

# CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF EUROPE: TWO YEARS OF THE EUROPEAN CHILD GUARANTEE

WEDNESDAY,  
28 JUNE 2023  
14:30 - 17:30

Meeting room:  
ANTALL 2Q2

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## EMPL ICM

COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Interparliamentary  
Committee Meeting

### AGENDA

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# DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 28 June 2023

## 14.30 - 15.00 Opening session chaired by EMPL Chair, Dragoş PÎSLARU

### *“How to generate more political support to policies for children?”*

- Welcoming words by **Ewa KOPACZ**, Vice-President and European Parliament Coordinator on Children's Rights
- Statement by Swedish Presidency of the Council, **Camilla WALTERSSON GRÖNVALL**, Minister for Social Services at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (video message)
- Keynote speech by **Dubravka ŠUIČA**, Vice-President of the European Commission

### **Start of the working sessions**

Introduction by EMPL Chair, **Dragoş PÎSLARU**

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

- Launching the debate: Keynote speech by **Joost KORTE**, Director General of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

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.

Discussion with National Parliamentarians, Members of the European Parliament and Child Guarantee National Coordinators based on experiences in the Member States.

**16.00 - 16.15** *Coffee break*

**16.15 – 17.15 Session II: How to ensure more effective investments in the Child Guarantee for its sustainability?**

Launching the debate: Keynote speech by **Ivelina BORISOVA**, Unicef Regional Advisor, Early Childhood Development, Europe and Central Asia

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 are the remaining challenges.

Discussion with National Parliamentarians, Members of the European Parliament and Child Guarantee National Coordinators based on experiences in the Member States.

**17.15 - 17.30 Closing remarks**

- Belgian Minister of Pensions and Social Integration, **Karine LALIEUX**
- EMPL Committee Chair, **Dragoş PÎSLARU**