

**Belgian Presidency of the EU
July – December 2010**

A scoreboard to assess the Belgian presidency's achievements for children

Belgium has made the fight against child poverty a political priority of their EU Presidency mandate starting on 1st July. Eurochild has developed a scoreboard to assess the achievements of the EU Belgian Presidency in 6 months time.

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Has the Belgian Presidency secured a strong political legacy to the 2010 European Year against Poverty and Social Exclusion? In particular:-

- Does the Platform against Poverty create a framework of genuine accountability for member states to achieve anti-poverty targets and objectives?
- Are mechanisms in place to strengthen stakeholder involvement and delivery of the Social OMC?
- Has child poverty and social exclusion been identified as a specific priority, with a clear on-going work programme on indicators, policy analysis and mutual learning?

Fighting child poverty & social exclusion

Has a clear road map been agreed to adopt a Commission Recommendation on child poverty and well-being in the EU?

Child poverty is a multidimensional problem needing to be addressing from different perspectives, going beyond links with the families' situation and income. Have proposals been put forward that guarantee a holistic approach to child poverty?

Has the role of education and training in combating social exclusion included measures to ensure children have access to high quality early years education and care services?

Combating early school leaving and equipping young people with skills for the labour market

Have special measures to support young people experiencing poverty been included in the preparation of a Resolution on Youth work?

Do efforts on early school leaving and support to professional training and lifelong learning give due emphasis to early intervention and prevention?

Promoting and protecting children's rights

Has the Belgian Presidency committed to promote an EU strategy on children's rights that gives voice to the new objective of the Lisbon treaty of protecting and promoting children's rights, and mainstreams child rights in all EU actions?