EU Policy Webinar on the implementation of the European Child Guarantee

Tuesday 23rd January 2024
10.30-12.30 CET
Zoom
Background

EU Member States agreed through the Article 11(c) of the Council Recommendation establishing a European Child Guarantee to submit National Action Plans on the implementation of the European Child Guarantee (NAPs) by the 15th of March 2022. These should include actions across the four identified areas notably through targeted measures for the different target groups identified considering the national circumstances.

COFACE advocates for a two-generation approach in policy and practice to tackle child poverty, which is based on the interrelated well-being of children and their caregivers, as highlighted in the COFACE Child Compass 2030. This is the vision that was put forward in the Child Guarantee adopting a two-generation approach.

To support the development and implementation of the Child Guarantee, COFACE and the Association of German Family Organisations (COFACE member), has already jointly organised two expert meetings in Berlin bringing together civil society organisations and family policy-makers.

Objectives of the EU policy webinar

This webinar will bring together speakers from the EU institutions, and participants from different fields and backgrounds in order to:

- Discuss tools for monitoring and evaluation of Child Guarantee implementation;
- Foster stronger links between different policy and funding initiatives taken at EU and national level;
- Share knowledge from national and EU level in order to strengthen the policy and funding levers to boost implementation;
- Develop recommendations to feed into frameworks which are key in the implementation process such as the National Action Plan reviews, the EU Child Guarantee Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, the mid-term review of the EU Multi-annual Financial Framework, and the future of EU Cohesion policy.

Working language: English

Participants: COFACE members, EU and national policy-makers, European funding authorities, European and international NGOs

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3 COFACE Families Europe, Berlin Meeting 2022: Stepping up implementation of the EU Child Guarantee - National action plans in the spotlight; COFACE Families Europe, Berlin Meeting 2020: The Child Guarantee – A tool to tackle family poverty?
PROGRAMME

Webinar co-moderators:

Elizabeth Gosme, Director, COFACE Families Europe  
Bettina Guigui, Senior Communication Officer, COFACE Families Europe

10.25-10.30  Tune in and virtual coffee

10.30-10.40  Welcome and introduction  
Sven Iversen, Vice-President of COFACE Families Europe, member of the German steering committee on the Child Guarantee

10.40-11.30  Key tools for monitoring policy implementation  
The aim of this session is to discuss the actions and tools being set up for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the NAPs, as well as progress being made to date in different countries.

Speakers:
• Rute Guerra, Chair of the EU Social Protection Committee  
• Mathis Porchez, Policy Officer, Child Guarantee, DG EMPL, European Commission

Q&A - Webinar participants are invited to share their thoughts, questions and recommendations

11.30-12.20  EU funding developments  
The aim of this session is to understand how EU funds are being used to boost implementation of the NAPs (5 countries are obliged to earmark ESF+ funds for the Child Guarantee), highlighting key examples. This is set in the context of discussions on the future of EU cohesion policy and the mid-term review of the MFF.

Speakers:
• Jeroen Jutte, Head of Unit, European Social Fund +, DG EMPL, European Commission  
• Ciresica Feyer, Deputy Head of Unit, Labour market, Education, Health & Social services, DG REFORM, European Commission

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12.20-12.30  Concluding remarks: synergies between Child Guarantee policy & funding actions  
Annemie Drieskens, President, COFACE Families Europe