspective. Family and childcare services, required intervention at EU level

Mr. Ivano Abbruzzi, Project and Research Director, Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus, Italy
Helping families in their long-distance parenting

5:45 - 6:00 • CALL FOR ACTION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr. Ivano Abbruzzi, Project and Research Director, Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus, Italy
Representative of the Childrenleftbehind.eu network

Ms. Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild Secretary General

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