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Protect children on the move

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Dear Mr [REDACTED],

We are delighted to invite you as speaker to the **EU public conference «Closing a protection gap for European children on the move!»** which will be held on **the 5th of March 2015, from 2.30 to 5.30, at the European Economic and Social Committee**. This conference, focused on child mobility and migration in Central and Southern Eastern Europe, is organized with the support of the **European Economic and Social Committee and Nathalie Griesbeck**, Member of the European Parliament.

The conference is organized in the framework of **Mario II project**, led by Terre des Hommes and co-funded by the European Commission through DAPHNE III Programme and the Oak Foundation. It is implemented in **16 countries** in Central and South Eastern Europe by **19 child protection partner NGOs** acting to protect European children on the move.

The event aims to present the results and main findings of **five transnational research projects** carried out in **Greece, Italy, Belgium/ The Netherlands, Kosovo and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** and will highlight the difficulties faced by vulnerable European children on the move from Bulgaria, Romania, Albania and Kosovo in the access to child protection systems.

Based on street observations, interviews and discussions with children, caretakers, stakeholders and key community members, the researches will provide to participants an in-depth analysis of:

- The profile of European children on the move: migration and work patterns
- The vulnerability factors during their migration path
- The obstacles for an integrated and inclusive child protection system
- The need to use a common agreed terminology of children on the move to ensure a better functioning of child protection systems
- Migration and mobility of children in the Western Balkans: a growing phenomenon needing to be better explored.

Bringing together field experience and views of experts, professionals, donors and policy makers, the conference will be an opportunity to share good practices and strategies for the development of a regional model of transnational protection for children on the move.

The Mario project is also part of the **Destination Unknown Campaign**, an international campaign led by Terre des Hommes International Federation, **to protect children on the move in Europe and worldwide**. Please, find more information about the campaign and Mario project at: <http://destination-unknown.org/mario-project-to-protect-children-on-the-move-in-europe/> and <http://marioproject.org/>

Because of your unique position as Director for EU Enlargement Policy and Strategy and of your commitment in assisting, following-up and ensuring that protection of the rights of the child is fully respected in the enlargement countries, we would be very honoured if you would accept to take part to the Conference as speaker and give your important contribution/perspective to the debate in the Session I of the conference. *Please, see enclosed the draft agenda in PDF version.*

In the light of that, I would be grateful if you can confirm to me your availability or less to participate as speaker to the conference as soon as you can in order to confirm your name in the final agenda.

I thank you in advance and I remain at your disposal for any queries.

Kind regards,



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