

Webinar on child and family poverty

Date: 26 May 2020 (10:30-12:00)

Webinar host: Stefan Kitzmann (Policy and Membership Development Officer)

Eurodiaconia welcomes the proposal to develop a “**Child Guarantee**” as part of the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and will take an active role along with its members to further promote its implementation at national and local level. Based on the work and experience of our members, the webinar aims to further discuss the topic and to provide room for collegial exchange. What do we want the “Child Guarantee” to look like in practice and what challenges do we see? Also, in light of the current crisis we can only emphasize what UNICEF’s Executive Director Henrietta Fore said, that “children are the hidden victims of the COVID-19 pandemic”. Millions of children in Europe already had difficult childhoods before the crisis hit. How can we best ensure now that those children are protected in the short term and continue our joint fight for a better future for all children?

Please register through [this link](#) by 25th May at the latest. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Programme:

10:30-10:35	Welcome/Introduction
10:35-10:45	EU level update on the Child Guarantee, Stefan Kitzmann, Eurodiaconia Q&A
10:45-11:30	Storytelling: how to translate experiences on the ground to EU level? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children living in precarious family situations: Living Hope Ukraine, Nicole Borisuk & other Eurodiaconia members (tbc) 2. Children residing in institutions Eurodiaconia member (tbc) 3. Children with a migrant background (including refugee children): Apostoli, Greece (tbc)
11:30-11:50	Discussion in break-out groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you want the “Child Guarantee” to look like in practice and what challenges do you see? 2. In light of COVID-19, how can we best ensure now that the most vulnerable groups of children are protected in the short term and continue our joint fight for a better future for all children? 3. How can Eurodiaconia and the policy team best support you regarding advocacy/policy work at the European Level and best ensure your active engagement (e.g. regarding the public consultation towards the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights)?
11:50-11:55	Feedback from groups, conclusion
11:55-12:00	Wrapping up, evaluation & next steps

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stefan at stefan.kitzmann@eurodiaconia.org.