

EUROCHILD & UNESCO POLICY ROUND TABLE ON FAMILY AND PARENTING SUPPORT

"Family and parenting support in challenging times"

On 7 May 2013 Eurochild, in cooperation with the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre, organized a round table debate on '**Family and parenting support in challenging times**'. Representatives of CYPSP attended the round table.

The event aimed to promote a wider understanding at EU level of what family and parenting support is, to explore what is needed to support parenting and to examine the lessons learned in this field and propose possible ways to put those lessons into practice.

The round table also took place in the context of the follow-up to the European Commission Recommendation on child poverty and well-being - launched on 20 February 2013 as part of the Social Investment Package 'Investing in children breaking the cycle of disadvantage' (http://www.eurochild.org/fileadmin/Events/2013/05_FPS_roundtable/FPS_Policy_Round_Table_Concept_note.pdf) The round table was intended to stimulate debate on how to build more EU policy competence in the area of parenting and family support

The event was addressed by a range of experts and policy makers and was Introduced by **Jana Hainsworth**, Eurochild Secretary General, Chair of the round table, and **Pat Dolan**, UNESCO Chair and Director Child and Family Research Centre

A number of very interesting presentations were given.

The issue of Evidence-based practice in family and parenting support was discussed by Juliet Ramage, Action for Children.

Liam Coen, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre in Galway delivered a paper on 'the role of practitioners in parent support in

Ireland' and **Stijn Hoorens** from RAND Europe delivered an input on 'using evidence based practice to improve child policy'.

The Round table also included inputs from the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, **Dominic Richardson**, OECD, **Jasmina Byrne (Child protection specialist)**, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and **Regina Jensdottir**, Council of Europe.

All the presentations are available at
http://www.eurochild.org/en/news/details-homeblock-links/index.html?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=7111&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=185&cHash=6f2f31c0aab21d77b1d5de2f20c2bb38

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