Panel debate
Let Children be Children: Lessons from the Field on the Protection and Integration of Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe Agenda
4th December 2017 (9:30 – 14:00)
Committee of the Regions (room JDE51), Rue Belliard 101, B-1040 Brussels
Hosted by Mr Georgios Kaminis, Mayor of Athens

This half day event will be the occasion to launch our compendium of inspiring practices on migrant and refugee children in Europe. The compendium documents how child protection services are responding to the specific needs of refugee and migrant children, and aims to contribute to solutions to provide quality family and community-based care.

Gathering 16 case-studies from Europe, it will offer a useful resource to support national and EU level advocacy and will also be a helpful tool to offer advice to policy-makers on investment priorities and long-term benefits of realising the rights of every child for society as a whole.

Agenda
9.00 – 9.30 Welcome coffee and registrations
9.30 – 9.35 Welcome – Eleftherios Papagiannakis – Vice-Mayor of Athens
9.30 – 9.45 Opening remarks – Jana Hainsworth – Secretary General, Eurochild
9.45 – 11.00 Panel 1: Promoting a child rights based approach in the provision of individualised care and services to refugee and migrant children and young people (moderated by Lilana Keith – PICUM)
• Graham Marshall – Scottish Guardianship Service
• Dima Yared – UN Human Rights Office, Regional Office for Europe
• Andor Urmos – European Commission’s DG Regional and Urban Policy
• Isabela Atanasiu – European Commission’s DG Migration and Home Affairs
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• Margaret Tuite – European Commission’s DG Justice and Consumers
• Q&A
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
11.30 – 12.45 Panel 2: Promoting social inclusion of refugee and migrant children and young people through integrated services (moderated by Miriana Giraldì – SOS Children’s Villages International)
• Lena Rausch – SOS Children’s Villages Germany
• Martin Schlosser – City of Stuttgart, Youth Welfare Office and member of the European Social Network
• Stefano Bavaresco – Council of Europe – tbc
• Jacques Spelkens – Head of CSR, ENGIE Benelux
• Maria Ilies – European Commission’s DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
• Q&A
12.45 – 13.00 Concluding remarks by:
• Eleftherios Papagiannakis – Vice-Mayor of Athens
• Miriana Giraldì – Head of EU Office, SOS Children’s Villages International
13.00 – 14.00 Networking buffet lunch

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