**Working Seminar “Ensuring children's rights in the context of deinstitutionalisation in Belgium”**

Thursday, 22 June 2017 • 09:00 – 16:45 • Kind en Gezin, Halleportlaan 27, Brussels, Belgium

**Objectives of the Working Seminar:**

* To continue discussions started in January 2017
* To share good practices from Belgium and European countries on 3 identified advocacy priorities
* To work on recommendations on DI reforms in Belgium[[1]](#footnote-1)
* To gather contributions for the External Report that will be officially launched during EEG national seminar, autumn 2017
* To initiate the development of a coalition on alternative care for children in Belgium

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| **Timeframe** | **Session** | **Description of session**  | **Facilitator**  |
| 9:00 – 9:30  | Registration of participants  | Welcome & registration of participants.  |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | Opening of the meeting, tour de table  | Tour de table, presentation of the outcomes from the previous meeting on 27January 2017 & the three identified advocacy priorities.  | Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild  |
| 10:15 – 11:00  | Purpose and expectations of this working seminar  | Participants will be informed about the purpose of the meeting followed by interactive discussion regarding expectations & expected outcomes.  | Katerina Nanou, Policy & Advocacy Officer, Eurochild  |
| 11 :00 – 11 :15 | Coffee break |  |
| 11 :15 – 13:15 | Presentation of good practices in relation to identified advocacy opportunities  | This session will aim to have one good practice from Belgium and one from another European country per each advocacy priority presented by working seminar’s participants. This will be then followed by 15-20 mins discussion for each priority with participants. Good practices will be added in Seminar’s report and will be presented to Government officials during the EEG national seminar in autumn. | Nadia Hadad, Member of Management Board of ENIL, National partner of the Opening Doors Campaign in Belgium |
| **I. DI for children under the age of 3** |  |
| 11:15 – 11:35 | Presentation of good practices  | Good practice from Belgium (10min) & good practice from another European county (10min) |  |
| 11:35 – 11:55 | Discussion with participants  | 20 mins for both practices |  |
| **II. DI for children with disabilities** |  |
| 11:55 – 12:15 | Presentation of good practices  | Good practice from Belgium (10min) & good practice from another European county (10min) |  |
| 12:15-12:35 | Discussion with participants | 20 mins for both practices |  |
| **III. DI in the context of inclusive education**  |  |
| 12:35 – 12:55 | Presentation of good practices  | Good practice from Belgium (10min) & good practice from another European county (10min) |  |
| 12:55 – 13:15 | Discussion with participants  | 20 mins for both practices |  |
| 13 :15 – 14 :15 | Lunch break  |  |
| 14 :15 – 15:15 | Work in groups on developing recommendations towards identified advocacy opportunities | Participants will be split into 3 working groups – each working group will work on recommendations for DI on one of the three advocacy priorities: 1. DI for children under the age of 3
2. DI for children with disabilities
3. DI in the context of inclusive education

\*Recommendations will be added in Seminar’s report and will be presented to Government officials during the EEG national seminar in autumn.  | Frank Sioen, Advocacy Officer, ENIL, National partner of the Opening Doors Campaign in Belgium |
| 15 :15 – 15 :30 | Coffee break |  |  |
| 15 :30 – 16 :15 | Reporting back and interactive discussion | Participants from each group present recommendations to the rest of the group. Each presentation will be followed up by a 10-minute discussion with the whole group.  | Sabrina Ferraina,Policy Manager, EASPD  |
| 16:15 – 16 :45 | Closing of the meeting | Brief presentation of key lessons learned from the day and next steps that will follow. | Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General Eurochild  |

ORGANISERS:

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|  | Eurochild advocates for children’s rights and well-being to be at the heart of policymaking. We are a network of organisations working with and for children throughout Europe, striving for a society that respects the rights of children. We influence policies, build internal capacities, facilitate mutual learning and exchange practice and research. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the foundation of all our work. Eurochild is a member of the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care (EEG): www.eurochild.org  |
|  | The European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) is a Europe-wide network of disabled people, with members throughout Europe. ENIL is a forum for all disabled people, Independent Living organisations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of Independent Living. ENIL represents the disability movement for human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, deinstitutionalisation, democracy, self-representation, cross-disability and self-determination: www.enil.eu |
|  | The European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) is a non-profit NGO in the disability sector that promotes the views of over 15,000 social services and their umbrella associations. There are over 80 million people with a disability throughout Europe. The main objective of EASPD is to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high-quality service systems. www.easpd.eu |
|  | The Opening Doors for Europe’s Children campaign aims to support national efforts to develop child protection systems that strengthen families and ensure high-quality family- and community-based alternative care for children, by leveraging EU funding and policy and building capacity in civil society. It is a partnership between 5 international organisations and civil society across 16 European countries. |

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1. Good Practices and Recommendations will be added in Seminar’s report and will be presented to Government officials during the EEG national seminar in autumn. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)