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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28 June 2023, 14:30-17:30

European Parliament

Room ANTALL 2Q2

"Children at the heart of Europe: Two years of the European Child Guarantee"

Chaired by: Dragos PÎSLARU, EMPL Chair

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14.00 - 14.30 Registration of participants from national Parliaments (Registration desk "Event Participants and Guests", *Altiero Spinelli Building*)

14.30 - 15.00 Opening session

- Welcoming words by **Roberta METSOLA**, President of the European Parliament (TBC)
- **Statement by Ursula VON DER LEYEN**, President of the European Commission (TBC)
- **Statement by Swedish Presidency of the Council**, e.g. **Camilla WALTERSSON GRÖNVALL**, Minister for Social Services at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (TBC)

- Keynote speech by UNICEF (tbc)

Start of the working sessions - "How to generate more political support" will be discussed in both sessions as a cross-cutting issue

15.00 - 16.00 **Session I: "Where do we stand with the adoption and implementation of the ECG action plans?"**

This session will explore the general state of play and the reasons behind the situation. In this context, the session will also reflect upon what works and what does not.

- Launching the debate with Commissioner **Nicolas SCHMIT** (tbc)
- Good practice example presented by a Minister or national parliamentarian

Discussion with national parliamentarians and MEPs

Interventions by ECG national coordinators

16.00 - 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 17.15 Session II: “How to better finance the child guarantee to achieve its sustainability in the future?”

The session will explore good practice examples, innovative ways of financing as well as the challenges and possible solutions to improve the implementation of the Child Guarantee.

- Launching the debate with **Commission Vice-President Dubravka ŠUICA**
- Good practice example presented by a Minister or national parliamentarian

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17.15 - 17.30 Closing remarks

- Belgian Presidency of the Council (tbc)
- EMPL Committee Chair, Dragoş PÎSLARU