

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Subject: Invitation to the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) - “Two years after the adoption of The European Child Guarantee: where do we stand” - Bruxelles, 28 June 2023

Dear Chair,

The European Parliament’s Committee on Employment and Social Affairs will hold an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) to discuss the implementation of the European Child Guarantee, two years after the adoption of the Council Recommendation in June 2021. On behalf of EMPL Committee, I would like to invite you to attend the Interparliamentary Committee meeting which will be held in the European Parliament - *Hemicycle (SPAAK Building, 3rd floor)* - on the 28th of June from 14.30 to 17.30.

The meeting is building on the work of the European Parliament’s Working Group on the Child Guarantee that was established in May 2022 and consists of Members of the EMPL Committee from all political groups. The main aim of the Working Group is to support the design and sustainable implementation of the Child Guarantee National Action Plans with particular attention to its financing, monitoring and increasing political support for its success. The Working Group works closely with the relevant European Commission services, the national coordinators of the action plans, with civil society organisations and other important actors in the field.

In this context the role of national parliaments is crucial. Some parliaments have been involved by national governments in the design of national action plans, while some others have been consulted or had less chance to contribute to the process.

The Council Recommendation sets the objective to prevent and combat child poverty and social exclusion by guaranteeing effective access of children in need to a set of services. However, the situation of children and their families has severely worsened in the last years; 19.8 million children (24.4% of all children) in the EU are at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

It is now time to work together, at EU, national and local level, to ensure a full implementation of the Child Guarantee measures adopted by Member States, in view of reducing this number by at least 5 million by 2030, as established in the Action Plan on the EU Pillar of Social rights.

Two years after the adoption of the Child Guarantee, this meeting will be a unique opportunity to discuss - among high level politicians, national parliamentarians, national coordinators of the Child Guarantee and children’s representatives - National Action Plans from the 27 Member States, not only practices and lessons learned so far, but also concrete proposals to accelerate the reduction of child’s poverty and social exclusion across the EU.

We hope that your Parliament/Chamber will be represented at the event and we are convinced that your participation will contribute to fruitful discussions on this very important subject.

For these purposes, please find enclosed the preliminary draft agenda. Practical details regarding the meeting, including a background note will be sent at a later stage.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Nora MILOTAY (nora.milotay@europarl.europa.eu) and Germana VIGLIETTA (germana.viglietta@europarl.europa.eu).

I look forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 28 June 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: Draft programme