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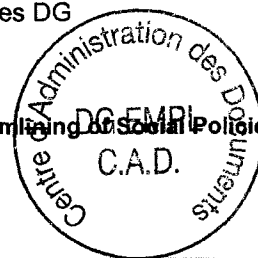


## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG

Social Protection and Integration

Inclusion, Social Policy Aspects of Migration, Streamlining of Social Policies



## Operating Grant Agreement

Agreement title

**CONSOLIDATING AND STRENGTHENING A CHILD SPECIFIC  
APPROACH TO COMBATTING CHILD POVERTY AND SOCIAL  
EXCLUSION OF CHILDREN IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Agreement ref. No

**VS/2006/0759**

The above title and reference No **must** be quoted in **all** correspondence with the Commission.

Beneficiary

**EUROCHILD AISBL**

### Other administrative information

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Type of Agreement

**V/SB/OPG02**

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The European Community ("**the Community**"),  
represented by the Commission of the European Communities ("**the Commission**"),  
itself represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by Adam TYSON, Head of  
Unit, EMPL/E/2, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG,

of the one part,

AND

EUROCHILD AISBL,  
official legal form: ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE SANS BUT LUCRATIF,  
official registration No: .....,  
address: RUE DE LA CONCORDE 53, BE-1050 BRUXELLES, BELGIUM,  
VAT No: BE0866544946  
("**the Beneficiary**"),  
represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by Ms Catriona WILLIAMS,  
President,

of the other part,

HAVE AGREED

the **Special Conditions, General Conditions** and **Annexes** below:

- **Annex I** Beneficiary's work programme
- **Annex II** Beneficiary's operating budget

which form an integral part of this Agreement ("**the Agreement**").

The terms set out in the Special Conditions shall take precedence over those in the other parts of the Agreement.

The terms of the General Conditions shall take precedence over those in the Annexes.

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## **I. Special conditions**

### **Article I.1 Subject**

**I.1.1.** The Commission has decided to award a grant, under the terms and conditions set out in the Special Conditions, the General Conditions and the Annexes to the agreement, which the beneficiary hereby declares that he has taken note of and accepts, for the work programme of the beneficiary, which corresponds to the activities and objectives specified in the beneficiary's articles of association.

**I.1.2.** The Beneficiary undertakes to do everything in his power to implement the work programme as described in Annex I, acting on his own responsibility.

### **Article I.2 Duration**

**I.2.1.** The Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the last of the two parties signs.

**I.2.2.** The period of eligibility for Community funding shall be 12 months from 01/12/2006 ("**the starting date**").

### **Article I.3 Financing the work programme**

**I.3.1.** The total costs eligible for Community funding are estimated at EUR 313 428.45 as shown in the Beneficiary's estimated operating budget in Annex II. The estimated operating budget shall show all the operating costs and receipts estimated by the Beneficiary for the period in question, making a distinction between costs eligible for Community funding and those not eligible, in accordance with the definition of eligible costs in Article II.12.

**I.3.2.** The Commission shall contribute a maximum of EUR 280 824.10 equivalent to 89.60% of the estimated total eligible costs indicated in paragraph 1. The final amount of the grant shall be determined as specified in Article II.15, without prejudice to Article II.17.

The Community grant may not finance the entire costs of implementing the work programme. The amounts and sources of cofinancing other than from Community funds shall be set out in the estimated budget referred to in paragraph 1.

**I.3.3.** By way of derogation from Article II.11, the Beneficiary may, when implementing the work programme, adjust the estimated budget by transfers between headings of eligible costs, provided that this adjustment of expenditure does not affect implementation of the work programme and the transfer between headings does not exceed 20% of the amount of each heading of eligible costs as shown in the estimated budget, and without exceeding the total eligible costs indicated in paragraph 1. He shall inform the Commission in writing.

### **Article I.4 Payment arrangements**

#### **I.4.1. Pre-financing**

Within 45 days of the date when the last of the two parties signs the Agreement a pre-financing payment shall be made to the Beneficiary, representing 40% of the amount specified in Article I.3.2.

#### **I.4.2. Further pre-financing payment(s)**

Pre-financing may be paid in several instalments. In that case, payment of each further instalment may not be made until at least 70% of the previous pre-financing payment has been used up.



Every request for payment of a further pre-financing instalment must be accompanied by the documents specified in Article II.13.2 and by a progress report on the implementation of the work programme as well as an external audit report on the Beneficiary's accounts for the period in question.

Within 45 days after the Commission receives the request for payment of a further instalment, together with the documents referred to in the previous subparagraph, a pre-financing payment equivalent shall be made to the Beneficiary. In no circumstances may the cumulated further pre-financing payments exceed 40% of the amount specified in Article I.3.2.

#### **I.4.3. Interim payment(s)**

Not applicable.

#### **I.4.4. Payment of the balance**

The request for payment of the balance shall be accompanied by the final activity report and financial statement specified in Article II.13.4 and by an external audit report on the Beneficiary's accounts for the period in question.

The Commission shall have 45 days to approve or reject the activity report or to request additional supporting documents or information under the procedure laid down in Article II.13.4. In that case the Beneficiary shall have 30 days to submit the additional information or a new report.

A payment representing the balance of the grant determined in accordance with Article II.15 shall be made to the Beneficiary within 45 days following approval by the Commission of the activity report accompanying the request for payment of the balance. The Commission may suspend the period for payment in accordance with the procedure in Article II.14.2.

### **Article I.5 Submission of reports and other documents**

The technical implementation reports, financial statements and other documents referred to in Article I.4 must be submitted in 3 copies in English on the following dates:

- Progress report on implementation of the work programme and detailed statement of the costs incurred: at the request for further pre-financing payment and, at the latest, within 2 months following the date when the utilisation of pre-financing reaches the level specified in Article I.4.2;
- Final activity report and financial statement: at the request for final payment and, at the latest, within 3 months following the end of the period of eligibility for Community funding specified in Article I.2.2.

### **Article I.6 Bank account**

Payments shall be made to the Beneficiary's bank account or sub-account denominated in euro <sup>1</sup>, as indicated below <sup>2</sup>:

- name of bank:
- address of branch:
- exact designation of account holder:
- full account number including codes:
- IBAN or, if non available, BIC code: —



This account or sub-account must identify the payments made by the Commission. If the funds paid to this account yield interest or equivalent benefits under the law of the State on whose territory the account is opened, such interest or benefits shall, if they are generated by pre-financing payments, be recovered by the Commission as specified in Article II.14.4.

<sup>1</sup> Except in the case of bank accounts in countries that do not accept euro transactions.

<sup>2</sup> As shown by the account identification document issued or certified by the bank concerned.

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## Article I.7 **General administrative provisions**

Any communication in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing, indicating the number of the Agreement, and shall be sent to the following addresses:

***For the Commission***

European Commission  
Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities  
EMPL/E/2  
B-1049 Brussels (Belgium)

Ordinary mail shall be considered to have been received by the Commission on the date on which it is formally registered by the Commission unit responsible referred to above

***For the Beneficiary***

Ms Catriona WILLIAMS  
President  
EUROCHILD AISBL  
RUE DE LA CONCORDE 53  
BE-1050 BRUXELLES  
BELGIUM

## Article I.8 **Law applicable and competent court**

This Grant is governed by the terms of the agreement, the Community rules applicable and, on a secondary level, by the law of Belgium relating to grants.

The beneficiary may bring legal proceedings regarding decisions by the Commission concerning the application of the provisions of the Agreement and the arrangements for implementing it before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities and, in the event of appeal, the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

## Article I.9 **Other special conditions**

***Additional special conditions***

A progress report must be submitted at the latest within 2 months following half of the execution period mentioned in Article I.2.2 even if no second pre-financing is requested.



## II.

## General conditions

### PART A Legal and administrative provisions

#### Article II.1 Liability

**II.1.1.** The beneficiary shall have sole responsibility for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on him.

**II.1.2.** The Commission shall not, in any circumstances or on any grounds, be held liable in the event of a claim under the agreement relating to any damage caused in the implementation of the work programme. Consequently, the Commission will not entertain any request for indemnity or reimbursement accompanying any such claim.

**II.1.3.** Except in cases of *force majeure*, the beneficiary shall make good any damage sustained by the Commission as a result of the implementation or faulty implementation of the work programme.

**II.1.4.** The beneficiary shall bear sole liability vis-à-vis third parties, including for damage of any kind sustained by them while the work programme is being implemented.

#### Article II.2 Conflict of Interests

The beneficiary undertakes to take all the necessary measures to prevent any risk of conflicts of interests which could affect the impartial and objective performance of the agreement. Such conflict of interests could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional reasons, or any other shared interest.

Any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests during the implementation of the agreement must be brought to the attention of the Commission, in writing, without delay. The beneficiary shall undertake to take whatever steps are necessary to rectify this situation at once. The Commission reserves the right to check that the measures taken are appropriate and may demand that the beneficiary take additional measures, if necessary, within a certain time.

#### Article II.3 Confidentiality

The Commission and the beneficiary undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the agreement that is duly classed as confidential, if disclosure could cause prejudice to the other party. The parties shall remain bound by this obligation beyond the period covered by Community funding.

#### Article II.4 Publicity

**II.4.1.** Unless the Commission requests otherwise, any communication or publication by the beneficiary about the implementation of the work programme, including at a conference or seminar, shall indicate that it has received funding from the Community.

Any communication or publication by the beneficiary, in any form and medium, shall indicate that sole responsibility lies with the author and that the Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.

**II.4.2.** The beneficiary authorises the Commission to publish the following information in any form and medium, including via the Internet:

- the beneficiary's name and the address,
- the subject and purpose of the grant,
- the amount granted and the proportion of the beneficiary's total operating budget covered by the funding.

Upon a reasoned and duly substantiated request by the beneficiary, the Commission may agree to forgo such publicity if disclosure of the information indicated above would risk compromising the beneficiary's security or prejudicing his commercial interests.

## **Article II.5 Evaluation**

Whenever the Commission carries out an interim or final evaluation of the grant's impact measured against the objectives of the Community programme concerned, the beneficiary undertakes to make available to the Commission and/or persons authorised by it all such documents or information as will allow the evaluation to be successfully completed and to give them the rights of access specified in Article II.17.

## **Article II.6 Force Majeure**

**II.6.1.** *Force majeure* shall mean any unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the parties' control which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the agreement, was not attributable to error or negligence on their part, and proves insurmountable in spite of all due diligence. Defects in equipment or material or delays in making them available (unless due to *force majeure*), labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties cannot be invoked as *force majeure* by the defaulting party.

**II.6.2.** A party faced with *force majeure* shall inform the other party without delay by registered letter with advice of delivery or equivalent, stating the nature, probable duration and foreseeable effects.

**II.6.3.** Neither of the parties shall be held in breach of their obligations under the agreement if they are prevented from fulfilling them by *force majeure*. The parties shall make every effort to minimise any damage due to *force majeure*.

## **Article II.7 Award of Contracts**

**II.7.1.** If the beneficiary has to conclude contracts in order to implement the work programme and they involve eligible costs for the operating budget, he shall seek competitive tenders from potential contractors and award the contract to the bid offering best value for money; in doing so he shall observe the principles of transparency and equal treatment of potential contractors and shall take care to avoid any conflict of interests.

**II.7.2.** Contracts as referred to in paragraph 1 may be awarded only in the following cases:

- (a) they may only cover the execution of a limited part of the work programme;
- (b) recourse to the award of contracts must be justified having regard to the nature of the tasks covered by the work programme and what is necessary for its implementation;
- (c) the tasks concerned must be set out in Annex I and the corresponding estimated costs must be set out in detail in the budget in Annex II;
- (d) any recourse to the award of contracts while the work programme is being implemented shall be subject to prior written authorisation by the Commission;

- (e) the beneficiary shall retain sole responsibility for implementing the work programme and for compliance with the provisions of the agreement. The beneficiary must undertake to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the contractor waives all rights in respect of the Commission under the agreement;
- (f) the beneficiary must undertake to ensure that the conditions applicable to him under Articles II.1, II.2, II.3, II.4, II.5, II.8 and II.17 of the agreement are also applicable to the contractor.

## **Article II.8 Assignment**

Claims against the Commission may not be transferred.

In exceptional circumstances, where the situation warrants it, the Commission may authorise the assignment to a third party of the agreement and payments flowing from it following a written request to that effect, giving reasons, from the beneficiary. If the Commission agrees, it must make its agreement known in writing before the proposed assignment takes place. In the absence of the above authorisation, or in the event of failure to observe the terms thereof, the assignment shall not be enforceable against and shall have no effect on the Commission. In no circumstances shall such an assignment release the beneficiary from his obligations to the Commission.

## **Article II.9 Termination of the Agreement**

### **II.9.1. Termination by the beneficiary**

In duly justified cases, the beneficiary may withdraw his request for a grant and terminate the agreement at any time by giving 60 days' written notice stating the reasons, without being required to furnish any indemnity on this account. If no reasons are given or if the Commission does not accept the reasons, the beneficiary shall be deemed to have cancelled this agreement improperly, with the consequences set out in the third subparagraph of paragraph 4.

### **II.9.2. Termination by the Commission**

The Commission may decide to terminate the agreement, without any indemnity on its part, in the following circumstances:

- (a) in the event of a legal, financial, technical or organisational change in the beneficiary's situation that is liable to affect the agreement substantially or to call into question the decision to award the grant;
- (b) if the beneficiary fails to fulfil a substantial obligation incumbent on him under the terms of the agreement, including its annexes;
- (c) in the event of *force majeure*, notified in accordance with Article II.6;
- (d) if the beneficiary is declared bankrupt, is being wound up or is the subject of any other similar proceedings;
- (e) if the beneficiary is found guilty of an offence involving his professional conduct by a judgment having the force of *res judicata* or if he is guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any justified means;
- (f) if the beneficiary is guilty of misrepresentation or submits reports inconsistent with reality to obtain the grant provided for in the agreement;
- (g) if the beneficiary has intentionally or by negligence committed a substantial irregularity in performing the agreement or in the event of fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity on the part of the beneficiary to the detriment of the Communities' financial interests. A substantial irregularity consists of any infringement of a provision of an agreement or regulation resulting from an act or an omission on the part of the beneficiary which causes or might cause a loss to the Community budget.

### **II.9.3. Termination procedure**

The procedure is initiated by registered letter with advice of delivery or equivalent.

In the cases referred to in points (a), (b) and (d) of paragraph 2, the beneficiary shall have 30 days to submit his observations and take any measures necessary to ensure continued fulfilment of his obligations under the agreement. If the Commission fails to confirm acceptance of these observations by giving written approval within 30 days of receiving them, the procedure shall continue to run.



Where notice is given, termination shall take effect at the end of the period of notice, which shall start to run from the date when notification of the Commission's decision to terminate the agreement is received.

If notice is not given in the cases referred to in points (c), (e), (f) and (g) of paragraph 2, termination shall take effect from the day following the date on which notification of the Commission's decision to terminate the agreement is received.

#### **II.9.4. Effects of termination**

In the event of termination, payments by the Commission shall be limited to the eligible costs actually incurred by the beneficiary up to the date when termination takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Article II.15. Costs relating to current commitments that are not due to be executed until after termination shall not be taken into account.

The beneficiary shall have 60 days from the date when termination takes effect, as notified by the Commission, to produce a request for final payment in accordance with Article II.13.4. If no request for final payment is received within this time limit, the Commission shall not reimburse the expenditure incurred by the beneficiary up to the date of termination and it shall recover any amount if its use is not substantiated by the activity reports and financial statements approved by the Commission.

By way of exception, at the end of the period of notice referred to in paragraph 3, when the Commission is terminating the agreement on the grounds that the beneficiary has failed to produce the final activity report and financial statement within the deadline stipulated in Article I.5 and the beneficiary has still not complied with this obligation within two months following the written reminder sent by the Commission by registered letter with advice of delivery or equivalent, the Commission shall not reimburse the expenditure incurred by the beneficiary up to the end of the period of eligibility for Community funding and it shall recover any amount if its use is not substantiated by the activity reports and financial statements approved by the Commission.

By way of exception, in the event of improper termination by the beneficiary or termination by the Commission on the grounds set out in points (e), (f) or (g) of paragraph 2, the Commission may require the partial or total repayment of sums already paid under the agreement on the basis of the activity reports and financial statements approved by the Commission, in proportion to the gravity of the failings in question and after allowing the beneficiary to submit his observations.

### **Article II.10 Financial Penalties**

By virtue of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, any beneficiary declared to be in grave breach of his obligations under the agreement shall be liable to financial penalties of between 2% and 10% of the value of the grant in question, with due regard for the principle of proportionality. This rate may be increased to between 4% and 20 % in the event of a repeated breach in the five years following the first. The beneficiary shall be notified in writing of any decision by the Commission to apply such financial penalties.

### **Article II.11 Supplementary Agreements**

**II.11.1.** Any amendment to the grant must be the subject of a written supplementary agreement. No oral agreement may bind the parties to this effect.

**II.11.2.** The supplementary agreement may not have the purpose or the effect of making changes to the agreement which might call into question the decision awarding the grant or result in unequal treatment of applicants.

**II.11.3.** If the amendment is requested by the beneficiary, he must send it to the Commission in good time before it is due to take effect and at all events one month before the date on which eligibility for Community funding ends, except in cases duly substantiated by the beneficiary and accepted by the Commission.

## **PART B Financial Provisions**

### **Article II.12 Eligible Costs**

**II.12.1.** To be considered eligible for Community funding, costs must satisfy the following general criteria:

- they must be directly connected with the subject of the agreement and they must be provided for in the estimated budget annexed to it;
- they must be necessary for implementation of the work programme covered by the agreement;
- they must be reasonable and justified and they must accord with the principles of sound financial management, in particular in terms of value for money and cost-effectiveness;
- they must be generated during the period of eligibility for Community funding as specified in Article I.2.2 of the agreement;
- they must be actually incurred by the beneficiary, be recorded in his accounts in accordance with the applicable accounting principles, and be declared in accordance with the requirements of the applicable tax and social legislation;
- they must be identifiable and verifiable.

The beneficiary's internal accounting and auditing procedures must permit a direct reconciliation of the costs and revenue declared in respect of the work programme with the corresponding accounting statements and supporting documents.

**II.12.2.** In particular, the following operating costs are eligible provided that they satisfy the criteria set out in the previous paragraph:

- the cost of staff, comprising actual salaries plus social security charges and other statutory costs included in the remuneration, provided that this does not exceed the average rates corresponding to the beneficiary's usual policy on remuneration;
- travel and subsistence allowances for staff, provided that they are in line with the beneficiary's usual practices on travel costs or do not exceed the scales approved annually by the Commission;
- the purchase cost of equipment (new or second-hand), provided that it is written off in accordance with the tax and accounting rules applicable to the beneficiary and generally accepted for items of the same kind. Only the portion of the equipment's depreciation corresponding to the period of eligibility for Community funding covered by the agreement may be taken into account by the Commission, except where the nature and/or the context of its use justifies different treatment by the Commission;
- costs of consumables and supplies;
- costs entailed by other contracts awarded by the beneficiary for the purposes of implementing the work programme, provided that the conditions laid down in Article II.7 are met;
- costs arising directly from requirements imposed by the agreement (in particular, audit costs), including the costs of any financial services (especially the cost of financial guarantees);
- overheads.

**II.12.3.** The following costs shall not be considered eligible:

- capital increases and return on capital;
- debt and debt service charges;
- provisions;
- interest owed;
- doubtful debts;
- exchange losses;
- VAT, unless the beneficiary can show that he is unable to recover it;
- costs declared and covered by a specific action receiving a Community grant;
- excessive or reckless expenditure.

**II.12.4.** Contributions in kind shall not constitute eligible costs. However, the Commission can accept, in duly substantiated exceptional cases, that the cofinancing of the work programme referred to in Article I.3.2 should be made up entirely or in part of contributions in kind. In this case, the value calculated for such contributions must not exceed:

- the costs actually borne and duly supported by accounting documents of the third parties who made these contributions to the beneficiary free of charge but bear the corresponding costs;
- the costs generally accepted on the market in question for the type of contribution concerned when no costs are borne.

Contributions involving buildings shall not be covered by this possibility.

In the case of cofinancing in kind, a financial value shall be placed on the contributions and the same amount will be included in the costs of the work programme as ineligible costs and in receipts of the work programme as cofinancing in kind. The beneficiary shall undertake to obtain these contributions as provided for in the agreement.

## **Article II.13 Requests for Payment**

Payments shall be made in accordance with Article I.4 of the Special Conditions.

### **II.13.1. Pre-financing**

Pre-financing is intended to provide the beneficiary with a float.

Where required by the provisions of Article I.4 on pre-financing, the beneficiary shall furnish a financial guarantee from a bank or an approved financial institution established in one of the Member States of the European Union.

The guarantor shall stand as first call guarantor and shall not require the Commission to have recourse against the principal debtor (the beneficiary).

The financial guarantee shall remain in force until final payments by the Commission match the proportion of the total grant accounted for by pre-financing. The Commission undertakes to release the guarantee within 30 days following that date.

### **II.13.2. Further pre-financing payments**

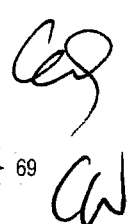
Where pre-financing is divided into several instalments, the beneficiary may request a further pre-financing payment once he has used up the percentage of the previous payment specified in the provisions of Article I.4 on further pre-financing. The request shall be accompanied by the following documents:

- a detailed statement of the eligible costs actually incurred;
- where required by the above-mentioned provisions of Article I.4, a financial guarantee in accordance with paragraph 1;
- where required by the above-mentioned provisions of Article I.4, an external audit report on the beneficiary's accounts. The external audit shall be carried out by an independent body or expert officially authorised to carry out audits of accounts. The purpose of the audit is to certify that the financial documents submitted to the Commission by the beneficiary comply with the financial provisions of the agreement, that the costs declared are the actual costs, and that all receipts have been declared;
- any other documents in support of his request that may be required by the Special Conditions in support of the request for further pre-financing payments.

The documents accompanying the request for payment shall be drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions in Article I.5 and the annexes.

### **II.13.3. Interim payments**

Interim payments are intended to reimburse the beneficiary for expenditure on the basis of a detailed statement of the costs incurred, once the work programme has reached a certain level of completion. It may clear all or part of any prefinancing.

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By the appropriate deadline indicated in Article I.5, the beneficiary shall submit a request for interim payment accompanied by the following documents:

- an interim report on implementation of the work programme;
- an interim financial statement of the eligible costs actually incurred, following the structure of the estimated budget;
- where required by the provisions of Article I.4 on interim payment, an external audit report on the beneficiary's accounts. The external audit shall be carried out by an independent body or expert officially authorised to carry out audits of accounts. The purpose of the audit is to certify that the financial documents submitted to the Commission by the beneficiary comply with the financial provisions of the agreement, that the costs declared are the actual costs, and that all receipts have been declared.

The documents accompanying the request for payment shall be drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions in Article I.5 and the annexes. If an external audit of the beneficiary's accounts is not required, the beneficiary himself shall certify that the financial documents submitted to the Commission comply with the financial provisions of the agreement, that the costs declared are the actual costs, and that all receipts have been declared.

On receipt of these documents, the Commission shall have the period specified in Article I.4 in order to:

- approve the interim report on implementation of the work programme;
- ask the beneficiary for supporting documents or any additional information it deems necessary to allow the approval of the report;
- reject the report and ask for the submission of a new report.

Failing a written reply from the Commission within the time limit for scrutiny indicated above, the report shall be deemed to have been approved. Approval of the report accompanying the request for payment shall not imply recognition of their regularity or of the authenticity, completeness and correctness of the declarations and information they contain.

Requests for additional information or a new report shall be notified to the beneficiary in writing. The beneficiary shall have the period laid down in Article I.4 to submit the information or new documents requested. If additional information is requested, the time limit for scrutiny shall be extended by the time it takes to obtain this information. Where a report is rejected and a new report requested, the approval procedure described in this article shall apply. In the event of renewed rejection, the Commission reserves the right to terminate the agreement by invoking Article II.9.2(b).

#### **II.13.4. Payment of the balance**

Payment of the balance, which may not be repeated, is made after the end of the period of eligibility for Community funding on the basis of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiary in carrying out the work programme. It may take the form of a recovery order where the total amount of earlier payments is greater than the amount of the final grant determined in accordance with Article II.15.

By the appropriate deadline indicated in Article I.5, the beneficiary shall submit a request for payment of the balance accompanied by the following documents:

- a final report on implementation of the work programme;
- a final financial statement of the eligible costs actually incurred, following the structure of the estimated budget;
- a full summary statement of the receipts and expenditure in the beneficiary's accounts for the period of eligibility covered by the agreement;
- where required by the provisions of Article I.4 on payment of the balance, an external audit report on the beneficiary's accounts. The external audit shall be carried out by an independent body or expert officially authorised to carry out audits of accounts. The purpose of the audit is to certify that the financial documents submitted to the Commission by the beneficiary comply with the financial provisions of the agreement, that the costs declared are the actual costs, and that all receipts have been declared.

The documents accompanying the request for payment shall be drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions in Article I.5 and the annexes. If an external audit of the beneficiary's accounts is not required, the beneficiary himself shall certify that the financial documents submitted to the

Commission comply with the financial provisions of the agreement, that the costs declared are the actual costs, and that all receipts have been declared.

On receipt of these documents, the Commission shall have the period specified in Article I.4 in order to:

- approve the final report on implementation of the work programme;
- ask the beneficiary for supporting documents or any additional information it deems necessary to allow the approval of the report;
- reject the report and ask for the submission of a new report.

Failing a written reply from the Commission within the time limit for scrutiny indicated above, the report shall be deemed to have been approved. Approval of the report accompanying the request for payment shall not imply recognition of their regularity or of the authenticity, completeness and correctness of the declarations and information they contain.

Requests for additional information or a new report shall be notified to the beneficiary in writing. The beneficiary shall have the period laid down in Article I.4 to submit the information or new documents requested. If additional information is requested, the time limit for scrutiny shall be extended by the time it takes to obtain this information. Where a report is rejected and a new report requested, the approval procedure described in this article shall apply. In the event of renewed rejection, the Commission reserves the right to terminate the agreement by invoking Article II.9.2(b).

## **Article II.14 General Provisions on Payments**

**II.14.1.** Payments shall be made by the Commission in euro. Any conversion of actual costs into euro shall be made at the daily rate published in the Official Journal of the European Union or, failing that, at the monthly accounting rate established by the Commission and published on its website applicable on the day when the payment order is issued by the Commission, unless the Special Conditions of the agreement lay down specific provisions.

Payments by the Commission shall be deemed to be effected on the date when they are debited to the Commission's account.

**II.14.2.** The Commission may suspend the period for payment laid down in Article I.4 at any time by notifying the beneficiary that his request for payment is not admissible, either because it does not comply with the provisions of the agreement, or because the appropriate supporting documents have not been produced, or because there is a suspicion that some of the expenses in the request for payment are not eligible and additional checks are being conducted.

The Commission may also suspend its payments at any time if the beneficiary is found or presumed to have infringed the provisions of the agreement, in particular in the wake of the audits and checks provided for in Article II.17.

The Commission shall inform the beneficiary of any such suspension by registered letter with advice of delivery or equivalent. Suspension shall take effect on the date when the letter is sent by the Commission. The remaining payment period shall start to run again from the date when a properly constituted request for payment is registered, when the supporting documents requested are received, or at the end of the suspension period as notified by the Commission.

**II.14.3.** On expiry of the period for payment specified in Article I.4, and without prejudice to paragraph 2 of this Article, the beneficiary may, within two months following the date of receipt of a late payment, request payment of interest on the late payment at the rate applied by the European Central Bank for its main refinancing operations in euros, plus three and a half points; the reference rate to which the increase applies shall be the rate in force on the first day of the month of the final date for payment, as published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union. This provision shall not apply to recipients of a grant which are public authorities of the Member States of the European Union.

Interest on late payment shall cover the period from the final date for payment, exclusive, up to the date of payment as defined in paragraph 1, inclusive. The interest shall not be treated as a receipt for

the purposes of determining the final grant within the meaning of Article II.15.4. The suspension of payment by the Commission may not be considered as late payment.

**II.14.4.** The beneficiary shall inform the Commission of the amount of any interest or equivalent benefits yielded by the pre-financing it has received from the Commission. Notification must be made annually if the interest in question represents a significant amount, and in any event when the request is made for interim payment or for payment of the balance that clears the pre-financing. The interest shall not be treated as a receipt within the meaning of Article II.15.4. The Commission shall issue a recovery order in respect of it in accordance with Article II.16.

**II.14.5.** The beneficiary shall have two months from the date of notification by the Commission of the final amount of the grant determining the amount of the payment of the balance or the recovery order in application of Article II.15, or failing that of the date on which the payment of the balance was received, to request information in writing on the determination of the final grant, giving reasons for any disagreement. After this time such requests will no longer be considered. The Commission undertakes to reply in writing within two months following the date on which the request for information is received, giving reasons for its reply. This procedure is without prejudice to the beneficiary's right to appeal against the Commission's decision pursuant to Article I.8. Under the terms of Community legislation in this matter, such appeals must be lodged within two months following the notification of the decision to the applicant or, failing that, following the date on which the applicant learned of the decision.

## **Article II.15 Determining the Final Grant**

**II.15.1.** Without prejudice to information obtained subsequently pursuant to Article II.17, the Commission shall adopt the amount of the final payment to be granted to the beneficiary on the basis of the documents referred to in Article II.13.4 which it has approved.

**II.15.2.** The total amount paid to the beneficiary by the Commission may not in any circumstances exceed the maximum amount of the grant laid down in Article I.3.2, even if the total actual costs eligible exceed the estimated total eligible costs specified in Article I.3.1.

**II.15.3.** If the actual eligible costs at the end of the period of eligibility are lower than the estimated total eligible costs, the Commission's contribution shall be limited to the amount obtained by applying the Community grant percentage specified in Article I.3.2 to the actual eligible costs approved by the Commission.

**II.15.4.** The beneficiary hereby agrees that the grant shall be limited to the amount necessary to balance the receipts and expenditure in the operating budget which allows the work programme to be implemented and that it may not in any circumstances produce a profit for him. Profit shall mean any surplus of the beneficiary's total actual operating receipts over his total actual operating costs. The actual costs to be taken into account shall be those which have been established, generated or confirmed on the date on which the request for payment of the balance is drawn up by the beneficiary for financing other than the Community grant, to which shall be added the amount of the grant determined by applying the principles laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article. For the purposes of this article, only operating costs shown in the beneficiary's financial statements and falling within the categories set out in the estimated budget referred to in Article I.3.1 and contained in Annex II shall be taken into account; non-eligible costs shall always be covered by non-Community resources.

Any surplus determined in this way shall result in a corresponding reduction in the amount of the grant.

**II.15.5.** Without prejudice to the right to terminate the agreement under Article II.9, and without prejudice to the right of the Commission to apply the penalties referred to in Article II.10, if the approved work programme is not implemented or is implemented poorly, partially or late, the Commission may reduce the grant initially provided for in line with the actual implementation of the work programme on the terms laid down in this agreement.

**II.15.6.** On the basis of the amount of the final payment determined in this way and of the aggregate amount of the payments already made under the terms of the agreement, the Commission shall set

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the amount of the payment of the balance as being the amount still owing to the beneficiary. Where the aggregate amount of the payments already made exceeds the amount of the final grant, the Commission shall issue a recovery order for the surplus.

## **Article II.16 Recovery**

**II.16.1.** If any amount is unduly paid to the beneficiary or if recovery is justified under the terms of the agreement, the beneficiary undertakes to repay the Commission the sum in question on whatever terms and by whatever date it may specify.

**II.16.2.** If the beneficiary fails to pay by the date set by the Commission, the sum due shall bear interest at the rate indicated in Article II.14.3. Interest on late payment shall cover the period between the date set for payment, exclusive, and the date when the Commission receives full payment of the amount owed, inclusive. This provision shall not apply to recipients of a grant which are public authorities of the Member States of the European Union.

Any partial payment shall first be entered against charges and interest on late payment and then against the principal.

**II.16.3.** If payment has not been made by the due date, sums owed to the Commission may be recovered by offsetting them against any sums owed to the beneficiary, after informing him accordingly by registered letter with advice of delivery or equivalent, or by calling in the financial guarantee provided in accordance with Article II.13.1. The beneficiary's prior consent shall not be required.

**II.16.4.** Bank charges occasioned by the recovery of the sums owed to the Commission shall be borne solely by the beneficiary.

**II.16.5.** The beneficiary understands that under Article 256 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Commission may adopt an enforceable decision formally establishing an amount as receivable from persons other than States. An action may be brought against such decision before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities.

## **Article II.17 Checks and Audits**

**II.17.1.** The beneficiary undertakes to provide any detailed information requested by the Commission or by any other outside body authorised by the Commission to check that the work programme and the provisions of the agreement are being properly implemented.

**II.17.2.** The beneficiary shall keep at the Commission's disposal all original documents, especially accounting and tax records, or, in exceptional and duly justified cases, certified copies of original documents relating to the agreement for a period of five years from the date of payment of the balance specified in Article I.4.

**II.17.3.** The beneficiary agrees that the Commission may have an audit of the use made of the grant carried out either directly by its own staff or by any other outside body authorised to do so on its behalf. Such audits may be carried out throughout the period of implementation of the agreement until the balance is paid and for a period of five years from the date of payment of the balance. Where appropriate, the audit findings may lead to recovery decisions by the Commission.

**II.17.4.** The beneficiary undertakes to allow Commission staff and outside persons authorised by the Commission the appropriate right of access to the beneficiary's premises and to all the information, including information in electronic format, needed in order to conduct such audits.

**II.17.5.** By virtue of Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 and Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and the Council, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may also carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with the procedures laid down by Community law for the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities against fraud and other

irregularities. Where appropriate, the inspection findings may lead to recovery decisions by the Commission.

The European Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the Commission, notably right of access, as regards checks and audits.

#### Signatures

1. For the Beneficiary,  
Ms Catriona WILLIAMS  
President  
EUROCHILD AISBL

*C. Williams*

Done at Cardiff, Wales, UK (place)

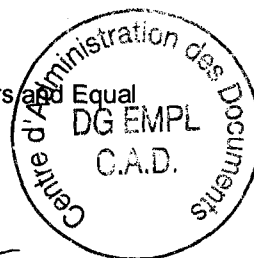
15th December 2006 (date)

2. For the Commission,  
Adam TYSON  
Head of Unit  
Employment, Social Affairs and Equal  
Opportunities DG

*Adam Tyson*

Done at Brussels

19 December 2006 (date)



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In duplicate, in English.

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## ANNEX I Beneficiary's work programme

### COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMME TO COMBAT SOCIAL EXCLUSION 2002-2006 CALL FOR PROPOSALS VP/2005/007 FOR THE SUPPORT TO KEY EUROPEAN NETWORKS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

#### PART II: PROPOSAL 2006 APPLICATION FORM

YEAR 2

Please read carefully the "Guidelines" and the "Applicant's guide" attached before filling in this form.

#### SECTION I

(Please fill in only if there are changes in relation to last year's application)

#### Information related to the Key European Networks seeking Community support

In this section, the applicant is requested to provide all information concerning the organisation of the European network and its operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience, including CVs of the persons (staff and external experts/consultants) who will carry out the proposed activities, their language capacities, an organisational chart, a description of the tasks of ALL staff involved in the activities.

##### 1.1. Structure of the European network

\*Which organisations may join the European network as members?

(please specify what steps are needed for an organisation to join your network, which reasons could justify a refusal to admit it, etc.)

Eurochild AISBL is the active network of organisations and individuals working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people. Eurochild's work is underpinned by the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The association has the following non-profit-making, internationally useful objectives:

***'to promote the welfare and rights of children and young people' through:***

- producing, developing and sharing information on policy and practice;
- monitoring and influencing policy development at the European level;
- developing interest groups and partnerships between members in European countries;
- developing partnerships with other European associations that share common goals;
- influencing and making recommendations to international institutions such as the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the United Nations;
- supporting and developing the capacity of members;
- empowering children and young people to make their views heard;

Eurochild AISBL is open to all organisations and individuals from the non-profit sector working in the social field with an interest in the welfare and rights of children and young people in Europe.

According to Article 4. of the Statutes membership is available to organisations with legal personality and individuals who can demonstrate they are able to meet the criteria laid down by the Management Board and approved by the General Assembly. The association is open to Belgians and to other nationalities.

*Effective Members include:*

- NGO's with an interest in the welfare and rights of children and young people
- Statutory bodies with an interest in the welfare and rights of children and young people
- Academic and research institutions with an interest in the welfare and rights of children and young people. Professional Associations with an interest in the welfare and rights of children and young people

Effective members have complete membership of Eurochild. Effective members set the guidelines and the priorities of the association and make an ongoing contribution to its activities. Effective Members have full voting rights and are appointed following recommendation by the Management Board plus approval by the General Assembly.

*Associate Members include:*

- Government Departments
- Any organisation or individual approved by the Management Board, concerned with furthering the objectives of Eurochild

Associate members may take part in the activities of Eurochild. They are kept informed about its activities, and are invited to take part in them on an occasional basis if they are interested. Associate Members have speaking rights but do not have voting rights and are appointed following recommendation by the Management Board plus approval by the General Assembly.

*Honorary Members include:*

- Any organisation or individual approved by the Management Board, concerned with furthering the objectives of Eurochild

Honorary Members do not have speaking nor voting rights and are appointed following recommendation by the Management Board plus approval by the General Assembly.

The current principles on which criteria for membership, accreditation of members and payment of subscriptions are determined are contained in Articles four, five and six respectively of Eurochild AISBL's statutes, which state that 'membership is available to organisations with legal personality and individuals who can demonstrate they are able to meet the criteria laid down by the Management Board and approved by the General Assembly' and that 'every person or Association desiring admission as an effective member, associate member or honorary member shall make written application in such form and manner as the Management Board may for the time being prescribe.' A copy of the applicant organisation's statutes or other legal status is always requested. Refusal of membership can be for a number of reasons e.g. lack of legal status or being subject of criminal investigation. Exclusion of members may also be put forward by the Management Board, following due process, as laid down in the statutes.

Thus, applications for admission as a member shall be directed to the Management Board duly completed and signed by the representative of the applying organisation.

The applications shall be in the standard form available on the Eurochild AISBL's website and be accompanied by the following documents:

- Work Programme of the current year
- Statutes of the organisation (preferably in English or French)
- A list of members and their addresses (if applicable)
- A declaration accepting the Eurochild's joint declarations

The Management Board shall review the membership application and issue an advice to the General Assembly, which shall decide whether or not to admit the applicant as a member.

\*Does your organisation have a fully-developed European secretariat? If not, see point 1.4.

Yes X

No

\*Name and number of people employed at the European secretariat, and tasks (please specify position, language skills levels and whether these people work full-time or part-time and include CVs) -paid employees

1. **Office Manager:**
  - Administration of computerised and other financial systems, assistance with budgetary monitoring and preparation of reports (processing of invoices, payments, liaison with external accountant for audit purposes, liaison with bank, European Commission, other funders).
  - Management of office systems and liaison with suppliers of services (translation services, conference services, telephone and IT services, equipment purchase and maintenance) including contract management.
  - Administration of personnel issues (salaries, holidays, relations with social secretariat, insurance, legal issues etc) including assistance with recruitment of staff and stagiaires.
  - Administration of meetings and conferences (room booking, catering, interpretation, secretarial support, travel and accommodation).
  - Communication with members (including the management of the membership database).
  - Administration of mail (including newsletters, members bulletins, publicity material).
  - Providing support to the Secretary General and Management Board.
  - Overseeing the work of stagiaires and/or volunteer workers.
2. **Ms. Anja Härtwig, Information Officer:** part-time (10 days a month) - language skills: Polish – German - English – French
  - Production of the Eurochild AISBL Newsletter.
  - Production of short Members' Information Bulletins & info-flashes.
  - Maintenance of information databases and mailing lists.
  - Maintenance & update of Eurochild AISBL website.
  - Overseeing the publication of the Annual Report and incidental reports & policy papers.
  - Developing promotional strategies in conjunction with the Secretary General, liaising with the media, press, drafting press releases and organising press conferences.
  - Providing information support to conferences, seminars, briefings and other public events.
3. **Ms. Anja Härtwig, Policy Development Officer:** part-time (12 days per month) - language skills: Polish – German - English – French
  - To keep up to date with the latest relevant policies/policy documents emanating from the European Parliament, European Commission, Council of Ministers, Council of Europe, UN etc.
  - To liaise with Members and other experts in relation to relevant developments especially relevant legal developments.
  - Drafting of policy documents, briefings, meeting and conference reports for the Secretary General and Members.
  - To work with Members, Secretary General and others to establish Eurochild position papers through the Policy Forums and also the policy strategy of Eurochild.
  - Preparation of lobbying material.
  - To work with the Secretary General to support representational policy activity in relation to other European Networks such as EAPN and the Social Platform through Members and staff.
  - To support the information work in relation to info flashes, e-briefings and newsletters.
  - To contribute to the work of the Secretary General and Management Board in the preparation of funding bids.
  - To work with the Secretary General to ensure high quality policy input into Eurochild events, and conferences.
  - Any other duties as may be required from time to time by the Secretary General.
4. **Ms. Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General:** full time - language skills: English – French – Spanish
  - Strategic planning, policy development and financial planning processes.
  - Overall management of the Brussels Secretariat, including the management and supervision of staff.
  - Overall management of the operational budget to achieve organisational objectives, ensuring compliance with funding agreements.

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- Overall management of organisational systems including legal, administrative, financial, personnel etc and implementation of the organisation's work programmes, projects and initiatives.
  - Effective representation of the organisation to external bodies.
  - Development of a strong and active membership base able to contribute fully to the realisation of organisational objectives.
  - Development of the public face of the organisation through effective promotional activities.
  - Promotion of Eurochild AISBL within relevant networks in Brussels, including the institutions of the EU and the NGO sector.
  - Development and implementation of effective internal processes for supporting and servicing the Management Board in the discharge of its duties.
  - Development and implementation of an Equal Opportunities approach to the organisation's work, including the employment of staff.
  - Overall management of Health and Safety matters relating to staff employed at the Secretariat and visitors.
  - Any other duties as may be required from time to time by the Management Board.
- volunteers

Eurochild AISBL will continue to call upon volunteers to assist Eurochild AISBL-staff for specific activities eg mailings and at specific events (seminar, AGM...) if the need arises. A recruitment procedure for volunteers has been developed and contacts with volunteer-organisations have developed.

## 1.2. Describe the members of the European network

Please give details on the importance and representativeness of each organisation, in terms of structure and affiliated members as well as its nature and country of origin

Eurochild AISBL was registered as an international NGO on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004 and is able to charge membership fees. Since April 2005, with the support of the European Commission, the Management Board of Eurochild AISBL has started work on a membership recruitment strategy with more energy and attention being paid to recruiting new valuable members throughout the EU. This process has started to have results as the number of organisations interested in becoming members of Eurochild AISBL is increasing.

Some of our members are national umbrella organisations representing NGO's, local authority social services and education departments, plus health organisations. In addition, other not for profit organisations such as academic institutions and statutory agencies can become members and European, national and local politicians can also become Associate Members.

Members meet at least twice per year to determine the policy and practice of the organisation as well as elect its officers and Board of Management. Eurochild monitors trends and developments affecting children, young people and their families and seeks to inform and influence the development of policies and legislation at EU level. It provides an important policy and practice forum for its members, facilitating exchange and dissemination of good practice through its conference and expert meetings, paper and web based information and the development of partnership projects.

There are many examples of the results of this joint activity and numerous examples of successful policy changes to date. The EU funded Child Poverty project and subsequent representational work, and the Family Support Projects were completed by members of the Network.

In view of the range of members it is difficult to do justice to them in one or two paragraphs. The importance of the membership at national level is undisputed. As previously stated there are several umbrella organisations in membership with hundreds of organisational members within their own countries. For example in separate jurisdictions within the UK (England, Scotland and Wales), and in countries such as Finland, Estonia, Germany and Cyprus, we have active umbrella member organisations that are the only national membership organisations within their countries and so are the most influential organisations at national level in terms of influencing governments in matters affecting children and particularly in relation to children who are socially excluded. In a range of countries for example Finland, Wales, Scotland, England and Germany, the umbrella bodies in membership of Eurochild also have not for profit statutory sector members such as local authorities, municipalities, statutory health bodies and academic and professional institutions and bodies. This means that they are able to promote policy change directly to local authority level and professional networks as well as to governments.

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Eurochild currently has the following 36 members in 18 different countries (17 EU-Member States + 1 other European Country):

## **ALBANIA**

### **CRCA**

*The children's Human Rights Centre of Albania – CRCA* is a non-governmental, non-political, non-religious and non-profit organisation. The mission of CRCA is the protection and development of children's rights in Albania based to the standards and principals of the Convention for the Rights of the Child of UN.

CRCA was established in March 1997 and approved by Tirana District Court on June of the same year. Members of CRCA are young and well-known lawyers, physicians, journalists, sociologists specialising in children's rights and issues. CRCA is organised in two main boards: The Board of Directors and The Board of Advisers. Members of the Board of Advisers are well-known personalities and activists of children's rights

The strategy for action of the Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania is based on the improvement and rise of children's rights in Albania through implementing fully in practice the national laws for the protection of children and their rights. Also it is important the implementation of international standards for children's rights.

This strategy it is active because it will be implemented within a short period of time with concrete action and other direct measures. This strategy during its implementation will respect all the objective changes of the Albanian society.

The strategy for action of CRCA will be developed in two main directions: short - mid term, long term.

## **BELGIUM**

### **Dyslexia International - Tools and Technologies**

Dyslexia International - Tools and Technologies (D-I-T-T) aims to bring full awareness of the problems associated with specific learning difficulties/dyslexia into the education systems of all EU Member States and beyond, and to improve the remedial help by making effective assessment and training available to all. D-I-T-T volunteers work with leading experts creating and promoting tools that enable dyslexic learners to succeed in a competitive world.

### **Europe's Children-Our Concern (EC-OC)**

Europe's Children-Our Concern (EC-OC) is a voluntary human rights based organisation which aims to help children and young people with learning difficulties living within Europe.

EC-OC aims to help these children and their parents by:

- Organising training sessions for parents, teachers and other professionals, on detection, assessment, support and therapy.
- Running a dedicated help line so that anybody - parent, child or teacher - who needs help or information about learning difficulties has somebody to listen to them and offer advice if that is asked for.
- Providing information on matters such as finding therapists, support groups and other resources, and the availability of support and learning programmes in the different schools.
- Informing parents, children and teachers of important events in the field of learning disabilities as well as keeping people up to date with developments in the field through the twice-yearly EC-OC newsletter and the monthly Online News.
- Running a Special Needs Library, open to all.
- Organising an annual multilingual training conference.
- Carrying out research into best practice in this field throughout Europe, with a view to disseminating this information through organisations such as the European Agency for the Development in Special Needs Education.
- Working with other organisations to raise awareness in society of learning difficulties and the impact of 'hidden' disabilities on the education and lives of those children and young people who learn differently.

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- Encouraging change in the way learning difficulties are perceived in society so as to promote inclusion and enable as many children and young people as possible to reach their full potential in mainstream education.

EC-OC was set up in 1993 and while it is primarily active in Brussels it has an extensive network of connections with like-minded organisations across Europe, particularly in France, Luxembourg, Germany and The Netherlands.

Europe's Children - Our Concern is run entirely by volunteers and therefore all funding provided by sponsors directly supports the activities on behalf of children and young people with learning difficulties.

#### **Minor Ndako**

Reception and support centre for unaccompanied minors who have not sought asylum or who were not provided with asylum. 15 people from 12 to 18 are in this center. These minors are accompanied for 3 months up to one year in order to solve their problem. Minor Ndako is an open institution, in the framework of the Help to young people of the Flemish community.

#### **Mr Eugene Verhellen – Honorary member**

Faculteit Psychologische en Pedagogische Wetenschappen  
Department Sociale, Culturele en Vrijtijdsagogiek

The Children's Rights Centre was set up in 1978 and is led by Emeritus Prof. Dr. E. Verhellen. The Centre is a functional entity, linked to the Department of Social Welfare Studies, headed by Prof. Dr. M. De Bie, both at Ghent University.

The Centre focuses its activities on the scientific study of children's rights and aims to achieve a wide dissemination of its research findings.

Furthermore, The United Nations *International Convention on the Rights of the Child* is a tangible instrument to stimulate the respectful treatment of children and young people. Under the supervision of Emeritus Prof. Dr. E. Verhellen, the Centre has acted as a pioneer in the proliferation and promotion of the *International Convention on the Rights of the Child* on both the national and international level.

#### **Younglives/Toekan**

**Younglives** is an initiative of Artbrussels and Toekan/ChangeTout, which has had its 3rd edition in 2005. Younglives gathers a unique collection of children works of art collected thanks to the volunteer free participation of children, young people, schools and art academies and several Belgian artists.

Each year this collection is shown and sold to the public during the Artbrussels art fair during five days.

The money collected during this yearly action is invested in "Propre Initiative". This projects launched by Toekan/ChangeTout aims at accompanying young disadvantaged persons who have an institutional past and help them integrating the society and lead an autonomous life.

#### **CYPRUS**

##### **The Pancyprrian Coordinating Committee for The Protection and Welfare of Children (PCCPWC)**

It is the National Body coordinating the District Committees for the Protection and Welfare of Children. Officially founded in 1994, apart from its co-ordinating role, the PCCPWC safeguards and promotes children's rights and addresses the problems faced by children in exercising their rights. According to its Statute the PCCPWC is committed to working towards the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In pursuing its aims the PCCPWC:

- continued and upgraded the traditional annual events of Children's Week and Children's Festival which used to be the main activities of the District Committees since International Youth Year
- formed a Special Committee to monitor the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- launched a Programme of Scientific Research in the field of Child Welfare
- joined the International Forum for Child Welfare and Eurochild
- instituted an annual Pancyprrian Conference on Child Protection and Welfare
- planned a series of public interventions through the publication of position papers on current child welfare issues.

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Members of the PCCPWC are the District Committees which, in turn, are formed by Child-Care and Child Welfare NGO's, Women groups, Youth groups, Unions, professional Associations and interested individuals. The State Welfare Office, Ministries and City Councils participate in a consultative role.

#### 1. MEMBERS:

1. Takis Konis, consultant / expert on Child Protection and Welfare
2. Child Rights Support/Solidarity Movement (NGO on the promotion of Children's Rights)
3. Single Parent Association (NGO)
4. The Association on the Prevention and Fight against Family Violence (NGO)
5. Margarita Liassidou Foundation (NGO on the promotion of the rights of children with special needs – primarily cerebral palsy and mental retardation)
6. The Limassol Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children (NGO providing advocacy and services to abandoned/homeless/familyless children)
7. KIDS – The movement against child pornography
8. The Cyprus Children's Parliament (NGO)
9. The Pancyprian High School Student Movement (NGO)
10. The Youth Movement of the Pancyprian Labour Union
11. The Youth Movement of the Cypriot Worker's Union
12. The Independent Youth Association EDON
13. The Youth Organization of the Democratic Party (NEDIK)
14. The Youth Organization of the DISY Party (NEDISY)
15. The Cypriot Guides Association (girls)
16. The Cypriot Scouts Association (boys)
17. The Nicosia Cultural Home (NGO organising cultural activities that include minority children etc.)
18. The Social Worker's Association (NGO)
19. Pancyprian Women's Movement (POGO)
20. The Women's group of the Cypriot Democrats (GODIK)
21. The Socialist Women's Movement
22. The Women's group of the DISY Party (GODISY)
23. The Women's Group of the Free Democrats (GOED)
24. The Women's Movement "Protoporia"
25. The Pancyprian Environmental Movement
26. The Pancyprian Worker's Union (PEO) – Women's section
27. The Worker's Union SEK – Women's section
28. The Worker's Union DEOK – Women's section
29. The High School Teachers Union OELMEK
30. The Technical High School Teachers Union OLTEK
31. The Primary School Teachers Union POED
32. The Private Kindergarten Teachers Association
33. The Progressive Students Union (Proodeftiki)
34. The Cyprus Police
35. All Municipalities in Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos and free Famagusta (a total of 15 Municipalities)
36. The Social Welfare Office (Government)
37. The Ministry of Education on a consultative status

The list does not include individual members with full status (12 in all) and other government bodies participating on a consultative status.

#### DENMARK

##### Joint Council for Child Issues (Børnesagens Faellesråd)

*The Joint Council for Child Issues* is a Danish umbrella organisation comprising 14 national organisations which together take care fully or partly of more than 200.000 children and young people.

It actively takes part in the political debate on this subject, through the publishing of relevant information and commenting on proposals for new legislation and distributes funds to children and young people every year for projects and test projects in cases where it has proved impossible to obtain public grants.

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The purpose of Joint Council for Child Issues are to promote and inform, and to supervision of voluntary work of a social nature, that can be performed by organisations that work to highlight the plight of underprivileged children and the support available to them; to improve the support available and to formulate political opinion in this area nationally and internationally.

*The Joint Council for Child Issues aim to achieve the following goals:*

- *creating* a partnership between member organisations, and the coordination of common interests and initiatives, such as negotiations with the authorities, decision-makers and other interested partners in the professional and political arenas.
- *contributing* to debate, research and studies of the problems concerning children and young people and by supporting initiatives relevant to the work.
- *providing* information, such as arranging meetings and by publication of magazines.
- *attracting* financial resources for the work, by achieving the goals stated above, and apply for funding resources, and to make collections.

## **2. MEMBERS:**

Kristelig Forening til Bistand for Børn og Unge.  
Familieplejen Danmark  
Foreningen af Danske Døgninstitutioner for Børn og Unge  
Døgninstitutionernes Lands-Organisation  
Foreningen Jysk børneforsorg/Fredshjem  
Ungdommens Vel  
Landsforeningen Ungdomsringen  
FBU ForældreLANDSforeningen  
Børneforeningen - Mentalhygiejnisk Forening for Børn og Unge  
Børns Vilkår  
Mødrehjælpen af 1983  
Landsforeningen af Opholdssteder og Skole- Behandlingstilbud  
KFUM's Sociale Arbejde i Danmark  
Barnets Hus

## **ESTONIA**

### **Estonian Union for Child Welfare**

The Estonian Union for Child Welfare is a non-governmental umbrella organization, concerned with the advocacy of child's rights, interests and child welfare in Estonia. The membership of the EUCW comprises 36 local societies for child welfare.

The EUCW is a politically, ideologically and religiously independent democratic, voluntary organization fulfilling its objectives through members and with the support of donors and foundations at national as well as international level.

The EUCW was re-established on the 2nd of October 1988 in Viljandi. The Union followed the principles of the Estonian Association for Child Welfare operating in Estonia in 1918-1940 and set its main objectives as follows:

- To introduce the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and to make the information available to the wider public;
- To develop theoretical and practical approaches to the social assistance of a child;
- To collect and disseminate appropriate information to the public about child and family related issues and problems;
- To provide assistance to each child in need;
- Children's health protection.

The EUCW is an organisation with a long-term tradition and experience in the work for creating a safe environment and possibilities for full development of children with the participation and assistance of all members of society. For better fulfilment of its objectives EUCW undertakes activities in cooperation with public sector institutions, other NGO-s and other interested bodies.

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CW



## **Members:**

### 1. Tallinn

Central-Tallinn SCW

Katleri CCW

Pelgulinna CCW

Tallinn SCW

### 2. Harju County

Harku Parish SCW

Jõelähtme SCW

Keila Parish SCW

Keila SCW

Kuusalu SCW

Paldiski SCW

Saku SCW

Saue SCW

### 3. Ida-Viru County

Jõhvi SCW

Sillamäe SCW

TK Romashka

### 4. Jõgeva County

Tabivere SCW

### 5. Järva County

Järva SCW

Türi SCW

### 6. Lääne County

Läänemaa SCW

### 7. Lääne-Viru County

Kadrina SCW

Lehtse SCW

Rakvere Society for Child Welfare

Tapa SCW

### 8. Põlva County

Põlvamaa SCW

### 9. Pärnu County

Audru SCW

Pärnu SCW

### 10. Rapla County

Rapla SCW

### 11. Saare County

Saaremaa SCW

### 12. Tartu County

NAK Carpe Diem

Tartu SCW

Vara Parish SCW

### 13. Valga County

Valgamaa SCW

### 14. Viljandi County

Viljandimaa SCW

Võhma SCW

### 15. Võru County

Võrumaa SCW

## **Tallinn Children Support Centre**

**Tallinn Children Support Centre** (Tallinna Laste Tugikeskus) is a non-governmental non-profit organisation. Its mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect in Estonia, provide professional services for abused and street children and also for their family members. The Centre was established in 1998 by Open Estonia Foundation (Soros Foundation).

## **FINLAND**

## Central Union for Child Welfare in Finland

The *Central Union for Child Welfare* is the national umbrella organisation founded in 1937. Its members include **85 NGOs** and **34 municipalities** (20.4.2005). The Central Union speaks in the best interests of the child, tries to influence child policy, brings together different actors and organisations in the field of child welfare and shows responsibility for the development of the field of child welfare. Its main activities are in the areas of Information, Training, Research, Publications and Lobbying.

The organisation also has a very active international work programme and employs international officers. It is extremely supportive to developments in new Member States such as Estonia through joint projects and other activity.

### **Members**

#### NGOs

AMMATILLISTEN PERHEKOTIEN LIITTO  
ASEMAN LAPSET RY  
AUTA LASTA  
BARNAVÄRDSFÖRENINGEN I FINLAND  
BARNHEMSFÖRENINGEN SPARVBOET  
EBENESER-SÄÄTIÖ  
ELATUSVELVOLLISTEN LIITTO  
ELÄMÄ ON PARASTA HUUMETTA RY  
ENSI- JA TURVAKOTIEN LIITTO  
ERITYISHUOLTOJÄRJESTÖJEN LIITTO EHJÄ  
ETAPPI-RYHMÄ RY  
FILHA RY  
FINLANDS SVENSKA SOCIALFÖRBUND  
FÖRBUNDET DE UTVECKLINGSSTÖRDAS VÄL  
FÖRBUNDET HEM OCH SKOLA I FINLAND  
FÖRENINGEN FÖR BARNVÅRD  
HAUKKALAN LASTENPSYKIATRISSEN HOITOLAITOKSEN KANNATUSYHDISTYS  
HELSINGIN DIAKONISSALAITOKSEN SÄÄTIÖ  
HELSINGIN KAUPUNKILÄHETYS  
HELSINGIN NMKY  
INTERPEDIA RY  
INVALIDILIITTO  
KALEVAN NUORTEN LIITTO  
KEHITYSVAMMAISTEN TUKILIITTO  
KIRKKOPALVELUT  
KOTA - Lasten ja nuorten hyvinvointi  
KOTIRAUHASÄÄTIÖ  
KUULONHUOLTOLIITTO  
KUULOVAMMAISTEN LASTEN VANHEMPIEN LIITTO  
KUUROJEN JA SOKEAIN OPETTAJAIN LIITTO  
KUUROJEN LIITTO  
KÄTKYT- JA LAPSIKUOLEMAPERHEIDEN YHDISTYS KÄPY RY  
LASTEN KESÄ  
LASTEN LOMAYHDISTYS  
MANNERHEIMIN LASTENSUOJELULIITTO  
MINIJELLONAT RY  
NUORTEN KESKUS  
NUORTEN KOTKAIN KESKUSLIITTO  
NUORTEN PALVELU  
NUORTEN TUKIKODIT  
NUORTEN YSTÄVÄT  
OPETUSALAN AMMATTIJÄRJESTÖ OAJ  
PAASIKIVEN NUORISOKYLÄN SÄÄTIÖ  
PARASTA LAPSILLE  
PARIKANNIEMISÄÄTIÖ



PELASTAKAA LAPSET  
 PERHEHOITOLIITTO  
 PERHEKESKUS VILLE  
 PERHEKUNTOUTUSKESKUS LAUSTE  
 PESÄPUU  
 ROMANO MISSIO  
 SAMFUNDET FOLKHÄLSAN I SVENSKA FINLAND  
 SIPPOLAN KOULUKODIN KANNATUSYHDISTYS  
 SOS-LAPSIKYLÄ  
 SOSIAALI- JA TERVEYSTURVAN KESKUSLIITTO  
 SOSIAALI-, TERVEYS- JA KASVATUSALOJEN AMMATTILIITTO STEKA  
 SOSIAALIALAN KASVATTAJAT JA OHJAAJAT  
 SOSIAALIALAN KORKEAKOULUTETTUJEN AMMATTIJÄRJESTÖ TALENTIA  
 SOSIAALIJOHTO - SOCIALLEDNING  
 STIFTELSEN BRITA MARIA RENLUNDS MINNE  
 SUOMEN DEMOKRATIAN PIONEERIEJEN LIITTO RY  
 SUOMEN EVANKELISLUTERILAISTEN SEURAKUNTIEN  
 LAPSITYÖN KESKUS  
 SUOMEN KASVATUS- JA PERHENEUVONTALIITTO  
 SUOMEN KIRKON SEURAKUNTAOPISTON SÄÄTIÖ  
 SUOMEN LASTEN JA NUORTEN SÄÄTIÖ  
 SUOMEN LASTENHOITOALAN LIITTO  
 SUOMEN LASTENLÄÄKÄRIYHDISTYS  
 SUOMEN LASTENPSYKIATRIYHDISTYS  
 SUOMEN MONIKKOPERHEET  
 SUOMEN NMKY:N LIITTO  
 SUOMEN NOBAB - NOBAB I FINLAND  
 SUOMEN PELASTUSARMEIJAN SÄÄTIÖ  
 SUOMEN POIKIEN JA TYTTÖJEN KESKUS  
 SUOMEN SETTLEMENTTILIITTO  
 SUOMEN UUSPERHEELLISTEN LIITTO  
 STYVFAMILJERNA I FINLAND rf (SUPLI)  
 SUOMEN VANHEMPAINLIITTO  
 SYLVA RY - SUOMEN SYÖPÄSAIRAIDEN LASTEN HYVÄKSI  
 TOIVONTUPA  
 TURUN LASTENHUOLTOTYÖNTEKIJÄT  
 TURUN NMKY  
 UUDEN PERHEKULTTUURIN YHDISTYS  
 VAMMAISTEN LASTEN JA NUORTEN TUKISÄÄTIÖ  
 VESAISTEN KESKUSLIITTO  
 VÄESTÖLIITTO  
 YHTEISET LAPSEMME  
 YKSINHUOLTAJIEN JA YHTEISHUOLTAJIEN LIITTO

#### Municipalities

DRAGSFJÄRDIN KUNTA  
 ESPOON KAUPUNKI  
 HAUSJÄRVEN KUNTA  
 HELSINGIN KAUPUNKI  
 HYVINKÄÄN KAUPUNKI  
 HÄMEENLINNAN KAUPUNKI  
 IISALMEN KAUPUNKI  
 IMATRAN KAUPUNKI  
 JOENSUUN KAUPUNKI  
 JUVAN KUNTA  
 JYVÄSKYLÄN KAUPUNKI  
 KEMIN KAUPUNKI  
 KERAVAN KAUPUNKI  
 KIRKKONUMMEN KUNTA  
 KOTKAN KAUPUNKI  
 KOUVOLAN KAUPUNKI

  
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KUOPION KAUPUNKI  
LAHDEN KAUPUNKI  
LAPPEENRANNAN KAUPUNKI  
LEMPÄÄLÄN KUNTA  
MIKKELIN KAUPUNKI  
MÄNTYHARJUN KUNTA  
NOKIAN KAUPUNKI  
OULUN KAUPUNKI  
PARAISTEN KAUPUNKI  
PORVOON KAUPUNKI  
SEINÄJOEN KAUPUNKI  
TAMPEREEN KAUPUNKI  
TORNION KAUPUNKI  
TURUN KAUPUNKI  
VAASAN KAUPUNKI  
VANTAAN KAUPUNKI  
VARSINAIS-SUOMEN LASTENSUOJELUKUNTAYHTYMÄ  
VIROLAHDEN KUNTA  
ÄÄNEKOSKEN KAUPUNKI

#### **Mannerheim League for Child Welfare**

The **Mannerheim League** is the largest child welfare organisation in Finland. It has more than 95000 members and 564 local associations throughout the country. The Mannerheim League supports parenting and links between generations and works to promote health and a good environment for children. It arranges afternoon programmes for school children and educates them about substance abuse. It works with numerous organisations, businesses and networks in Finland and abroad.

#### **Pesäpuu Ry - Centre of Expertise in Child Welfare**

**Pesäpuu** is a national centre of expertise in child welfare. The main goals of their work are to hear children's voices and make children visible in child welfare services. They develop methods and concrete tools that help attain these goals.

The expertise at Pesäpuu consists of many-sided training, continuous development and research growing out of the needs of general practice. Pesäpuu aims to increase both quality and systematical planning in child welfare.

Pesäpuu runs its operations in close contact with e.g., municipalities, educational institutions, and both national and international non-governmental organisations.

#### **GERMANY**

#### **Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe (AGJ) Child and Youth Welfare Association**

The **AGJ** - founded in 1949 - is an alliance of German child and youth welfare organisations/institutions, which work on the Federal level. The AGJ has altogether approximately 100 member organisations. Furthermore there are experts in the fields of science and politics involved in different working groups, boards and panels of AGJ. AGJ is the legal entity of the National Coalition for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Germany.

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 Bund Deutscher PfadfinderInnen - Bundesverband  
 Bundesjugendwerk der Arbeiterwohlfahrt  
 Deutsche Beamtenbund-Jugend  
 Deutsche Jugend in Europa - DJO -  
 Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft St. Georg (DPSG)  
 Deutsche Schreberjugend - Bundesverband e.V.  
 Deutsche Sportjugend  
 Deutsche Wanderjugend  
 Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund  
 DLRG-Jugend  
 Jugend des Deutschen Alpenvereins  
 Naturfreundejugend Deutschlands  
 Ring Deutscher Pfadfinderinnenverbände  
 Solidaritätsjugend Deutschlands  
 Sozialistische Jugend Deutschlands - Die Falken

## LANDESJUGENDRINGE

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 Landesjugendring Hamburg e.V.  
 Hessischer Jugendring  
 Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.  
 Landesjugendring Niedersachsen e.V.  
 Landesjugendring Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V.  
 Landesjugendring Rheinland-Pfalz  
 Landesjugendring Saar e.V.  
 Kinder- und Jugendring Sachsen e.V.  
 Kinder- und Jugendring Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.  
 Landesjugendring Schleswig-Holstein  
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 Deutsches Rotes Kreuz e.V.  
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 Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband  
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Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Kinder- und Jugendschutz (BAJ)  
Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Mädchenpolitik e. V.  
Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Offene Kinder- und Jugendeinrichtungen e.V.  
BundesForum Kinder- und Jugendreisen e.V.  
Bundeskongress für Erziehungsberatung e.V. (bke)  
Bundesvereinigung kulturelle Jugendbildung e.V.  
Bundesvereinigung Lebenshilfe für Menschen mit geistiger Behinderung e.V.  
Deutsche Vereinigung für Jugendgerichte und Jugendgerichtshilfen e.V.  
Deutscher Kinderschutzbund  
Deutsches Jugendherbergswerk - Hauptverband  
Evangelischer Erziehungsverband e.V. (EREV)  
Internationaler Bund  
Internationale Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen  
Internationale Jugendgemeinschaftsdienste (ijgd)  
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von Menschen mit Lernbehinderungen e.V.  
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SOS Kinderdorf e.V.  
terre des hommes Deutschland e. V.  
Bundesverband privater Träger der freien Kinder-, Jugend- und Sozialhilfe e. V. - VPK

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Hessisches Sozialministerium  
Sozialministerium Mecklenburg-Vorpommern  
Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Soziales, Frauen, Familie und Gesundheit  
Ministerium für Generationen, Familie, Frauen und Integration  
des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen  
Ministerium für Bildung, Frauen und Jugend Rheinland-Pfalz  
Ministerium für Inneres, Familie, Frauen und Sport  
Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Soziales  
Ministerium für Gesundheit und Soziales des Landes Sachsen-Anhalt  
Ministerium für Justiz, Frauen, Jugend und Familie  
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Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der öffentlichen und freien, nicht konfessionell gebundenen  
Ausbildungsstätten für Erzieherinnen und Erzieher in der BRD - BÖfAE  
Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft katholischer Ausbildungsstätten  
für Erzieherinnen /Erzieher - BAGKAE  
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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Supervision e. V.  
Deutscher Berufsverband für Soziale Arbeit - DBSH  
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Fachbereichstag Soziale Arbeit  
Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft - GEW  
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Institut für Soziale Arbeit - ISA  
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## GREECE

### Panhellenic Association of Members of One Parent Families

#### Connect Helpline

CONNECT helpline 8018011177 for mental health issues of children and adolescents, was established in June 2005, working with mental health professionals, under the auspice of APHCA. The main target of this line is prevention in the mental health of children and adolescents, through early recognition, information, support and linking to the most suitable mental health services for long-term treatment. We provide counseling services through telephone to children and adolescents themselves, their parents, their teachers, their friends and anyone else interested.

## HUNGARY

### Family, Child, Youth Priority Non-Profit Association

*The Family, Child, Youth Priority Non-Profit Association* has been providing services for child protection professionals as well as families and children in need since 1993. In addition to publishing the only Hungarian professional bi-monthly journal and a number of books for professionals and all those interested, the Association takes part in different national and international research programs, organizes conferences, and runs training programs. In its Office for Family Mediation and Legal Aid the Association also provides direct help for those who wish to resolve a conflict or make a difficult decision, or need representation for themselves or for their children.

### **KEK Kev Konal Gyermekkrízis Alapítvány**

Kek vonal was created in 1993. Its mission is to help young people in crisis. The fields of intervention of this association are: missing children and sexually exploited children. Kek vonal operates as a telephone help line for children and young people. The can be called with any sort of problem.

Kek vonal is financed by private donations and, subsidies from the national government

### **National Association of Large Families / Nagycsaládosok Országos Egyesülete (NOE)**

The **National Association of Large Families** (Hungarian abbreviation: NOE) was founded in 1987. Its members are families in Hungary which bring up or have brought up at least three children. At present NOE has about 20.000 member families. NOE is a civil organisation which is not constrained by any religious or political beliefs but is based on mutual tolerance. Its main objectives are the promotion of the values of family life, influencing public feeling towards a family-friendly society, representing the interests of families in Hungary with a particular concern for large families, establishing communities and organising ways to help each other.

## **IRELAND**

### **Arts for peace foundation**

The Arts for Peace Foundation creates a holiday haven for children from war-torn regions. The charity aims to build trust between western and eastern communities.

### **Barretstown**

**Barretstown** provides psychosocial support for children diagnosed with cancer and other serious illnesses through an innovative residential camping programme of Therapeutic Recreation. The organisation also provides specialised programmes supporting the families of these children. The children and their families, not only from Ireland but also from 22 other European countries, take part in a special programme recognised by the medical world as playing an important part in their recovery from serious illness.

### **Children's Rights Alliance**

Children's Rights Alliance main activities:

1. Preparation of the Shadow Report providing an NGO perspective on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Ireland from 1998 to 2005.
2. Raising awareness of the UN convention on the Rights of the Child
3. Participation in Social Partnership to achieve improvements in the situation of children living in Ireland
4. Working with others to promote the ending of child poverty in Ireland.
5. Promotion of the rights of young people in the youth justice system.
6. continued support of CADIC (formerly Campaign against Deportation of Irish Children).

### **Members:**

Amnesty International  
Ana Liffey Children's Project  
Arrupe Society  
Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland  
ATD Fourth World  
Barnardos  
Barretstown  
Border Counties Childcare Network  
CARI  
Catholic Guides of Ireland  
Catholic Youth Care  
Childminding Ireland  
Children in Hospital Ireland





Children's Law Centre (Northern Ireland) (Affiliated member)  
 CityArts  
 Crosscare Aftercare Unit  
 Crosscare Drug Awareness Programme  
 DIT-School of Social Sciences and Legal Studies  
 Dublin Rape Crisis Centre  
 Dun Laoghaire Refugee Project  
 Educate Together  
 Education Department, UCD  
 Enable Ireland  
 Focus Ireland  
 Forbairt Naíonraí Teo  
 Foróige  
 Home-Start National Office Ireland Ltd.  
 Hope Voluntary Housing Association  
 IAYPIC  
 Inclusion Ireland (formerly Namhi)  
 Integrating Ireland  
 IPPA, the Early Childhood Organisation  
 Irish Association of Hospital Play Staff  
 Irish Association of Social Workers  
 Irish Association of Suicidology  
 Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway  
 Irish Congress of Trade Unions  
 Irish Council for Civil Liberties  
 Irish Foster Care Association  
 Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed  
 Irish National Teachers Organisation  
 Irish Penal Reform Trust  
 Irish Traveller Movement  
 Irish Youth Foundation  
 ISPC  
 Jack and Jill Children's Foundation  
 Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice  
 Junglebox FDYS  
 Kids Own Publishing Partnership  
 Kilbarrack Youth Project  
 La Leche League of Ireland  
 Lifestart National Office  
 Mary Immaculate College  
 Matt Talbot Community Trust  
 Mothers Union  
 Mounttown Neighbourhood Youth Project  
 National Association for Parent Support  
 National Children's Nurseries Association  
 National Parents Council (Post-Primary)  
 National Parents Council (Primary)  
 National Youth Council of Ireland  
 O.P.E.N.  
 One Family  
 Parentline  
 Pavée Point  
 Resident Managers Association  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 South West Wexford Community Development Group  
 St. Nicholas Montessori College  
 St. Nicholas Montessori Society  
 Step By Step Child and Family Project  
 Sugradh  
 Tallaght Partnership  
 The Ark, A cultural centre for children  
 The Irish Girl Guides


The Irish Refugee Council  
The Psychological Society of Ireland  
Treoir  
UNICEF Ireland  
Youth Initiative in Partnership  
Youth Work Ireland (National Youth Federation)

### **One Family**

Progressing the work of Cherish, established in 1972, **One Family** provides voice, support and action for one-parent families through membership, professional services and campaigning. Its aim is to affect positive change and achieve equality and social inclusion for all one-parent families in Ireland. One Family works with all types and all members of one-parent families, respecting the realities of family life in Ireland.

## **LATVIA**

### **Latvian Save the Children**

**Save the Children Latvia's** aim is to strengthen the NGO Network in Latvia and to expand awareness on the rights of children. It is based in Riga and works on legislation, government regulations, informing the society, trying to create public opinion, monitoring, co-operating with the relevant decision makers and executives, including those on the local level, and keeps local and international contacts.

#### **Members:**

Cerība bērniem (Hope for Children)  
Centrs pret vardarbību ģimenēs „Ozolniekos” (Centre against Violence in Families)  
Černobiļas bērni (Chernobyl children)  
Daudzbērnu ģimeņu biedrība „Atvasīte” (The Union of the Large Families)  
Ģimeņu atbalsta centrs „Avots” (Centre of Family Support "Source")  
Latvijas Bāriņtiesu asociācija (Association of Latvian Custody Courts)  
Latvijas Bērnu Fonds (Latvia Children's Fund)  
Latvijas Daudzbērnu Ģimeņu Biedrību Apvienība (Union of the Latvian Large Families Association)  
Latvijas Hemofilijas fonds (Latvia Hemophilia Fund)  
Latvijas Lauku Sieviešu apvienība (The Union of Latvia Country Women Association)  
Latvijas Mārtiņa fonds (Latvia Martin Fund)  
Latvijas Patērētāju interešu aizstāvības asociācija (klubs "Rēzekne") (Association for Protection of Latvian Consumers)  
Latvijas Vientuļo māšu biedrība "Iniciatīva, Cerība, Palīdzība"  
Misija "Pakāpieni" (Mission "Steps")  
Pašvaldību Savienība (The Union Of Local Governments)  
Rūpju bērns  
Sabiedrība par atklātību Delna (Transparency International Latvia)  
Sociālās pediatrijas centrs attīstības fonds „Saules mirdzums”  
Dundaga children and adolescents support Centre

## **LUXEMBURG**

### **Ombuds - Comité for the Rights of the Child**

**The OMBUDS-Comité fir d'Rechter vum Kand (called ORK)** was constituted according to the law of 25 July 2002. Its aims are to safeguard and promote children and young peoples' rights and interests (i.e. persons under 18 years of age).

Discussions previous to the set up of the ORK took into consideration the nomination of a national council of children (like in Denmark), of a children's office, of a committee or of one single person. Finally, the idea of one single person assisted by 5 other person, of a multidisciplinary team was

selected. The President is the only member working full time, other members benefiting from a financial indemnity.

The missions of the ORK are defined by the law of 25 July 2002. the members were suggested by the Minister of Family, Social solidarity and Youth to the Council of the Government on 20 November 2002.

**Members of the committee:**

Marie Anne RODESCH-HENGESCH, social worker, President  
Robert SOISSON, psychologist, Vice- présidente  
Valérie KRIEPS-DUPONG, lawyer, member  
Caroline MART, journalist, member  
Elisabeth MULLER-MEYRATH, mother, delegate from the Lëtzebuerger Guiden a Scouten, member  
Jean-Jacques KOHN, teacher, delegate from the National federation of Scouts, member

**MALTA**

**Foundation for Social Welfare Services**

In 1994 the Social Welfare Development Programme was set up by the Ministry for Social Policy. It was set up by the cabinet of Ministers to work for the improvement of the Social Welfare Sector as well as community development. Through the years, the number of services offered increased not only in number but also in quality.

In the year 2000 a re-structuring exercise was implemented which led to the setting up of APPOGG with the aim of prioritising and strengthening services for children in need of care, developing human resources, integrating all social work services, harmonising service standards and practices as well as positioning itself for expansion.

APPOGG delivers 24 services that target many sectors in the community; with particular emphasis on children.

Their aim is to provide, develop and promote social welfare services, in a coherent and integrated manner, reflecting the real and emerging needs of the service users, in order to enable them to enhance their potential.

**THE NETHERLANDS**

**NIZW (National Institute for Care and Welfare)**

The *Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare* (NIZW) is an independent organisation dedicated to quality and innovation of the care and welfare sector. NIZW informs, innovates and supports the sector and thus contributes to a caring society, in which citizens' personal responsibility and freedom of choice come first. NIZW's work is a combination of research, development and implementation of projects. This results in advice, change process support, training courses, conferences, publications, websites, videos and an information help line.

**PORTUGAL**

**CEBI - Foundation to Communitarian Development**

*The CEBI foundation* is a community organization whose main activity focuses on the areas of social work and education. Existing since 1968 it has built up an eighteen million Euro patrimony in diverse installations, ranging from nursery installations, Kindergarten, and old people's home and a clinic to primary and secondary schools. Altogether it provides assistance to approximately three thousand families. Although partially dependent on governmental support as well as support from other public entities, the social activity of CEBI Foundation is mainly financed by social grantmakers and through the payment of services.

Its recent action has been implemented by well defined goals, aiming the quality of services and the improvement of its economic and financial situation.

- Childcare @ home
- Childcare Connections
- Childline Scotland
- Children 1st
- Children in Northern Ireland
- Children in Scotland
- Children in Wales
- Children's Hearing Training Unit
- Children's Hearings Training Unit
- Children's Hospice Association Scotland
- Children's Services Providers Forum
- CHIP+ (Children in the Highlands Information Point)
- Churches Child Protection Advisory Service
- Citadel Youth Centre
- Clackmannan Nursery School
- Clackmannanshire Council
- Clackmannanshire Women's Aid
- Coatbridge and Bellshill Area Support Service
- Cockpen Nursery School
- Comhairle nan Eilean Siar(Western Isles Council)
- Community House
- Community Learning
- Contact a Family Scotland
- Cornerstone Community Care
- Cosgrove Care
- Couple Counselling Central Scotland
- Craigmillar Childcare Services
- Craigmillar Instep Project
- Croftamie Nursery
- CrossReach
- Croy Nursery School
- Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Workplace & Community Nursery
- Cumbernauld College
- Department of Social WorkGlasgow Caledonian University
- Diocese of Paisley
- Disability Rights Commission
- Down's Syndrome Scotland
- Dr Kay Tisdall
- Dr Rose Clark
- Dr Una MacFadyen
- Drake Music Project
- Drumchapel Education Support Team
- Drumchapel L.I.F.E.
- Drummore Special Needs School
- Dumbarton District Women's Aid
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Dunbar Primary School
- Dundee Children's Panel
- Dundee City Council
- Dunfermline & West Fife CHP
- Dunfermline High School
- Dyslexia Scotwest
- Early Years Equality (eye)
- East Ayrshire Council
- East Dunbartonshire Council
- East End Partnership Ltd
- East Inverclyde New Community Schools Project
- East Renfrewshire Council
- East Renfrewshire Youth Counselling Service
- Edinburgh Women's Aid
- Edinburgh Young Carers Project
- Edinburgh's Telford College

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- Education & Knowledge Portfolios
- Educational Institute of Scotland
- Educational Psychology Service
- Elgin Speech & Language Therapy Department
- Ellon Academy
- Ellon Community Centre
- ENABLE Scotland
- Encouraging Community Health Options
- Fair Play Training
- Fairbridge
- Falkirk Council
- Families Outside
- Family Fund
- Family Mediation Highland
- Family Mediation Scotland
- Family Rights Group
- Family Service Unit Scotland
- Family Support Team
- Farm 7
- Fife Childcare & Early Years Partnership
- Fife Community Mediation
- Fife Women's Technology Centre
- First Nursery
- Forres Local Community Network
- Forth Valley College Clackmannan
- Forth Valley NHS Board
- Foster Care Associates (Scotland)
- Fostering Solutions - Northern
- FosterPlus (Fostercare) Ltd
- Fraserburgh Integrated Community School
- FUSIONS
- Giant Productions Ltd
- Gingerbread
- Girvan Primary School
- Glasgow City Council
- Glasgow College of Nautical Studies
- Gorebridge Health Project
- Grampian University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Greater Pollok Family Resource Team
- Greengables Nursery School
- Grounds for Learning
- Harmeny Education Trust Ltd
- Hayocks School's Out Club
- Highland & Moray Accredited Training Services
- Highland Council
- Highland Pre-school services
- Hightae Primary School
- Highwayman Youth & Community Centre
- Hill's Trust Home School Community Project
- Hillbank Nursery and Family Centre
- Holywood Trust
- Home Start Deveron
- Home Start Garioch
- Home Start North East Aberdeenshire
- Home-Start
- Home-Start Perth
- Hope
- Hopefield Primary School
- Hopscotch Children's Charity
- Hospital Education & Home Tuition Service
- Hot Chocolate Trust
- Inchlair Nursery School

- Inchyra Nursery School
- Independent Nurseries Forum
- Inch Primary School
- Integrated Community Schools
- Integrated Community Schools West Fife
- Inverclyde Council
- Ish'uze Youth Action Project
- James Watt College of Further & Higher Education
- John Jamieson
- John Wheatley College
- Kersland School
- Kibble Education and Care Centre
- Kidicare Ltd
- Kids VIP
- Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust
- Kingsmeadows Nursery (Peebles) Ltd
- Kirkland High School and Community College
- Knightsridge Early Years Centre
- Ladywell Nursery School
- Lanarkshire Childcare Services
- Lasswade High School
- Lasswade Integration Team
- Learning and Teaching Scotland
- Leitrim County Childcare Committee
- Live Life Network
- Lord Fraser of Carmyllie
- Lord MacKay of Clashfern
- Loudoun Academy
- Lourdes Secondary School
- Lumphinnans Primary School
- McLaren High School
- Mearns Academy
- Meldrum Primary School
- Midlothian After School Clubs Association
- Midlothian Council
- Midlothian Women's Aid
- Mitchell Library
- Momentum
- Moore House School
- Motherwell & District Women's Aid
- Multi-Cultural Family Bas
- Napier University Learning Information Services
- National Association of Children's Information Services
- National Children's Bureau (NCB)
- National Family & Parenting Institute
- National Playbus Association
- Naval Personal and Family Service
- NCH Scotland
- Neighbourhood Support Team
- Newbattle Integration Team
- NHS Borders
- NHS Health Scotland
- Noah's Ark Playgroup
- North Ayrshire Council
- North Edinburgh Childcare
- North Glasgow Childcare Partnership Forum
- North Lanarkshire Council
- North Lanarkshire Out of School Care Forum
- North PACT
- Notre Dame Centre
- Ochil Tower School
- One Parent Families Scotland

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- One Plus: One Parent Families
- One Stop Childcare
- Open Secret
- Orkney Children's Panel
- Orkney Islands Council
- Out of School Learning
- PAMIS (Profound and Multiple Impairment Service)
- Parent Network Scotland
- Parent to Parent
- Parents 4 Parents, East Lothian
- Parents And Their Children's Hopes (PATCH)
- Park School
- Partners in Advocacy
- Perth & Kinross Childcare Partnership
- Perth and Kinross Educational Psychology Service
- Perth Grammar School
- Perth Theatre
- Pilton Community Health Project
- Pilton Youth & Children's Project
- Play Matters/ National Toy Libraries Association
- Play Scotland
- PNP Community Creche
- Portlethen Academy
- Pre 5 Forum
- Pre-5 Support For Learning
- Pre-School Home Visiting Service
- Princess Royal Trust Borders Carers Centre
- Prof Donnie MacLeod
- Project Ability
- Psychological Service (Fife)
- Pulteneytown People's Project
- Quarriers
- Queen Margaret Academy
- Reality Adventure Works
- Redburn School
- Renfrewshire Carers Centre
- Renfrewshire Council
- Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd
- Rev Lorna Murray
- Richmond Park School
- Riverside Primary School
- Road Safety Scotland
- Robert Gordon University
- Roshni
- Ross-Shire Women's Aid
- Rossie Secure Accommodation Services
- Royal College of Nursing Scotland
- Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health Scotland
- Ruth Heron
- Save the Children
- School of Nursing & Midwifery
- Scottish Association for Community Child Health
- Scottish Association of Children's Panels
- Scottish Borders Council
- Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments
- Scottish Childminding Association
- Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
- Scottish Consumer Council
- Scottish Health Promoting Schools Unit
- Scottish Health Visitors' Association
- Scottish Human Rights Centre
- Scottish Institute for Residential Childcare



- Scottish Out of School Care Network
- Scottish Parliament Information Centre
- Scottish Pre-School Play Association SPPA
- Scottish Schools Ethos Network and the Anti-Bullying Network
- Scottish Spina Bifida Association
- Scottish Women's Aid
- Scripture Union Scotland
- Sense Scotland
- Shetland Childcare Partnership
- Shetland Islands Council
- Shetland Pre-school Play Ltd
- Skelmorlie Primary School
- Snowdon School
- Social Work Inspection Agency
- Social Work Research Centre
- South Ayrshire Council
- South Lanarkshire Council
- Special Needs Information Point (SNIP)
- SSC (A Club For the Youth of Scotland)
- St Andrew's Children's Society
- St Columba's School
- St George's School for Girls
- St John's Primary School
- St Margaret's Academy
- St Mary's Primary School
- Star Project
- Stepfamily Scotland
- Stepping Stones for Families
- Stepping Stones North Edinburgh
- Stevenson College Edinburgh
- Stirling Council
- Strathallan School
- Strathesk Nursery School
- Support and Reintegration Service
- SWIIS Foster Care Scotland
- Tayside Council on Alcohol
- The Action Group
- The Big Step
- The British Association for Early Childhood Education
- The Bruce Trust
- The Children's Family Trust
- The Community School of Auchterarder
- The EDI Group Ltd
- The Glenrothes Virtual Family Centre
- The Hamilton School
- The Inclusion Group
- The Jane Moore Trust
- The Machan Trust
- The National Deaf Children's Society
- The Princess Royal Trust (Falkirk and Clackmannanshire) Carers Centre
- The Princess Royal Trust Angus Carers Centre
- The Princess Royal Trust Glasgow East End Community Carers Centre
- The Princess Royal Trust Young Carers Development Project
- The Rt Hon Bruce Millan
- The Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust
- The Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health
- The Scottish Institute of Human Relations
- The Scottish Throughcare & Aftercare Forum
- The SKY Project
- The Under 12s Project
- The Yard (Scotland Yard Adventure Centre)
- Thornybank Nursery





- Tourette Scotland
- Turnbull High School
- Unity Enterprise
- University of Paisley
- University of Strathclyde
- Venchie Children & Young People's Project
- Viewforth Nursery School
- Voluntary Service Aberdeen
- Volunteer Development Scotland
- Weans World Johnstone Ltd.
- West Inverclyde Integrated Community Schools
- West Johnstone Family Centre
- West Lothian Council
- West Lothian Youth Action Project
- Whitdale Early Years Centre
- Who Cares? Scotland
- Witchhill School
- Woodmill High School
- Young Minds
- Young Musicians Stornoway
- Young Person's Befriending Service
- Youth Inclusive

+ over 50 individual members

### **Children in Wales**

**Children in Wales** is the national umbrella organisation for children's organisations in Wales. It brings organisations and individuals together to make the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child a reality in Wales, fight for sustainable quality services and fair shares for all children and young people, ensure special attention and treatment for children in need and those who are marginalised, and give children and young people a voice.

#### **Members**

ABCD

Adran Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Ceredigion

AFASIC CYMRU

Amy Weir & Associates Ltd

BAAF Cymru

Barnardo's Cymru

Barnardo's Neville Street Project

BBC Children in Need

Big Lottery Fund

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales

Brecknock Women's Aid

Bridgend College

Bridgend County Borough Council

Bridgend Resource for Children with Disabilities

British Association of Social Workers

Bryn Melyn Group

Caerphilly County Borough Council

Caerphilly Parent Network

CAFCASS Cymru

Caia Park Early Years Forum

CAIR

Cardiff & the Vale Parents Federation

Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust

Cardiff Council

Cardiff Women's Aid

Care Co-ordination Network UK (CCNUK)

Carmarthenshire County Council

Carmarthenshire NHS Trust

Cartref Bontnewydd

Ceredigion County Council  
 Chief Executive  
 Child Safe Wales  
 Childhood Studies  
 Children's Information Bureau  
 Childworker  
 City & County of Swansea  
 Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs  
 Coleg Glan Hafren  
 Communities That Care  
 Contact a Family Wales  
 Conwy County Borough Council  
 CWVYS  
 Cyfle Cyntaf/First Opportunity  
 Cymdeithas Tai Hafan  
 Deeside College  
 DEWIS  
 Director of Consultancy  
 Discovery - Student Volunteering Swansea  
 Education Co-ordinator, Sure Start  
 Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru  
 ESIS  
 Fairbridge De Cymru  
 Family Fund  
 Family Planning Association  
 Family Support & Sure Start Co-ordinator  
 Flintshire Sure Start  
 Forensic Education  
 Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations  
 Gwynedd Council  
 Head of Children's Services  
 Home Start  
 Home Start Wales  
 Home-Start Wrexham  
 Interlink  
 Isle of Anglesey County Council  
 Law yn Llaw  
 Learning Disability Wales  
 M C Consultancy  
 Martin Price Independent Social Care Services  
 MENCAP Cymru  
 Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin  
 National Association of Toy & Leisure Libraries  
 National Autistic Society (NAS Cymru)  
 National Childminding Association (NCMA)  
 National Day Nurseries Association Cymru  
 National Deaf Children's Society  
 National Youth Advocacy Service  
 NCH Cymru  
 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council  
 Neath Port Talbot CVS  
 Newport City Council  
 Newport Local Health Board  
 NFPI  
 North East Wales NHS Trust  
 NSPCC Cymru  
 Offa Playschemes  
 Partnership Development Officer  
 Pembrokeshire & Derwen NHS Trust  
 Pembrokeshire County Council  
 Plant Dewi  
 Play Wales


Powys Carers Service  
 Powys Children & Families Forum  
 Professional Development Nurse  
 Project Co-ordinator  
 Prospects for Young People  
 Pyramid Trust Cymru  
 Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council  
 Right From The Start (Caerphilly)  
 Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health  
 Royal National Institute for Deaf People  
 Save the Children  
 Save the Children Wales  
 Scope Cwmpas Cymru  
 Senior Manager Youth Guidance  
 Shared Care Cymru  
 Sheila Booth Social Work Consultancy  
 SNAP Cymru  
 Social Interface  
 Spark Blaenymaes Ltd  
 Spurgeons Child Care  
 Stepping Stones  
 Sure Start Health Outreach  
 Swansea College  
 TACT Cymru  
 The Electoral Commission  
 The Frank Buttle Trust Cymru  
 Thomas Coram Research Unit  
 Torfaen County Borough Council  
 Torfaen Framework for Partnership  
 Torfaen Primary Mental Health Team  
 Training Co-ordinator  
 Trinity College  
 Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre  
 Ty Hafan Children's Hospice  
 University of Wales Swansea  
 University of Wales, Bangor  
 Voices from Care (Cymru)  
 Voluntary Action Cardiff  
 Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil  
 Wales Pre School Playgroups Association  
 Welsh Local Government Association  
 Welsh Refugee Council  
 Welsh Women's Aid  
 Wrexham Early Years Forum  
 Wrexham Play Association  
 Y Ganolfan Feithrin, Llanfair Caereinion  
 Youth Planning Facilitator  
 Ysgol Glanrafon  
 Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones  
 Ystrad Mynach College

Children in Wales works in partnership with Children in Scotland and the National Children's Bureau

#### **National Children's Bureau (NCB)**

**NCB** promotes the voices, interests and well-being of all children and young people. As an umbrella body for the children's sector in England and Northern Ireland, it provides essential information on policy, research and best practice for its members and other partners. Its aims are to challenge disadvantage in childhood, work with children and young people to ensure they are involved in all matters that affect their lives, promote partnerships and good practice, influence government policy, undertake research, disseminate information to all those working with children and young people and to children and young people themselves.

## **NCB membership**

Over 800 members from the following groups:

- Gov units
- Health & social services boards
- Hospitals & Community trusts
- Independent schools
- Local authorities
- Multi-agency
- Northern Ireland health organisations
- Nurseries
- Overseas organisations European
- Overseas organisations worldwide
- PCT
- Primary Schools
- Professional companies
- Residential Care homes
- Secondary Schools
- Special Schools
- Strategic Health Authorities
- Universities, colleges, libraries
- Voluntary Organisations
- District Councils

## **National Council of Voluntary Child Care organisations**

Vision: Ensuring the well-being and safeguarding of children and families through maximising the voluntary sector's contribution to the provision of services.



The government has set in motion a formidable change and modernisation agenda to ensure that public services are of the highest quality, and has announced plans for major changes to the way in which services to children, young people and their families are commissioned and delivered. NCVCCO is therefore particularly concerned to see that the critical role played by voluntary organisations in both the planning and delivery of services (recognised by Government in the 2002 Spending Review) at national and local level is not overlooked or sidelined as local authorities and other public sector partners engage with the developing priorities.

### **Strategic Aims:**

- To inform and influence policy and services in order to achieve better outcomes for all children, young people, their families and communities
- To promote the values and principles and maintain the profile of the voluntary child care and family support sector through maximising the potential of an umbrella group
- To address key practice and training issues for the benefit of voluntary organisations working with children, young people and families
- To achieve these they work not only with the Children and Families Directorate within the Department for Education and Skills, but also with HM Treasury, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the Department of Health, the Home Office, and the Department for Work and Pensions.
- Additionally they ensure that there is close collaboration with other infrastructure bodies at national, regional and local level, as well as working with their member organisations.

## **Members**

Adoption Matters  
After Adoption  
ATD Fourth World  
Barnardos

Blackburn Diocesan Adoption Agency  
 BREAK  
 British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF)  
 Browning House Family Assessment Centre  
 Catholic Caring Services  
 Catholic Childrens Rescue Society  
 Catholic Childrens Society (Brentwood)  
 Catholic Childrens Society (Clifton)  
 Catholic Children's Society (Southwark)  
 Catholic Childrens Society (Westminster)  
 Charterhouse Group, The  
 Childhood First  
 Children - North East  
 Children's Country Holidays Fund  
 Children's Family Trust, The (CFT)  
 Children's Links  
 Children's Society, The  
 Christian Family Concern  
 Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (PCCA Christian Child Care)  
 CLIC Sargent  
 Coram Family  
 Croydon Playcare Company  
 Daycare Trust  
 Devon Cap  
 DFW Adoption  
 Families for Children  
 Families Need Fathers  
 Family Care  
 Family Friends in Windsor and Maidenhead  
 Family Links  
 Family Rights Group (FRG)  
 Family Welfare Association  
 Fathers Direct  
 Fegans Child and Family Care  
 Forest YMCA of East London  
 Fostering Network  
 Friends United Network (FUN)  
 Fun in Action for Children  
 Gingerbread  
 Grandparents Association  
 Hamlet Centre Trust  
 Home Start Leeds  
 Home Start UK  
 HOPE for Children and their Families  
 Howgill Centre  
 Huddleston Centre  
 Manchester Jewish Federation (The Fed)  
 Manx Churches Adoption and Welfare Society: Isle of Man Adoption Service  
 Men United Fathers Network  
 Mill Grove  
 National Association of Child Contact Centres  
 National Child Minding Association (NCMA)  
 National Childrens Centre  
 National Playbus Association  
 National Youth Advocacy Service  
 NCH - The Children's Charity  
 Norfolk & Norwich Families House  
 Norwood  
 NSPCC  
 Nugent Care Society, The  
 Ormiston Children & Families Trust  
 Parenting Education & Support Forum

Parentline Plus  
 Parents for Children  
 Partnership for Young London  
 Place 2 Be, The  
 Playgroup Network  
 Positive Parenting and Children (PPC)  
 Prison Reform Trust  
 Pyramid  
 RADICLE  
 Rainbow Trust  
 Refugee Council  
 Royal Navy and Royal Marine Children's Fund  
 Save the Children Fund UK  
 School Home Liaison  
 Shaftesbury Home & Arethusa  
 SOHO Family Centre  
 Somerset Impact  
 South London Tamil Welfare Group  
 Southwark Children and Families Alliance  
 Southwark Diocesan Wel-Care Service Trust  
 Southwell Diocesan Council for Family Care  
 Springboard Family Project  
 Spurgeon's Child Care  
 St. Christopher's Fellowship  
 St. John's Family Resource Unit  
 St. Michael's Fellowship  
 Stockport Sharecare  
 Talbot House  
 The National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries (NATLL) - Play Matters  
 The Salvation Army Social Work Department Child and Family Care Unit  
 The Together Trust  
 Turners Court Youth Trust  
 Valley House Association  
 Voice  
 Volunteer Reading Help  
 Who Cares? Trust, The  
 Woodcraft Folk

#### **NIPPA - The Early Years Organisation – (Northern Ireland Pre School Playgroups Association)**

**NIPPA - The Early Years Organisation** is the largest early years organisation in Northern Ireland. It is a non-profit making organisation and has been working since 1965 to promote high quality childcare for children aged 0-14 and their families. It provides information and training for parents, childcare providers, employers and local authorities.

#### **Children in Northern Ireland**

Children in Northern Ireland (CiNI) is the regional umbrella organisation for the children's voluntary sector in Northern Ireland. It represents the interests of children and the voluntary sector that works on their behalf. CiNI also provides training, policy and information services to member organisations, relating to their work with children and young people.

#### **Associate Members**

BBC Children in Need:  
 Foster Care Associates:  
 NFER:

#### **Full Members:**

Action Cancer  
 An Munia Tober Travellers Centre  
 Antrim Youth Information Centre


Ark Housing Association  
 Arts Council of Northern Ireland  
 Aware Defeat Depression  
 BAAF Northern Ireland  
 Ballymena & Larne Volunteer Bureau (BLVB)  
 Belfast Central Mission  
 Belfast Women's Aid  
 Bryson House  
 Camphill Community Glencraig  
 Care in Crisis  
 Cedar Foundation  
 Challenge Praxis Care Group  
 Child Brain Injury Trust  
 Childline  
 Children's Law Centre  
 Church of Ireland Board For Social Responsibility  
 CLIC Sargent  
 Clonduff Parent & Toddler Group  
 Clooney Estate Residents Association  
 Contact Youth  
 Cookstown & Dungannon Women's Aid  
 Dalriada Rural Sure Start  
 Derry Children's Commission  
 Dubbeljoint Theatre Company  
 Employers for Childcare  
 Extern:  
 Families First  
 Family Care Society  
 Family Mediations NI  
 Fermanagh Early Years Forum  
 First Housing  
 Footprints Women's Centre  
 Fostering Network NI  
 Foyle Women's Aid  
 Gingerbread  
 Glenbrook Sure Start:  
 Glenmona Resource Centre:  
 Home-Start NI  
 Include Youth  
 Kilcooley Women's Education & Development Group  
 Knock Child Contact Centre  
 Lifestart Foundation Ltd  
 Lifestart Mid-Ards  
 Lighthouse Trust Summer School  
 Mencap Northern Ireland: Mourne Grange Camphill Community: Mulholland After Care ServicesMulti  
 Cultural Resource Centre  
 National Deaf Children's Society  
 NCH Northern Ireland  
 New Life Counselling Service Ardoyne  
 Newtownabbey Sure Start  
 NI Childminding Association (NICMA)  
 NI Children's Hospice  
 NIACRO  
 NIMBA  
 NIWAF  
 North City Training

North West Volunteer Centre  
 Northern Ireland Hospice Care  
 Opportunity Youth  
 Orana Respite Care Centre  
 Parents' Advice Centre  
 Playboard  
 Positive Futures  
 Presbyterian Orphan & Children's Society  
 Princes Trust Northern Ireland  
 Prison Fellowship NI  
 Roden Street Family & Community Project  
 Salvation Army Simon Community  
 Smile Sure Start  
 South Antrim Rural Network Tamba  
 The Dry Arch Centre (for Families)  
 The Family Centre  
 The Orchardville Society  
 Threshold  
 Ulster Quaker Service Committee  
 VDA Our Duty to Care Project  
 VOYPIC

#### **MEMBERSHIPS TO BE CONFIRMED**

Eurochild expects to receive membership applications within the next month from the following organisations:-

#### **ITALY**

##### **Istituto degli Innocenti**

The "Istituto degli Innocenti" (Institutes of the Innocents) in Florence has been working for nearly six centuries on behalf of the family and the child. At the time when it was established, during the first half of the fifteenth century, it was the first institution in the known world devoted exclusively to child care.

While in the early 1960s it was still devoted exclusively to reception and care (it accommodated nearly 300 children in a state of abandonment), to-date the Istituto degli Innocenti is a center of services and diversified activities: a home for the reception of minors, a home sheltering pregnant women and mothers with children; a number of day nurseries and supplementary educational services; a center engaged in the documentation, research, analysis and training on matters related to children, adolescents, and families.

#### **INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

##### **SOS-Kinderdorf International**

SOS Children's Villages is an independent, non-governmental and social development organisation, which has been active in the field of children's needs, concerns and rights since 1949. Its activities focus on neglected and abandoned children and orphans, as well as disadvantaged families.

If a child cannot stay with his/her biological family, his/her right to care, protection and equal opportunities should still be guaranteed. This is the basic principle according to which SOS Children's Villages carries out its activities in 132 countries and territories. SOS Children's Villages makes it possible for children to be part of a family once again by providing family-based care.

#### **SWEDEN**

##### **Örebro County Regional Development Council**

The overall task of the Regional Development Council is to gather the county's resources in regional politics into an effective, democratically controlled organisation with the purpose and task of improving




conditions for sustainable growth and to contribute to the best possible quality of life throughout the whole of Örebro County.

The Regional Council is the members' body for co-operation in regional development issues and for securing democratic acceptance of the regional development work. The Council will work to ensure that the organisations in Örebro County that are working with regional development issues co-ordinate their activities. In this context the Council will organise arenas where different regional players can meet to develop Örebro County and to introduce new discussion and meeting forms that stimulate creative problem-solving. The Council will also conduct external monitoring and examine the development of know-how in the areas for which the Council is responsible.

### 1.3 Composition of the board of the European network

Eurochild AISBL has been designed to work with as flat a structure as possible with the organisational direction being taken at bi-annual members meetings, and with 3 or more Board of Management members. The original Management Board of Eurochild AISBL with the following members: Ms. Catriona Williams (UK), President, Ms. Ninetta Kazantzis (Cyprus) Treasurer and Ms. Ene Tomberg (Estonia), Secretary was re-elected and has been re-inforced by two new members elected at the General Assembly of May 2005: Ms. Ulrike Wisser (Germany) and Ms. Maarit Kuikka (Finland).

**Catriona Williams**, President, is Chief Executive of Children in Wales, the National Umbrella agency for organisations working with and for children and young people in Wales. She has a background in social work, lecturing, research and management of children's services. She is a member of many Welsh Assembly and UK Government working groups and Committees on all aspects of children's lives. She has been active in the field of children's rights, giving evidence to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on behalf of Wales and led the campaign to establish the Children's Commissioner for Wales. She is also a trustee of the National Family and Parenting Institute (UK), Play Wales and the Wales Council for Voluntary Action. Internationally as well as being President of Eurochild, she is Secretary of the International Forum for Child Welfare.

**Nineta Kazantzis**, Treasurer, is an Educational Psychologist and works full time at a Private High School. As a volunteer, she is a board member of the Pancyprrian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children (PCCPWC) working towards the full implementation of the UNCRC in Cyprus. At the European level, PCCPWC are members of Eurochild AISBL and EAPN (founding members of the EAPN Cyprus Network in September 2005) and recently applied to become members of ECOSOC. We are also members of the International Forum for Child Welfare. At a local level Nineta is President of the Limassol Committee for the Welfare of Children, an NGO that provides services to abandoned children (House of the Child) and financial support to single mothers and young people engaged in further education.

**Ene Tomberg**, Secretary, is a qualified paediatrician and worked for many years in the children's hospital. For the past 12 years she has been working at the Tallinn City Government being responsible for health care. She lectures on child health and welfare at the University of Tallinn and the Tallinn Pedagogical Seminar. In 2003, she completed a Master's at the University of Tallinn on the topic "Experience of child abuse among school children in Estonia and opportunities to provide help".

Ene was a founder of the Estonian Union for Child Welfare and a president of the Union in 1995-2000. She is currently a member of the Council, and represents the Estonian Union for Child Welfare in the Supervisory Board of the Estonian Health Insurance Fund. She was a board member of EFCW, and is currently secretary in the management board of Eurochild AISBL.

**Ulrike Wisser** has worked for 16 years in the Brussels branch of BBJ, the Consulting Agency for Youth Welfare service organisations. Based on her experience and knowledge about European policies relevant to the child and youth welfare sector she became President of the AGJ committee on "child and youth(welfare)policy in Europe". In this role she often represents the German member of Eurochild, AGJ (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe) on different occasions in Eurochild development and strategic work.

**Maarit Kuikka** works for the Central Union for Child Welfare in Finland as international affairs officer. CUCW is a coalition consisting of 85 member organisations and 35 local authorities (municipalities). The main aim of the organisation is to speak in the best interests of the child, to influence child policy and to bring together different actors and organisations in the field of child welfare. Before she was appointed to CUCW in 2002 had Maarit worked both in the public sector in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and in various NGOs. After graduating from the University of Tampere where she studied international relations, Maarit was selected to participate in an EU training organised by the Ministry of Finances after Finland became a member in EU.

1.4. If your European network does not have a European secretariat, please specify staff in charge of the co-ordination at European level (include number, name, position and language skill levels)

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1.5 Provide evidence on the track record of the European network and its members in analysing and promoting policy solutions to tackle poverty and social exclusion at European level

Most members of Eurochild AISBL provide direct services to children suffering from social exclusion primarily as a result of poverty. In addition some members are also 'umbrella' organisations with hundreds of members made up of NGO's and statutory services operating in education, social work and health and are crucial in promoting change in policies. EFCW, the predecessor of Eurochild AISBL, has also undertaken EC funded projects concerned with Social Exclusion including:

Families Under Stress: Supporting Services in Europe

'Eradicating Child Poverty: Fact or Fiction?'

'Child Justice, Equal Justice?'

'Giving a Voice to Children from Residential Care'

'Are Children protected from Violence in Europe?'

'Children and Health' (including the effects of poverty)

'Living on the Edge : Children who work in Europe'

'European Children's Rights'

The Rights of Bilingual children in Europe

'Childcare and other measures to reconcile employment and family responsibilities'

In June 2004 Eurochild AISBL started the first comprehensive review of the NAPs/Inclusion and a Synthesis Report of National Assessments was produced in October 2004. The Review involved member organisations with expertise and knowledge in the area of child poverty in their respective countries (a critical factor in the process). In partnership with EAPN the national assessment from Italy was also produced. This resulted in four assessments from the new Member States and four from the former EU 15 Member States. Participating organisations (4 of which were national umbrella agencies) were the following:

- Pancyprrian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children - Cyprus
- Estonian Union for Child Welfare - Estonia
- Family, Child, Youth Association - Hungary
- Latvian Save the Children - Latvia
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft fur Jugendhilfe - Germany
- Cilap EAPN Basilicata - Italy
- Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare - The Netherlands
- Children in Wales - The UK (in conjunction with its sister bodies in England and Scotland)

In 2005 carried out a review of the 2003-2005 NAPs/inclusion - in view of reporting on the implementation within the former EU15 MS - and the EU10 MS electing to report on 2004-2006 plans. Assessment of the implementation, impact and (where applicable) update of plans was undertaken in different countries, with active participation at national level encouraged.

Eurochild AISBL also presented the results of the national assessments at the Workshop "Eliminating Social Exclusion Among Children" at the Third European Round Table Conference on Poverty and Social Exclusion hosted by the Dutch Presidency in Rotterdam 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2004. At the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> People Experiencing Poverty Conference organised in June in Brussels, Eurochild

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AISBL was given the chance to shortly present its work in the field of child poverty and social exclusion of children.

#### 1.6 Previous experience of co-operation with other European networks also active in the fight against social exclusion and poverty (if applicable)

At a European level, Eurochild AISBL is an active member of the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) and the Platform of Social NGO's, both based in Brussels. In this framework it regularly meets and collaborates with other organisations working in the field of poverty and social exclusion.

At national level, many of our members are so-called "umbrella organisations", or the leaders in the anti child poverty alliances/campaigns which bring together a wide range of agencies from the NGO and statutory sectors within their countries. They also have direct contact with national members of European Networks within their countries especially in the fields of youth and disability.

Because child poverty and social exclusion of children is a "horizontal" issue, Eurochild has close contacts with other European networks such as FEANTSA (European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless), EASPD (European Association of Service Providers for People with Disabilities), etc. in order to cooperate in these specific fields. Eurochild also naturally has close links with specialist (networks of) organisations such as those regarding disability, ethnicity, bilingualism, youth, etc. It is planning to intensify & expand those links. In this framework Eurochild is for example coordinating a seminar on the issue of Care, which will be organised together with the European Women's Lobby and FEFAF (*Fédération Européenne des Femmes Actives au Foyer*) during the Social Platform's annual conference on Social Values and Democracy in December 2006.

Eurochild AISBL will also continue to work in partnership with other organisations active in the field of children's issues in particular, with whom it has already been collaborating before and after the publication of the European Commission's Communication on the Rights of the Child and now for follow-up actions. In this context Eurochild has established regular contacts with Euronet, EFSCW (European Federation for Street Children Worldwide), SOS Kinderdorf International, Save the Children, etc. Some of these networks, such as EFSCW and SOS Kinderdorf International, are currently considering becoming a member of Eurochild, which they look at as being the network defending the rights of socially excluded children.

In conclusion, our normal approach to working in fields such as poverty and social exclusion is to seek the appropriate partners for the task being undertaken, so as to maximise the value of the exercise to all concerned.

## SECTION II

### Programme description and justification

#### 2.1 Description of the activities of your organisation for which the subsidy is requested.

*Please enclose a detailed programme of anticipated activities for the organisation's 2006-2007 period. This should cover all activities such as: co-ordination of actions between members, gathering of opinions and information from member association, annual meetings, information measures for members (newsletter, etc), preparation of reports, publications, etc.*

*Please note that you are requested to justify all activities and costs incurred in the year of operation. Please also indicate for each activity a description of the activity in question, its objectives and target audience, clear indication on the effective and substantial participation of people exposed to social exclusion and poverty.*

*Please also indicate tasks related to the activities of the organisation which the applicant intends to sub-contract to another third party organisation/company/association.*

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#### Introduction

Eurochild AISBL (from hereon referred to as Eurochild) is now entering the third year of operation as an international non-profit making association promoting the rights and welfare of children in Europe. Since our establishment, children have undoubtedly become more visible at European Union level. In 2006 alone, there have been two very important developments: the call from Heads of State in the 2006 Spring Council conclusions for "Member States to take necessary measures to rapidly and significantly reduce child poverty, giving all children equal opportunities, regardless of their social background," and the launch of a Communication from the European Commission "Towards an EU strategy on the rights of the child" (launched on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006).

The Open Method of Coordination on social protection and social inclusion has played an important role in drawing attention to the plight of many children across the European Union. The comparative statistics on income poverty has called to task many Member States and revealed children's particular vulnerability to poverty, compared to the population as a whole. Research studies and transnational projects have also served to strengthen our understanding of the multi-dimensional causes of child poverty and holistic, child-centred approaches to tackling exclusion.

As the European Union steps up its action in the field of child poverty and social exclusion, Eurochild has a critical contribution to make. The network now brings together 35 member organisations from 18 different countries. Twelve of our members are themselves national umbrella organisations. This enables the network to reach out to several hundred organisations across Europe, all of whom are working directly with or for children. All our members are committed to the principles enshrined within the UN Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC). Most importantly we are therefore committed as a network to viewing children themselves as key stakeholders who should be consulted in a meaningful way in all matters that affect them. We are particularly committed to promoting the rights of the most excluded children to participate.

Throughout our work programme 2006-2007, Eurochild aims to capitalise on the increasing attention being given to children's rights and well-being at European level. In particular we will work towards reinforcing the connection between the promotion and protection of children's rights and efforts focused on preventing child poverty and social exclusion within the EU's social inclusion agenda. The underlying theme of this year's work programme will be "early intervention – preventing social exclusion of children and young people".

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007, Eurochild will build on the experience of previous years, and focus our activities around 4 key objectives:-

1. Coordination, management & strengthening of the network
2. Capacity building & exchange of experience between members
3. Influence & monitor policy development
4. Raise awareness & dissemination information

The activities are described in more details below. Section IV indicates how progress will be measured against each of the specific objectives.

#### **Objective 1: Coordination, management & strengthening of the network**

*Under this overall objective, Eurochild specific objectives are:-*

- *Increased members' participation in Eurochild policy development*
- *Increased number of Eurochild members*
- *Increased geographical representation of Eurochild*
- *Development of a network of research associates on child poverty and social exclusion*

#### **Activity 1: Development of a common Eurochild policy paper (2007-2010)**

The Work Programme 2005-2006 anticipated the preparation of a future strategic plan (2006-2007) (Activity 7). Over the course of 2006, the management board agreed that it was necessary to engage all the Eurochild members in a deeper discussion about the particular policy priorities of Eurochild and our position. It was agreed that the network develop a policy paper that would "present Eurochild's priorities

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*and vision in the short and long-term, providing an overview of the priority policy issues and showing the organisation's competences & profile" – management board meeting February 2006.*

This work will begin in the current year's work programme. The Policy Working Group discussed and agreed the main priorities during its meeting in September 2006. These will be presented and discussed by all members during the Annual Conference in November 2006. The detailed position of Eurochild on each of these policy areas will be developed by the Secretariat in collaboration with key members. The final policy paper will be presented by Eurochild to the members during the Policy Forum in mid-2007.

#### **Activity 2: Management board**

The existing members of the management board will continue their mandate until the General Assembly in the autumn 2007, at which time three positions will be open for re-election. The management board meetings take place four times each year. It is anticipated that at least one meeting will be carried out through a tele-conference, and one will be combined with another Eurochild meeting. The costs for two meetings in Brussels are therefore included in the budget.

#### **Activity 3: Policy forum**

The policy forum is an opportunity for Members to get updated on the latest policy developments at EU level and discuss common positions. In 2007, this will provide an opportunity for Eurochild members to adopt the general policy paper that will set out Eurochild's priorities for the next three years.

This meeting will take place over one day in Brussels. It will be combined with an "experts seminar" on measuring child poverty that is proposed under the objective "capacity building and exchange of experience of members".

#### **Activity 4: Annual conference**

The Eurochild annual conference is expected to take place in Malta on 22-23 November 2007. The theme of the conference will follow the chosen theme for the year: "Preventing social exclusion of children & young people". While the programme has yet to be developed, a provisional suggestion for the programme is that it will focus in particular on best practices in early intervention from the perspective of the (1) the child or young person, (2) the parent (3) social and welfare services. The event is expected to attract high-level policy makers as well as practitioners. Approximately 80 participants are expected, 30-40 from Malta itself. As this year, the conference will aim to reinforce the link between policy and practice.

#### **Activity 5: Membership recruitment**

Although Eurochild currently has active members in 16 EU countries plus Romania, we will continue to invest considerable time and energy into recruiting organisations from those countries where Eurochild currently has no representation. During the current work programme, particular emphasis is being given to recruiting members from Spain, France, Italy and Sweden. In 2007 we hope to expand still further, recruiting members from Austria, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria.

Eurochild will prepare membership packs that can be distributed to our existing members to help them promote membership of Eurochild at their events and activities. The Eurochild secretariat will also seek to involve new organisations in concrete activities, for example the policy developments and members' exchange meetings.

#### **Activity 6: Recruitment of research / academic members**

Membership of Eurochild is open to academic institutes with a specific interest in children's issues. However, up until now it has been difficult to recruit them into membership as it is not immediately obvious how they may participate. During the 2006-2007 Work Programme Eurochild will explore the idea of a specific recruitment campaign to encourage researchers and academic institutes to link into the Eurochild network. This could, for example, be promoted through a network of research associates and publicising latest work of research departments across the European Union. It would facilitate the cross-fertilisation of ideas and will help to establish Eurochild as a first point of call for accessing knowledge and practical experience in dealing with child poverty and social exclusion.

## **Objective 2: Capacity building & exchange of experience between members**

*Under this overall objective, Eurochild specific objectives are:-*

- *To facilitate mutual learning between members*
- *Build membership understanding and capacity in the frame of the Open Method of Coordination on social inclusion*

### **Activity 7: Members' exchange seminar**

In 2007, Eurochild proposes to pilot a new activity to support capacity building and exchange within the network.

The purpose of the "Members' exchange seminars" is two-fold: (1) to give members' greater insight into each others' way of working thereby facilitating future collaboration and capacity building and (2) deepen members knowledge and exchange of ideas around a specific aspect of tackling child poverty and social exclusion.

In 2007, Children in Northern Ireland have offered to host a members' exchange seminar on the theme of parenting support. This event will involve between 10-12 Eurochild members.

#### *Background*

The theme of parenting support was selected following a call to members to give feedback on their areas of specific interest. Children in Northern Ireland is specifically interested to host the seminar, given the recent launch of the "Children and Young People's Strategy for Northern Ireland" and the possible launch of a parenting strategy by the Northern Ireland Executive. This seminar would therefore present an opportunity to showcase specific developments in Northern Ireland, for example, parenting programmes developed by the regional parent advice centre, but it would also be an opportunity to demonstrate to local stakeholders and policy makers, developments that are taking place in other European countries around parenting support.

Special attention will also be given to ensuring that the seminar exchange builds on the latest developments at European level – for example on the results and reports available through the the "Europarenting" programme ([www.europarent.org](http://www.europarent.org)) supported by the Leonardo programme, and the developments on "positive parenting" which is being promoted through the Council of Europe. Past and existing transnational projects funded through the Community Action Programme to combat poverty and social exclusion will also be taken into consideration eg. ATD Fourth World – Valuing Children, Valuing Parents and Home Start International – 'Learning from Families'.

#### *Event programme*

The programme will be developed in collaboration with Children in Northern Ireland at the end of 2006. It is expected to take place over 2 days and will include one study visit, time for presentations and discussions between the members, and a half-day session with local policy makers including representatives from the Government Departments for Children and Young People, of Health, and of Education as well as local providers and statutory bodies.

#### *Outputs*

A seminar report will be produced as a follow-up to the event. This will include short profiles of the best practice examples presented and some key messages on a child rights approach to parenting support.

The results of this seminar will also feed into the annual conference that will focus on early intervention – preventing social exclusion from the perspective of the child, the parent and social services.

Eurochild includes a budget for 3-days from an external expert to provide inputs to this seminar.

### **Activity 8: Experts seminar on measuring child poverty**

During the work programme 2005-2006, Eurochild has prepared a background paper on indicators on child poverty and social exclusion. However, many members have expressed an interest in exploring how this should be developed in practice to ensure that development of indicators reflects children's best interest. In particular, Eurochild members will focus on the development of indicators from the starting point of children's needs and views on what it means to experience poverty and social exclusion.

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Eurochild plans to organise an experts' seminar for interested members alongside the Policy Forum that will take place in Brussels in June. Eurochild aims to invite an expert and if possible a representative from the European Commission and/or from the task force specifically concerned with the development of an indicator (or set of indicators) on child well-being. This seminar will also help to inform members and involve them more closely in the Open Method of Coordination on social protection and social inclusion – one of whose strands is the development of common indicators.

#### Additional work planned outside the EC Work Programme

From discussions with Eurochild members, two other key topics arose as of particular interest for mutual learning and exchange. It will not be possible within the budget provided in the frame of the current grant to develop these activities. However, Eurochild will look for alternative funding as a means of support members' exchange seminars or similar activities on the following two issues:-

##### *1/ Community schools as an instrument of social inclusion*

The Community School provides an integrated approach to improve children's and young people's chances of development within their own environment, i.e. school, family, and at leisure time. A network is created that involves formal education, welfare, and care, provided within the living environment (neighbourhood, village, and district). The Community School promotes active participation in society through education, recreation, and work. The Community School is accessible to children of all ages: from pre-school through primary and up to secondary education. (Taken from NIZW Factsheet).

##### *2/ Participation of socially excluded children & young people*

Although all of Eurochild's members are working with and/or for social excluded children and young people, and all subscribe to the principles of the UNCRC, there are varying levels of experience of children's participation methods. Eurochild would like to develop an activity that builds on the best practice examples that exist within the network and facilitate exchange of experience between different practitioners working on participation methods with children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Such an activity could, for example, include an exchange between practitioners and later an exchange between young people. Such an approach to children's participation supports Eurochild's commitment to the involvement of children in a constructive way in all matters that affect them.

#### **Objective 3: To contribute to, influence & monitor policy development**

*Under this overall objective, Eurochild specific objectives are:-*

- *Strengthen membership knowledge of, and participation in, the Open Method of Coordination*
- *Develop and promote our position on key issues of concern to our work programme on preventing child poverty and social exclusion*
- *Engage members in monitoring specific policy developments relevant to their core interests*
- *Participate in & contribute to the work of other Platforms*

#### **Activity 9: OMC on social inclusion & social protection**

The European Commission will recommend to the Social Protection Committee that the theme of child poverty is addressed as a priority within their activities of 2007. This is likely to involve a combination of peer reviews and studies, and possibly a questionnaire sent to EU member states to collect evidence of their priority issues and the different policy responses. In parallel, a task force of the sub-group on indicators will be presenting a proposal for a child-well being indicator (or set of indicators). The network of independent experts on fundamental rights is also likely to prepare a report on children in poverty by summer 2007.

Through its membership and network of consultants Eurochild aims to actively contribute to the different activities proposed during the year. For this reason, Eurochild proposes an increased budget for external consultants to enable us to respond in a timely and effective way to the EU's programme of activities. The exact inputs are not yet fully defined as they will depend on what the SPC finally agrees for its Work Programme 2007. However, it is expected that Eurochild will:-

- Feed into the debate on the development of a child well being indicator (or set of indicators) through the work of the Policy Working Group and the members meeting in within the OMC through the "capacity building & exchange of best practice"
- Prepare a background paper and participate in one of the peer reviews organised in the framework of the OMC (to be determined by the EC).

In addition to these more ad-hoc activities which will respond to the agreed Work Programme of the SPC, Eurochild also aims to further develop and disseminate the work that has so far been carried on the National Action Plans on social inclusion.

In November 2006, Eurochild will produce a synthesis report on the analysis of the Member States national reports on strategies for social inclusion and social protection. This will result in key messages drawn from the analysis of individual country reports and best practice in terms of tackling child poverty and social exclusion using a child-centred and holistic approach.

From this work, Eurochild will produce a booklet (12-16 pages) to publicise the results of the NAPs analysis and the key messages for implementation. It will also frame the work in the context of the OMC to highlight the importance of this tool in sharing best practice on tackling child poverty and social exclusion. This booklet will be disseminated to key stakeholders together with the newsletter. (see Objective 4).

Eurochild will also continue to track the monitoring process of the UNCRC and strengthen the links between these reports and the work carried out within the OMC.

#### **Activity 10: Follow-up to the Communication on the rights of the child**

During this year's work programme Eurochild has followed closely developments on the Communication on the rights of the child. We have provided inputs to the Core Group on child rights, in addition to producing our own responses. We have been particularly concerned to :-

- Draw a clear distinction between follow-up actions linked to internal and external policies as clearly in the frame of promoting a child rights approach to internal policy development, the commitment from Member States to intra-state cooperation is critical.
- Emphasise the importance of *prevention* in the objectives and follow-up actions proposed by the Communication. Currently there is an imbalanced focus on child protection and development cooperation, with too few links made to the efforts undertaken in the frame of the OMC on tackling child poverty and social exclusion.
- Promote child mainstreaming in all EU legislative and non-legislative proposals. We advocate that an approach similar to gender mainstreaming should be developed.
- Promote children's active participation, especially those children that are experiencing exclusion.

In our 2006-2007 Work Programme, Eurochild will continue to participate in the Core Group on child rights which gathers together a number of child rights organisations based in Brussels that are collaborating in the follow-up to the Communication. Eurochild is responsible for managing a virtual platform for the Core group on children's rights including posting of background documents etc..

#### **Activity 11: Monitoring, influencing & responding to other EU policy developments that have an impact on the current well-being and the future lives of children**

The Eurochild secretariat will keep up-to-date with the latest relevant policies/policy documents emanating from the European Parliament, European Commission, Council of Ministers, Council of Europe, UN etc.

In addition, Eurochild expects to involve its members in tracking and reporting back on policy developments that fall within their interest but may also benefit the Eurochild network as a whole. Specific policy areas in which Eurochild members have expressed an interest in greater involvement are:-

- Links between youth policy and the OMC on social protection and social inclusion  
Two Eurochild members (AGJ & NIZW) are closely following developments within the Youth Pact and the OMC on youth policy. They will regularly report to Eurochild on the interlinkage between policy developments in this area and how this interfaces with developments in the OMC on social inclusion and social protection.
- Links between EU policy development in the fields of employment, demographic change and public services and provision of child care – particularly for children in low income families.

Several Eurochild members have raised concern about the developing trends in child care. Increasing child care services is a key political priority of local, regional and national governments EU wide as it is seen as a key to increasing female participation in the labour market and the reconciliation of work and family life. The issue is also raised in the context of demographic change, as the availability of low-cost child care is seen to alleviate one of the perceived causes of low birth rates. It is important that Eurochild raise the voices of children in these debates to ensure that children's rights are properly respected in the child care options available to parents.

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- Use and development of structural funds in supporting social inclusion of children and young people

Several members have expressed an interest in knowing more about how to influence and tap into the Structural Funds, which through the streamlining process should have a stronger link to the social inclusion priorities of Member States – most notably tackling child poverty. Given the limited resources within the Eurochild secretariat to follow closely policy developments in this area, it is hoped to engage one or more member in participating in existing structures provided through the European Anti-Poverty Network – who have set up a task force on this particular area.

- Monitoring developments in the field of demographic change and implication for children, young people & families

In 2005 Eurochild prepared its response to the consultation on demographic change. Eurochild is concerned that the welfare and rights of children and young people are taken into consideration with respect to any policy responses at EU level.

### **Activity 12: Informing and facilitating the participation of children in the EU policy development**

Eurochild is committed to the active participation of children in all matters that affect them. We have advocated for their consultation in the preparation of the National Action Plans on social inclusion. We also have a strong track record in ensuring that the voices of the most excluded children are heard by policy makers at EU level (for example, production of the CD-Rom in advance of the Round Table conference during the 2005 UK Presidency and organisation of two receptions in the European Parliament with MEPs). This continues to be a priority area of action in 2006-2007.

Eurochild will not organise an MEP reception in 2007. Instead the network will work with 2 children's participation fora known to be particularly inclusive of children from different socio-economic, ethnic or cultural backgrounds. Eurochild will propose that a representative of the network participate in one or more meetings to engage the children and young people in policy debates on-going in the EU at that time. For example, the discussions could centre around the Communication on the rights of the child or could aim to gather their inputs to the debate around policy responses to child poverty and social exclusion.

The two participation fora that Eurochild will follow-up initially are: the children's parliaments in Estonia and Cyprus. However, this is subject to change depending on their programme of events and other proposals from members.

### **Activity 13: Participation and representation in other platforms**

Eurochild places significant importance to its participation and representation within existing platforms campaigning for social action. Eurochild is an active participant in:-

- Social Platform: steering group, Social Policy Working Group and Fundamental Rights Agency Working Group
- European Anti-Poverty Network: European organisations, 6th People Experiencing Poverty conference (German presidency), review group on social inclusion, task force on structural funds
- Core Group on child rights – follow-up to the Communication on child rights

#### **Additional work planned outside the EC Work Programme**

If Eurochild is able to secure additional funding, Eurochild would like to produce a report on a "child rights approach to tackling child poverty in Europe". This report would build on the 2006 synthesis report on the National Action Plans on social inclusion and that of previous years. It would include a short theoretical assessment of what is meant by a "child rights approach" and practical examples from the Eurochild membership on how this works in practice.

Additional funding support would be sought to develop and produce this report.

### **Objective 4: Raise awareness & dissemination information**

*Under this overall objective, Eurochild specific objectives are:-*

- *Regular information flow between the Secretariat & EU members*
- *More and better quality information on Eurochild and the fight against child poverty & social exclusion at EU level in the different EU languages*

- *Expansion of database for receipt of e-bulletin & newsletter*

#### **Activity 14: Weekly info-flashes**

The current weekly info-flashes from the Eurochild secretariat are well received by the Eurochild membership and will be continued over the period of the 2006-2007 work programme. They provide a brief update on the activities of the secretariat and the latest policy & programme developments at EU level.

#### **Activity 15: Website development**

A new website was launched at the end of 2005 and the number of hits has increased steadily over this year. By the end of this year's Work Programme, the site will also be available on-line in French. However, in our Work Programme 2006-2007 the Eurochild will further develop the referencing and promotion of the site to increase its visibility.

Other developments planned for the 2006-2007 work programme include:-

- Translations of core information into other languages (Spanish & German)
- Development of separate pages on policy areas
- Improving the members' only web pages

#### **Activity 16: Monthly e-bulletins**

The current monthly e-bulletins from the Eurochild secretariat are well received and will be continued over the period of the 2006-2007 work programme. The e-bulletins are currently circulated to 1,300 contacts that have subscribed via our home page.

#### **Activity 17: Production of printed material**

In the 2006-2007 Work Programme, Eurochild proposes to produce the following publications:-

- (Feb) Booklet on the OMC (outlined in Activity 9) which will include Eurochild's key messages following the analysis of the NAPs/Incl 2006-2008 and highlight the role of the OMC in tackling child poverty and social exclusion. (EN + 6 other languages)
- (January) Newsletter (12-pages) which will follow the same structure as this year's newsletter: EU policy and programmes, Focus on specific countries or regions, children's voices, news from Eurochild. (EN & FR)
- (May) Annual Report 2006 (EN & FR)
- (May) Re-printed flyer on Eurochild (EN + 6 other languages)
- (June) Seminar report on parenting support (EN only)
- (July) Experts seminar report on measuring child poverty & social exclusion (EN only)
- (Nov) Newsletter (12-pages) in which we hope to include more interviews and articles from members and images. (EN & FR)
- (Nov) Conference report. (EN only)

Note that a small budget for pictures copyright has been included in our budget to make our publications more eye-catching.

#### **Activity 18: Translation of printed material into different EU languages**

To spread the work of Eurochild more widely through out the European Union and to engage new member organisations, Eurochild needs to have more information available in different EU languages. Owing to the limitations of the budget, we cannot produce material in all 20 EU languages. However, we anticipate that at least 5 members from the Eurochild network will help to translate of materials from Eurochild into their own language. A budget for translation of 20 pages in five languages is therefore included in our budget. The material for translation will be discussed with the members, depending on what would be most useful in their national contexts.

Provisionally we have selected the following languages:-

- Greek
- Spanish
- German
- Italian
- Portuguese

2.2. Specify how the objectives and the activities of the organisation as identified above add value to the objectives and activities of other European networks which also address directly or indirectly the fight against social exclusion and poverty

As stated in Activity 13 in the above work programme Eurochild places significant importance to its participation and representation within existing platforms campaigning for social action against poverty and social exclusion. In particular, Eurochild is an active participant in:-

- Social Platform: steering group, Social Policy Working Group and Fundamental Rights Agency Working Group
- European Anti-Poverty Network: European organisations, 6th People Experiencing Poverty conference (German presidency), review group on social inclusion, task force on structural funds

Eurochild sees itself as having an important role in bringing attention to the specific challenges faced by children and their families living in poverty across the European Union. Our main point of reference is the UN CRC, and mainstreaming children rights throughout the EU's poverty agenda is a key objective of ours. By working with other networks that are working more generally on issues of poverty and social exclusion we will be better equipped to achieve this goal.

2.3. Provide details illustrating the mechanisms of consultation and information between the members and indicate how the membership co-operation is to be reinforced and consolidated by the execution of the programme

As said by a member organisation in the recent Policy Working Group, "the value of Eurochild is that it works on content." The participant said: "this should be developed more – with a view to developing 3 tiers of work within Eurochild – (1) core business lead by the Secretariat, (2) issues of common interest to develop between members in partnership with the Secretariat (3) bi-lateral or multi-lateral meetings between members on specific issues (independent of Secretariat)."

With this in mind, Eurochild foresees the following consultation mechanisms:-

Meetings

- All Eurochild members are invited to 2 meetings during the year: the Policy Forum (June) which is combined with the General Assembly and the Annual Conference (November). In June, Eurochild will adopt its general policy paper, that will set the framework for Eurochild's work over the next 3 years.
- The Policy Working Group is open to all members with an interest and capacity to participate in Eurochild policy development. One meeting is foreseen in 2007, probably in the first half of the year, to further develop Eurochild's position on issues of key interest. Two teleconferences are also foreseen.
- The management board will meet 4 times in 2007 – twice in connection with a separate meeting (Policy Forum & Annual Conference) and twice separately. Two teleconferences are also foreseen. The management board are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the work programme.

Policy-specific working groups

Sub-groups of members will work with the Eurochild secretariat to develop specific aspects of the 2007 work programme. This includes:-

- The general policy paper – members will help to elaborate Eurochild's position on key aspects of EU policy which Eurochild should prioritise in the next 3 years.
- Measuring child poverty – drawing upon those members that have an interest & experience in indicators
- Parenting support - drawing upon those members that have an interest & experience in development or delivery of parenting support
- Follow-up to the OMC – involving those members that have been engaged in the monitoring and consultations on the National Action Plans on social inclusion at national level.

Bi-lateral consultation

Eurochild maintains regular contact with individual members who can provide specific input on particular policy areas, for example, AGJ and NIZW on issues of youth policy, Children in Wales on

child well-being indicators. Each of the members of the policy working group have agreed to several days into policy development of Eurochild in 2007.

#### Multi-lateral communication & exchange

Eurochild is particularly keen to encourage cooperation and exchange between the membership. This already takes place and will be further developed in 2007. For example members that are themselves umbrella organisations will meet to exchange best practice about how to involve their members in Eurochild business.

#### Web-site & electronic consultation

The 'members-only' website is now functioning well. This is a user-friendly and interactive tool to facilitate the communication and exchange of information with and between our members. All our position papers are available via these webpages, and the secretariat also uses this tool to inform members of progress regarding specific EU policy developments eg. a 'process tracker' (adapted from that used by the Social Platform) on the Communication on the rights of the child.

An important development in this year's work programme is the allocation of a budget for translation into 6 languages other than English. This will enable us to reach out to many more of our members (and members of our members).

#### 2.4. Explain how the proposed work programme fits the general objectives of the Community action programme to combat social exclusion and how it will contribute significantly to the further development and implementation of the streamlined OMC on social protection and social inclusion (in particular regarding the priorities 1 and 2 pointed out in the "Guidelines" of this call)

In addition to the priorities identified in the Guidelines, Eurochild also refers here to the key objectives identified by the EC in the letter concerning the renewal of this 2<sup>nd</sup> year of co-funding:-

##### (1) Monitoring & implementation of the 2006-2008 national reports on strategies for social inclusion & social protection.

As described in Activity 9, this is a key area of Eurochild's work programme. The results of the evaluation carried out in 2006 will be synthesised into a short report with key messages on how child rights should be mainstreamed into the development of policies on child poverty and social exclusion. This will be translated into several languages to ensure widespread dissemination. It will help member organisations to follow-up with their governments on implementation of the strategies on social inclusion, and guide our policy inputs to the future development of the streamlined OMC.

##### (2) Contributing to specific aspects of the programme & the OMC process

As described in Activity 9, Eurochild will allocate specific resources to monitoring and providing inputs to work of the EC and the Social Protection Committee that are expected to focus in particular on the topic of child poverty. This will include inputs to the 'peer review' and to the task force on child well-being indicators, as well as other activities agreed upon by the SPC (eg. a questionnaire on child poverty in the EU).

##### (3) Involvement of relevant actors in new Member States

As described in Activity 5, Eurochild will invest considerable time and resources to expanding the network and engaging new members particularly from the new Member States. Eurochild currently has one member in Romania, but none yet in Bulgaria. This will be a priority for Eurochild's activities in 2007.

##### (4) Promoting mainstreaming of the fight against child poverty & social exclusion in other Community developments

Eurochild sees itself as having an important role in strengthening the links between the social inclusion priorities of Member States (that in nearly all cases includes child poverty) and the national operational programmes of the Structural Funds. Eurochild hopes to engage several members in the consultation groups provided through the European Anti-Poverty Network.

Another area which is important for mainstreaming at EU level, is in the development of an EU child rights strategy. The promotion of child rights covers a whole range of external and internal policies in the EU, but often child poverty and social exclusion within the EU gets insufficient attention. We will continue to lobby for greater attention to this issue in the future strategy of the EU.

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2.5 Explain how people who may be exposed to social exclusion and poverty are involved in the programme's implementation and follow-up

As described in Action 12, Eurochild is committed to the active participation of children in our work programme. We have advocated for their consultation in the preparation of the National Action Plans on social inclusion. We also have a strong track record in ensuring that the voices of the most excluded children are heard by policy makers at EU level (for example, production of the CD-Rom in advance of the Round Table conference during the 2005 UK Presidency and organisation of two receptions in the European Parliament with MEPs).

Effective and meaningful participation of children that are exposed to social exclusion and poverty is therefore one of Eurochild's key objectives. The receptions in the European Parliament have served to raise the visibility of children among EU policy-makers. However, such an event is very resource intensive and it is difficult to provide effective follow-up. They have also revealed very different levels of experience among the Eurochild membership on effective involvement of children and young people that are experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

In the 2006/2007 Work Programme, Eurochild therefore proposes two activities:-

- The participation of Eurochild in already existing participation fora to provide an opportunity to consult with children and get their views on specific EU developments, for example on the recent Communication on the rights of the child.
- Eurochild would like to develop a members' exchange seminar on participation practices for socially-excluded children and young people. This is not possible within the framework of this year's work programme due to budget limitations, however, Eurochild will continue to look for alternative funding or return to this issue in its future work programme.

2.6 Explain how the network will be able to raise public awareness, disseminate information and advocate policy changes as well as to act as an effective intermediary between various relevant policy levels, actors and institutions involved in the fight against social exclusion in the European Union

Eurochild disseminates information to an extremely wide audience.

- Through its weekly info flashes, Eurochild reaches out to all its member organisations, and since many of these are themselves intermediaries much of the information is passed on through their members or contacts. Those Eurochild members that are themselves networks, plan to exchange good practice on how to reach out to their members and engage them in EU policy development.
- The monthly e-bulletin is now circulated to over 1,300 contacts that have subscribed via the Eurochild website. The number of subscribers is continually increasing and very few have un-subscribed.
- The newsletter is also disseminated widely with multiple copies sent to all member organisations. It is also disseminated electronically and is available for download via the website.

In addition, Eurochild aims to develop other information tools during its 2006/2007 Work Programme. The booklet on the OMC and our key messages from the analysis of the national reports on strategies for social inclusion and social protection will be particularly useful.

The translation of specific material in more EU languages will also help Eurochild to reach out to a wider audience, and engage them in the policy debate.

In terms of strengthening links between various relevant policy levels, actors and institutions Eurochild aims to reach out to a wider range of actors in 2006/2007 including academic institutes (see activity 6), public services, practitioners and policy makers. Eurochild aims to make all existing knowledge and expertise concerning child poverty and social exclusion available to all actors involved – civil society as well as policy-makers of the EU and the different EU Member States. Eurochild will look specifically to further develop its website to provide a central resource of information on child poverty and social exclusion.

2.7. Explain how the proposed work programme contributes to the European network's overall mission and main priorities. Explain what the strategic work plan of the network is and comment briefly on its expected developments after 2008

Eurochild's mission is to "*promote the welfare and rights of children and young people in Europe*". Within this our priority has been to focus on issues of social exclusion and poverty among children and young people. In particular the strategic goals of the organisation are to:

1. increase membership & develop membership capacity at a national, regional and local level to better combat child poverty and social exclusion of children and young persons
2. influence policy development: monitoring the effectiveness of policies and actions to eradicate child poverty and social exclusion of children and young persons at a European level
3. communication & raising awareness around child poverty and social exclusion of children and young persons and exchange of good practice
4. empowering young people living in poverty to facilitate their participation in the development, implementation and monitoring of policy processes

These objectives have been incorporated into the four objectives Work Programme described above.

During the 2006/2007 work programme, Eurochild will develop a general policy paper that will provide the backdrop to activities beyond 2008. It will identify the policy issues where Eurochild can provide particular added-value to the EU debate and where the member organisations are keen to have a voice at EU level. This policy paper will form the basis of our bid for support under the Progress programme in mid-2007.

2.8. On the basis of the experience of the implementation of the on-going action 2005-2006, please indicate if you envisage any amendments to the plans for the action 2006-2007 indicated last year in your original application

Eurochild proposes to considerably increase its activities compared to the Work Programme proposed in 2005-2006. (This is also reflected in a budget increase of approximately 50,000Euro). The additional activities proposed in the 2006/2007 Work Programme are:-

- Translation of Eurochild material into 6 languages in addition to English
- Production of a booklet on the child poverty & social exclusion in the OMC which includes key messages from the national reports on strategies for social inclusion and social protection
- Provisions for ad-hoc activities related to the fact that child poverty has been identified as a priority under the EU's social inclusion strategy
- Provisions for the policy working group meeting and management board meetings within our Work Programme. These are key elements of building the network.
- Organisation of a members' exchange seminar on parenting support to be hosted by Children in Northern Ireland
- Organisation of our Annual Conference in Malta on the topic of preventing social exclusion of children and young people – early intervention (the costs of this event are fully taken into account within this year's budget. This was not the case in the 2005/2006 budget).

Compared to last year, there will be no expenditure related to the MEP reception. In addition, travel and subsistence expenditure associated with the general activities of Eurochild are expected to be lower because we aim to ensure that these costs are reimbursed when Eurochild is invited to an event.

2.9. Justify the requested percentage of the Community grant (i.e. reasons why you are asking for a particular amount of funding), bearing in mind that the 90% core-funding may only be reached under exceptional circumstances, and explain what sources will cover the remaining budget. Please ensure that any proposal for a very limited increase in the budget in comparison to the first year is fully explained and justified (see covering letter for conditions).

In our proposal for 2005/2006, Eurochild anticipated that in 2006/2007 Eurochild would be able to significantly increase its level of our activity – and therefore the amount of co-funding. This has been achieved with the Work programme indicated above. However, Eurochild is still quite limited in the co-funding it can generate and therefore it is reliant on a 90% contribution to its overall budget. The co-

funding will be generated through membership fees and contributions from the membership in terms of working time and travel and subsistence costs.

Eurochild has also budgeted for significantly more consultancy time during the year 2006/2007 in order to pull in the necessary expertise to respond effectively to policy issues. In the future Eurochild hopes to further expand its activities and to recruit an internal policy officer. However, it is important that the Secretariat is built up incrementally and realistically to support the activities of the network. Eurochild also considers the active involvement of the membership in delivery of its Work programme is critical to its success. This will have an important role in building the capacity of the network and strengthening organisations involvement and participation at EU level.

### **SECTION III** **Implementation schedule**

3.1 Starting date (please remember that your work programme is limited to a one-year period starting on 1 December 2006)

Date of the start of work (DD/MM/YY)\*\*\*1/12/2006

Date of the end of work (DD/MM/YY)\*\*\*\*30/11/2007

3.2. Please provide a detailed timetable for the implementation of the work programme, as follows:

Month/Year	Location	Activity
<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD of 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2006 till 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007</b>		
<b>Ongoing</b>	All over Europe	<u>Coordination &amp; network management:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Recruitment of new member organisations</li> <li>o Regular contact &amp; consultation with member organisations</li> <li>o Establish links to academic institutions &amp; build network of research associates</li> <li>o Facilitation of policy working group</li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	All over Europe	<u>Building membership capacity &amp; exchange of best practice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Encourage networking between members</li> <li>o Respond to membership enquiries</li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	All over Europe	<u>Monitoring &amp; influencing policy development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Participation in meetings/events to promote a child rights approach to child poverty &amp; social exclusion</li> <li>o Collect data/ information to provide evidence-based approach to policy development</li> <li>o Respond to EU consultations as/when required</li> <li>o Build alliances with other EU NGOs on particular policy issues</li> <li>o Emphasise the importance of involving children and young people</li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	All over Europe	<u>Awareness raising &amp; information dissemination</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Design &amp; production of promotional and marketing materials</li> <li>o Weekly info-flashes</li> <li>o Monthly e-bulletins</li> </ul>
<b>DETAILED TIMETABLE FOR THE PERIOD of 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2006 till 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007</b>		
<b>December 2006</b>	Brussels	Finalisation of key message report on the streamlined OMC & its relevance to the fight against child poverty & social exclusion
	?	Participation in EU Forum on child rights to be established
<b>January 2007</b>	Brussels	Publication of Eurochild Newsletter
<b>February 2007</b>	Brussels	Management board meeting

\*\*\* the dates of the start and end of work determine the period of eligibility of any expenditure

\*\*\*\* All expenditure incurred after this date will not be eligible except where express authorisation has been approved by the competent services

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	Brussels	Publication & dissemination of EN version of key messages the streamlined OMC & its relevance to the fight against child poverty & social exclusion
<b>March 2007</b>	Belfast	Members exchange on parenting support
	Brussels	Production of translations of booklet on OMC & child poverty
		Publication & dissemination of 6-other language versions of key messages the streamlined OMC & its relevance to the fight against child poverty & social exclusion
<b>April 2007</b>	Brussels	Policy working group meeting
	Brussels	Publication & dissemination of Annual report 2006
<b>May 2007</b>	Brussels	Publication & dissemination of report from members' exchange on parenting support
<b>June 2007</b>	Brussels	Experts' seminar on measuring child poverty & social exclusion
		Policy Forum & General Assembly
	Brussels	Adoption of Eurochild's General Policy Paper
	Brussels	Preparation and support for members and young people in view of the 6 <sup>th</sup> People Experiencing Poverty Meeting – Germany
<b>July/August 2007</b>	Brussels	Publication & dissemination of report on experts' seminar on measuring child poverty & social exclusion
<b>September 2007</b>	Brussels	Management board meeting
<b>October 2007</b>	Brussels/ Finland	Preparation and involvement in Round Table on Social Inclusion
<b>November 2007</b>	Brussels	Annual conference – preventing social exclusion of children & young people – early intervention

#### **SECTION IV**

##### **Evaluation of results expected from the activities as listed under 2.1.**

Please give details of the indicators and methodology through which the monitoring of the implementation of the work programme and the evaluation of subsidy's impact and its results in relation to the defined objectives and priorities will be carried out. The aim of this evaluation is to assess how the action developed, how the work programme has been implemented, what impact the action had and what is to be learned from the results achieved.

Implementation of the Eurochild Work Programme will be measured according to the objectives defined above.

##### **Objective 1: Coordination, management & strengthening of the network**

###### *Increased members' participation in Eurochild policy development*

- Minimum of 4 number of members responding to draft position papers drafted by Eurochild secretariat
- At least 4 members take the lead on drafting a position paper
- At least 8 members actively participating in the Policy Working Group

###### *Increased number of Eurochild members*

- Increase Eurochild membership by a minimum of 6 organisations

###### *Increased geographical representation of Eurochild*

- Ensure coverage of minimum of 22 Member States

###### *Development of a network of research associates on child poverty and social exclusion*

- Engage minimum of 4 organisations as research associates

##### **Objective 2: Capacity building & exchange of experience between members**

###### *To facilitate mutual learning between members*

- Minimum of 10 member organisations participating in members' exchange meeting
- Minimum of 12 organisations presenting best practice during the annual conference
- At least 2 projects/initiatives set up between the membership

###### *Build membership understanding and capacity in the frame of the Open Method of Coordination on social inclusion*





- At least 6 member organisations to participate in translation & dissemination of key messages on OMC & child poverty & social exclusion
- At least 12 member organisations involved in experts seminar on measuring child poverty & social exclusion.

### **Objective 3: To contribute to, influence & monitor policy development**

*Strengthen membership knowledge of, and participation in, the Open Method of Coordination (Indicators as above)*

- At least 6 member organisations to participate in translation & dissemination of key messages on OMC & child poverty & social exclusion
- At least 12 member organisations involved in experts' seminar on measuring child poverty & social exclusion.

*Develop and promote our position on key issues of concern to our work programme on preventing child poverty and social exclusion*

- Participation in at least 8 external meetings / conferences to present the impact of the EU's social inclusion strategy on child poverty & social exclusion & Eurochild's work in this area

*Engage members in monitoring specific policy developments relevant to their core interests*

- At least 4 members take the lead on drafting a position paper

*Participate in & contribute to the work of other Platforms*

- Eurochild represented in a minimum of 6 working groups/platforms focusing on poverty, social exclusion and/or child rights

### **Objective 4: Raise awareness & dissemination information**

*Regular information flow between the Secretariat & EU members*

- Weekly info-flashes to the Eurochild membership
- Minimum of 5 requests for articles from Eurochild on the EU-perspective of child poverty & social exclusion
- Contribution from members of a minimum of 4 articles to Eurochild newsletter, e-bulletin etc.

*More and better quality information on Eurochild and the fight against child poverty & social exclusion at EU level in the different EU languages*

- At least 6 member organisations to participate in translation & dissemination of key messages on OMC & child poverty & social exclusion

*Expansion of database for receipt of e-bulletin & newsletter*

- Increase number of subscribers to the e-bulletin database by at least 500

## **SECTION V**

### **Declaration**

On behalf of my organisation, I hereby declare that I have agreed to the basic conditions of participation in the 2005 call for proposals for the support to European networks devoted to the fight against social exclusion and poverty. I confirm that the information contained in the present request is correct and that no partial or total information for the attention of the European Commission is withheld. I also declare that my organisation and I will comply with and abide by these basic conditions and that we will co-operate fully with the European Commission to oversee the actions. Should my application be selected, I hereby undertake to mention clearly the Community funding in every instance, public or not, official or not, and on all information material.

Name of the applicant organisation

Name of legal representative of the organisation signing the application

Position

Date 15.12.2006

Signature

President  
Place Cardiff, Wales, UK  
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## ANNEX II Beneficiary's operating budget

### 1. Provisional operating budget in EUR

Headings and Items	Sub-totals	Totals
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>NON-ELIGIBLE COSTS</b>		
	<i>Total Non-Eligible Costs</i>	0.00
<b>ELIGIBLE COSTS</b>		
<b>Eligible Direct Costs (D)</b>		
<i>Heading 1 - Staff costs</i>		159 083.67
Management	136 339.72	
Accounting	14 979.60	
Other staff	7 764.35	
<i>Heading 2 - Travel and subsistence allowances</i>		53 259.78
Travel	24 100.00	
Subsistence allowances (accommodation, meals, etc.)	29 159.78	
<i>Heading 3 - Costs of services</i>		66 233.00
Information dissemination	28 085.00	
Translations		
Reports and translation costs	2 650.00	
Other services		
Other external services	9 068.00	
Audit and evaluation costs	3 750.00	
Services relating to the above eligible direct costs	22 680.00	
<i>Heading 4 - Administration costs</i>		34 852.00
Depreciation for purchase of equipment	9 502.00	
Other administrative costs		
Immovable property	19 475.00	
Raw materials and running expenses	5 400.00	
Charges for financial services	475.00	
	<i>Total Eligible Direct Costs (D)</i>	313 428.45
<b>Total Eligible Costs = D</b>		<b>313 428.45</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>COVER OF NON-ELIGIBLE COSTS</b>		
Beneficiary's contribution to cover the non-eligible costs		0.00
<b>INCOME</b>		
Beneficiary's contribution in cash (C)		32 604.35
Commission Grant (S)		280 824.10
<b>Total Income = C + S</b>		<b>313 428.45</b>

### 2. Calculation of amounts due under the present Agreement

#### 2.1. DSAs (Daily Subsistence Allowances)

The daily subsistence allowance (DSA) is paid as a flat-rate amount and is considered to cover breakfast and two main meals, local travel, the cost of telecommunications, including fax and Internet, and all other sundries. They will be paid for each calendar day spent on mission away from the usual place of work, provided that the corresponding assignment is of a short-term nature. The DSA will vary according to the country in which the missions are to be carried out.

Daily subsistence allowances (DSA) are to be calculated as follows according to the length of the mission:

- 6 hours or less: reimbursement of actual expenses (on production of supporting documents);
- more than 6 hours but not more than 12 hours: 0.5 DSA;
- more than 12 hours, but not more than 24 hours: 1 DSA;
- more than 24 hours but not more than 36 hours: 1.5 DSA;
- more than 36 hours but not more than 48 hours: 2 DSA;
- more than 48 hours but not more than 60 : 2.5 DSA, and so on.

The agreed rates (in EUR per calendar day) to be used for the purposes of the present Agreement are set as follows:

Destinations		DSA in EUR	Maximum hotel price in EUR	Destinations		DSA in EUR	Maximum hotel price in EUR
AT	Austria	95,00	130,00	IT	Italy	95,00	135,00
BE	Belgium	92,00	140,00	LT	Lithuania	68,00	115,00
BG	Bulgaria	70,00	205,00	LU	Luxembourg	92,00	145,00
CY	Cyprus	93,00	145,00	LV	Latvia	66,00	145,00
CZ	Czech Republic	75,00	155,00	MK	Macedonia	50,00	160,00
DE	Germany	93,00	115,00	MT	Malta	90,00	115,00
DK	Denmark	120,00	150,00	NL	The Netherlands	93,00	170,00
EE	Estonia	71,00	110,00	PL	Poland	72,00	145,00
EL	Greece	82,00	140,00	PT	Portugal	84,00	120,00
ES	Spain	87,00	125,00	RO	Romania	60,00	170,00
FI	Finland	104,00	140,00	SE	Sweden	97,00	160,00
FR	France	95,00	150,00	SI	Slovenia	70,00	110,00
HR	Croatia	60,00	120,00	SK	Slovakia	80,00	125,00
HU	Hungary	72,00	150,00	TR	Turkey	55,00	165,00
IE	Ireland	104,00	150,00	UK	United Kingdom	101,00	175,00

## 2.2. Travel expenses

*Travel expenses* relating to journeys effected in execution of the present Agreement: these expenses will be reimbursed within the following limits:

- the journeys have to be carried out by the most direct and economic route;
- train journeys: first class;
- air travel: special fares (Apex type) will be the normal basis of reference. The "full fare economy" will be accepted only on a case-by-case basis with proper supporting evidence – in any case it constitutes a maximum (air travel allowed only for distances above 400 km, i.e. return flight above 800 km);
- car journeys: equivalent of corresponding first-class train ticket.

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