By Anne Williams, acting Secretary General

It gives me great pleasure to write this editorial. As acting Secretary General in 2004, I was involved in setting up the organisation and now, almost 4 years later, I am privileged to return in the same role to cover Jana Hainsworth’s maternity leave.

The past year has been very fruitful in the fight against child poverty and social exclusion. The European Commission selected ‘child poverty’ as one of the thematic areas of focus for member states within the OMC process, and many activities were undertaken in this framework; significantly the work of a Social Protection Committee Task Force charged with reviewing indicators of child well-being. Eurochild actively supported this initiative within its child poverty work programme. We also contributed to a Peer Review on child poverty and the annual Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion. The year culminated in the production of a Child Poverty Fact Sheet, already translated into six European languages to maximise its use as a lobbying tool.

2007 was also a high activity year in terms of the child rights agenda, when Eurochild coordinated the work of the Child Rights Action Group, set up to monitor the implementation of the EU Child Rights strategy launched by the Commission in 2006. In October, Eurochild co-organised an event at the European Parliament with Euronet, Mainstreaming Children’s Rights in EU policy. The seminar produced a series of recommendations and Eurochild has continued to lobby for their implementation.

Eurochild’s Annual Conference “Preventing social exclusion of children and young people in Europe” was held in November. Co-organised by our Maltese member organisation, it brought together 180 participants from NGOs, academia, governments and children’s Ombudspersons across Europe. Children and young people were active participants and facilitated a workshop on child and youth participation.

Our first Members’ Exchange Seminar Promoting Children’s Rights through Positive Parenting Policies was held in April, hosted by our member in Northern Ireland. The Seminar endorsed the Council of Europe Recommendation on Positive Parenting and produced a series of key messages for developing policies to support parents to promote the best interest of their children.

The coming year promises to be an eventful time in Eurochild’s continuing fight against child poverty and social exclusion. The partnership with the European Commission will enable us to build on the work undertaken in 2007 during the thematic year on child poverty, with a programme of activities driven by the active participation of members.
Who are we?

Eurochild is an international network of organisations and individuals working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people. Its work is underpinned by the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Eurochild is financially supported under the European Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity, managed by the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission.

Eurochild aims to promote the welfare and rights of children and young people by:

- producing, developing and sharing information on policy and practice;
- monitoring and influencing policy development at the European level;
- developing interest groups and partnerships between members in European countries;
- developing partnerships with other European associations that share common goals;
- influencing and making recommendations to international institutions such as the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the United Nations;
- supporting and developing the capacity of members;
- empowering children and young people to make their views heard.

Article 3 of the UNCRC

In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

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Child Rights

Child Rights Action Group

Eurochild’s work is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). As a result, a key focus of its work is to promote and defend child rights within EU legislation, policy and programmes. The publication by the European Commission of the Communication “Towards a European Strategy on the Rights of the Child” in July 2006 was a major step towards ensuring child rights are taken seriously across all areas of EU legislation and policy. Nonetheless, despite the quite ambitious programme of actions proposed in the Communication, the European Commission has been very slow to dedicate the necessary time and resources to implement its commitments.

Together with other child rights NGOs, Eurochild lobbied to ensure that the Communication takes a broad approach to children’s rights and they are now closely following its implementation. Two Fora on Children’s Rights took place in 2007, to which unfortunately no children were invited, although the Child Rights Action Group (CRAG) had worked out a strategy for their participation. However, Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, ensured civil society representation in the Steering Group for the preparation of the first Forum on Child Rights. She is also the co-author of several papers on the follow-up to the Communication. During the 1st European Forum on Child Rights in June in Berlin, she made a joint presentation about children’s participation with another member of CRAG in one of the workshops.

Throughout 2007 Eurochild was the coordinator of the CRAG for internal issues. In this framework it was responsible for managing a virtual communication platform for the CRAG during this year.

Mainstreaming children’s rights

The European Commission Communication “Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child” commits the EU to mainstreaming children’s rights in all actions involving children from 2007. What does this mean in practice?

The NGO Action Group on the EU’s Child Rights Strategy represents several hundred NGOs promoting children’s rights inside and outside the EU. It is an informal grouping of NGOs who are committed to working together towards an EU strategy on the Rights of the Child and for the purpose of information sharing. This group is also committed to monitoring the follow-up and implementation of the Communication.
To find a response to this question, Eurochild and Eu-
ronet—the European Children’s Network organised a
joint seminar on “Mainstreaming Children’s Rights
in EU Policy” on 9 October in the European Parliament
in Brussels. It was hosted by Inger Segelström, MEP,
and aimed to explore what could be done to move the
EU forward in realising its objectives outlined in the
Communication. It brought together key actors that have experience in applying
the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in existing national or European
legislation and actions.

The seminar began with concrete examples of why
mainstreaming children’s rights in EU policy is so impor-
tant. During the discussion following the presentations
by expert speakers, Eurochild stressed the important
role of the European Parliament in holding the EC to ac-
count in its commitment to children’s rights. It is encour-
aging that the EC’s Communication on children’s rights
has generated such interest in the EP: some seven Parliame-
nty Committees drafted opinions on the Communication and the draft report of the LIBE Comit-
tee generated over 200 amendments. However, both EURO
NET and Eurochild called for this interest to be maintained through an on-going inter-group or com-
mittee that will scrutinise policies and legislation from a child rights’ perspective.

**Article 4 of the UNCRC**

*States Parties shall undertake all appropriate legislative, administrative, and other meas-
ures for the implementation of the rights recognised in the present Convention. With
regard to economic, social and cultural rights, States Parties shall undertake such meas-
ures to the maximum extent of their available resources and, where needed, within the
framework of international co-operation.*

**Child poverty & exclusion**

Within the European Union, the risk of poverty is greater among families with chil-
dren than among the population as a whole. Growing up in poverty denies children their basic rights and limits their future opportunities. Children living in pov-
erty or social exclusion are at greater risk of poor health, unemployment and low
income when they grow up. Preventing and reducing child poverty and social ex-
clusion is therefore a key priority of the European Union’s social inclusion strat-
ey.

Eurochild has an on-going programme of monitoring member states’ commit-
ments to the EU’s social inclusion process. We aim to ensure that policies and
approaches developed to tackle child poverty and social exclusion take a ‘child-centred’ approach. We advocate for a stronger link between social inclusion policies and children’s rights as enshrined in the UN CRC. Eurochild also aims to facilitate the exchange of good practice between its membership and more widely among practitioners, researchers and policy makers across the EU.

EU Focus on Child Poverty in 2007

On the European agenda, child poverty emerged as a key political priority during the European Council of 2005. Since then it has been highlighted at subsequent Spring Council meetings in 2006 and 2007. This increased importance of child poverty is partly due to the recognition of the severity of the problem and partly a response to the pressures of globalisation and demographic change that are forcing governments to reconsider their approach to family policy. It is also recognition of the growing demand to take firmer action on children’s rights in line with the UN CRC. For these reasons, 2007 was officially designated by the European Commission as being focused on ‘poverty and social exclusion of children’.

In the framework of the 2007 focus on child poverty, the European Commission and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) implemented several actions, including:

• The creation of a Task Force on child poverty & well-being, which was to make recommendations to the Indicators Sub-group on an indicator or set of indicators that can be used to measure children’s well-being. The work of the sub-group was based on an evaluation of member states’ existing systems to monitor child well-being & poverty – as reported in Questionnaires that were submitted by member states in July 2007.

• An Independent network of experts submitted country reports on child poverty. These were compiled into a synthesis report “Tackling child poverty and promoting the social inclusion of children in the EU: Key lessons” to feed into the work of the Task Force on child poverty & well-being.

• A special Peer Review of member states took place on 3 October, when SPC members met to share best practice & policies on tackling child poverty, based on the results of the questionnaires.

“In order to strengthen social cohesion, the European Council stresses the need to fight poverty, social exclusion, especially child poverty, and to give all children equal opportunities.”

Conclusions of the Spring Summit of the European Council, March 2007
Contributions by Eurochild

During 2007, Eurochild produced a 6-page Fact Sheet on Child Poverty & Social Exclusion in the EU, in order to raise awareness of the importance and gravity of the issue. It was translated into 6 languages (French, German, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish) for distribution on a national level and sent to Eurochild members in the countries those languages are spoken. Four more languages will follow in 2008 (Estonian, Finnish, Greek, Italian).

During the meeting of its Policy Working Group, Eurochild members discussed the questionnaire to SPC members on child poverty and the replies from the different countries. Moreover, Eurochild provided inputs to these developments in the OMC process through its involvement in the annual Round Table on Poverty and Social Inclusion, which took place in the Azores in Portugal. Seven representatives of Eurochild participated in the event and the Secretariat issued a policy statement and a press release.

Finally, Eurochild contributed to the preparations for the European year for the fight against poverty and social exclusion 2010, by responding to a questionnaire on this issue by the European Commission.

Annual Conference Malta

Eurochild’s Annual Conference 2007 took place on 21-23 November in Malta. It was co-hosted by our member organisation Foundation for Social Welfare Services. The theme of the event was “Preventing social exclusion of children and young people in Europe: Participation and early intervention”. The conference was attended by around 120 international participants and over 60 Maltese from NGOs, academia, governments as well as children’s Ombudspersons. Among them, around 20 young people from different European countries, came to discuss their views with other participants and to actively participate in and facilitate the workshop on child and youth participation.

Participants were honoured to see the conference opened by Hon Dolores Cristina, Maltese Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity, who even answered questions from the audience. Marie-Anne Paraskevas, from Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commis-
sion, provided information about child poverty in the EU’s social inclusion agenda.

Additional background information was given by speakers from the UK, Finland and Malta. Their presentations focused on empowerment and participation as the best route to inclusion, theory and practice of early intervention from a national perspective and a case study of preventing exclusion of migrant children and young people.

On the occasion of its fourth annual conference, Eurochild focused attention on three core themes that are considered crucial in preventing social exclusion and poverty among children and young people in Europe:

- Family and Parenting Support
- Child and Youth Participation
- Early years education and care

They were the kick-off to 3 Thematic Working Groups in which Eurochild members will be working from 2008.

As a result of our work in this area, Eurochild was invited to speak at several events, which included amongst others an EAPN seminar on child poverty, the second meeting of the European Parliament Intergroup on Poverty and Social Exclusion on “Child Poverty and Family Poverty”, an EAPN Spain Seminar on child poverty, an Istituto degli Innocenti event on “An agenda for children: local, national and European programmes for social inclusion”, as well as a Caritas Europa Conference on the Implementation of the National Strategy Reports on social protection and social inclusion (NSRSPSI).

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Child and Youth Participation

Eurochild is committed to the active participation of children in all matters affecting them. One of our aims is to inform and facilitate their participation in EU policy development.

For a round-up of children’s participation amongst its own membership, in the beginning of the year, Eurochild finalised a booklet on best practice on children’s participation within the Eurochild network, which has been distributed on various occasions, such as the events it organised in the course of the year or was invited to. It was also used to inform the CRAG position on children’s participation in the second Forum on Child Rights with good practice examples.

In practice, children and young people’s participation was a core aim of the Annual Conference in Malta in November. Among the participants there were around 20 young people from Germany, the UK, Cyprus, Malta and Bulgaria. They actively participated in the workshop on child and youth participation, which was facilitated by a group of young people coordinated by createXchange, but
also in the plenary sessions of the event. The workshop was the occasion to launch Eurochild’s thematic working group on child & youth participation, which will continue its work throughout 2008.

Two young people nominated from amongst Eurochild’s membership attended the annual Youth Event held in Cologne, under the German Presidency of the EU. The Secretary General was invited to make a presentation on this occasion.

Children & Families

In 2007 Eurochild piloted a new activity to support capacity building and exchange within the network by giving greater insight into the work of other organisations, and to deepen knowledge of specific aspects of tackling child poverty.

The first Members’ Exchange Seminar was held in Belfast, Northern Ireland on 26-27 April. The theme of parenting support was selected following a call to members to give feedback on their areas of specific interest. It was one of 3 areas which stood out and which are now included in Eurochild’s work plan for 2008 in the form of 3 thematic working groups that were introduced during the annual conference in Malta.

The Seminar was hosted by Children in Northern Ireland (CiNI). It was attended by over 40 policy-makers, practitioners, researchers and academics from countries across Europe, who came together to share information, experiences and ideas on promoting children’s rights through positive parenting policies. The exchange was built upon latest developments at the European level, notably the manual of the Council of Europe on positive parenting “Parenting in Contemporary Europe”. The key messages of the seminar were translated into French, Spanish, Portuguese and German.

As a result of our work in this area, Eurochild was invited to contribute to a meeting of the Council of Europe on positive parenting in December. Participation was assured by our member organisation, Children in Northern Ireland.
Regular dissemination of information

In 2007 Eurochild continued to disseminate information about the latest developments in the area of children’s rights and child poverty on a European level.

Eurochild produces weekly *Info-Flashes*, which are solely destined for its member organisations and circulated electronically every Friday. Their aim is to provide members with brief updates on the activities of Eurochild and the latest policy & programme developments at EU level, as well as events and funding opportunities. Info-Flashes are placed on the members’ only pages of the website, with access to previous issues.

The monthly *e-News Bulletin* continues to be sent out at the end of every month to a list of now over 2,000 subscribers, including policy makers at the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, but also NGOs, representatives of member states, the press, etc. The e-News Bulletin informs readers about policy developments in the area of child poverty and children’s rights, as well as other social issues that are of direct or indirect interest to Eurochild’s members and partners. Anybody can sign up to receive the e-News Bulletin on Eurochild’s website.

The bi-annual *Newsletter* has been improved this year, by increasing the number of pages to 12. It is being published both in electronic and paper format and translated into French. Aside from articles about important developments on a European level, it includes a section presenting organisations which recently joined Eurochild. It also includes reports and pictures from events organised by Eurochild, and announces upcoming events. Members are invited to contribute articles on relevant issues. The Secretariat has bought the copy-rights of a series of pictures with children to illustrate the Newsletter, as well as other publications.

**Article 13 of the UNCRC**

*The child shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of the child’s choice.*

To increase the reach of our audience, Eurochild has continued to translate core information on its *Website* www.eurochild.org, which on top of English and French, is now also partly available in Spanish and Italian. The secretariat has developed separate pages on different policy areas and tried to improve the members’ only site. Further development and
improvement of the website is a priority for the 2008 work programme. All aforementioned publications and documents can be downloaded from the website.

Article 17 of the UNCRC

States Parties recognise the important function performed by the mass media and shall ensure that the child has access to information and material from a diversity of national and international sources, especially those aimed at the promotion of his or her social, spiritual and moral well-being and physical and mental health. (…)

Additional publications & languages

As already mentioned above, during 2007 Eurochild published a Fact Sheet on Child Poverty and Social Exclusion, which was translated into 6 languages with the help of our members, in order to distribute it on a national level. The Annual Report from 2006 was translated into Spanish. The Eurochild flyer has been translated into 6 languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese).

During the course of the year, Eurochild has also contributed articles to children’s magazines all over Europe about its work or developments on child rights at an EU level. This amongst others includes articles for ‘Children in Europe’ magazine, the Social Platform publication ‘Social Voices’, the EAPN Newsletter, ‘Young Minds’ magazine, ‘Exchange – social protection and social inclusion in the EU’, and an article for a publication by Amici dei Bambini on the risk of social exclusion for children in out-of-family care.

Consulting members

Eurochild’s Info-Flashes, e-News Bulletins and Website are generally well received by member organisations. This has been confirmed by a members’ survey, which was carried out in March 2007. Members also gave comments about how the network could improve its work and details of topics that are of particular interest to them - such as child abuse and neglect, work-life balance, children with disabilities or health issues - which we will try to take into account in the planning of future activities.
Eurochild’s membership grew from 36 full members in 18 EU member states and one other European country in the beginning of 2007, to 52 full members in 24 EU member states and 3 non-EU countries at the end of the year. Eurochild’s network was thus joined by 16 organisations in the course of the year.

In 2007 Eurochild also started creating a network of researchers and academic institutes working in the area of child poverty and social exclusion. Consequently, around 20 university or research departments were approached with a view to membership of Eurochild, of which 11 became associate members this year.

Additionally, Eurochild is an active member of the Platform of European Social NGOs and the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN). We take part in several working groups, regular meetings of European organisations in membership with them, as well as occasional ad hoc meetings on specific issues. As already mentioned in the beginning of this report, Eurochild also participates in the Child Rights Action Group (CRAG), a group of Brussels-based NGOs working on the EU Child Rights strategy.

During 2007 Eurochild obtained joint membership (shared with Euronet - the European Children’s Network) of the Liaison group with European civil society organisations of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

Eurochild also attended the spring meeting of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and of its Extreme Poverty and Social Cohesion Grouping, of which it is a member.

Reports from meetings in which Eurochild participates or is represented by a member, are usually posted in the weekly Info-Flash shortly after the event takes place.

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Article 5 of the UNCRC

States Parties shall respect the responsibilities, rights and duties of parents or, where applicable, the members of the extended family or community as provided for by local custom, legal guardians or other persons legally responsible for the child, to provide, in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child, appropriate direction and guidance in the exercise by the child of the rights recognised in the present Convention.
A glance at the 2008 Work Programme

The Community Action Programme against Poverty & Social Exclusion, under which Eurochild was funded until now, came to an end in 2007. Consequently, Eurochild applied for funding under the new PROGRESS Programme of the EU. Within the 3-year strategic partnership it now has with the European Commission, it is planning to focus its work on 3 issues that emerged as being important to its members.

The three Thematic Working Groups were kicked off at the workshops during Eurochild’s Annual Conference in 2007 (for more details please see the opposite page).

As every year, Eurochild is also planning to organise several events to discuss and raise awareness about the issue of child poverty and social exclusion.

This will include:

- an event on Early Years in the European Parliament in Brussels on 8 April 2008, in co-operation with the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
- its annual General Assembly & Policy Forum on 18-19 June 2008 in Brussels
- Eurochild’s second Members’ Exchange Seminar, this time on the theme of child & youth participation, on 2 October 2008 in Cardiff, Wales/UK (following the IFCW World Forum, co-organised by its member organisation Children in Wales)
- Eurochild’s fifth Annual Conference on 5-7 November 2008 in Budapest, Hungary, co-organised by our member organisation Family, Child Youth non-profit Association
Eurochild has developed, additionally to its Management Board and General Assembly, several working structures in order to strengthen its network and monitor the development of the different aspects of its work.

**Thematic Working Groups**

These groups bring together Eurochild members who wish to engage in more detailed exchange of information and practice on a particular aspect of child poverty and social exclusion.

The 3 thematic groups are:

- Participation of children and young people
- Early years’ education and care
- Families and Parenting Support

**Membership Working Group**

The membership working group brings together representatives of the different types of member organisations. It monitors the recruitment of members i.e.: identifying gaps in membership – geographical & sectoral, proposing a strategy to recruit new members, ...

**Policy Working Group**

The Eurochild policy working group is a crucial part of Eurochild’s internal structure. It meets once or twice a year to review the overall policy direction in key areas of interest to Eurochild and its members.

**Policy Forum**

This event generally coincides with the Eurochild General Assembly. It is the opportunity for all Eurochild members to exchange ideas and views on broader policy issues.

**Eurochild’s Annual Conference**

Annual Conferences aim to bring together civil society representatives as well as service providers, researchers, academics and national government representatives. These events allow detailed discussions and review of the state-of-play regarding efforts to tackle poverty and social exclusion across the EU.
Management Board

In 2007 Eurochild’s Management Board consisted of 5 elected representatives from amongst its member organisations. Two of them, whose mandate expired in 2007, were re-elected during the General Assembly in June.

President: Catriona Williams, Chief Executive, Children in Wales, United Kingdom (re-elected)

Secretary: Ene Tömbberg, President, Estonian Union for Child Welfare, Estonia (re-elected)

Treasurer: Ninetta Kazantzis, International Relations Secretary, Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Cyprus (re-elected)

Members:

Ulrike Wisser, President of the Child and Youth Welfare Organisation, AGJ, Germany

Maarit Kuikka, International Officer, Central Union for Child Welfare, Finland

Secretariat

The Eurochild Secretariat is based in Brussels and employed 3 people in 2007:

- Jana Hainsworth: Secretary General (full-time)
- Anja Hartwig: Information & Policy Development Officer (full time)
- Marie Dubit: Office Manager (60%)

Several interns and volunteers came to join the team at different periods during 2007, to help the staff with many of its tasks.

These included: Anna Erofeyeva from Russia, Brigette Henk from the US, Karen Del Bianco from Belgium, Elodie Boddez from Belgium, Elisabeth Kasilingam from France, Meghaen Anderson from the US, Paula Manrique from Spain, Ana Aránguez from Spain, (Jill) Hui-Min Ho from Taiwan Province of China, Ryan Meliak from Malta.
Full members

**Albania:** The Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania - CRCA (www.crca.org.al).

**Austria:** Vorarlberger Kinderdorf GmbH (www.kinderdorf.cc)

**Azerbaijan:** Daycare Centre "Children of Street" "Ishiqli Ev".

**Belgium:** Minor Ndako (www.minor-ndako.be).

**Bulgaria:** Social Activities and Practices Institute (www.sapibg.org)

**Croatia:** Sto Koluri Split, Association for Health Protection, Social Care and Children's rights (www.stokoluri.hr).

**Cyprus:** Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence (www.csca.org.cy); Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children.

**Denmark:** Department for Children's and Juvenile Affairs of the City of Aarhus (www.aarushkommune.dk); Joint Council for Child Issues (Børnesagens Fællesråd) (www.boernesagen.dk).

**Estonia:** Estonian Union for Child Welfare (www.lastekaitseliit.ee); Tallinn Children Support Centre (www.lastetugi.ee).

**EU wide:** Aflatoun, Child Savings International (www.aflatoun.org); Dyslexia International - Tools and Technologies (www.ditt-online.org); Europe's Children Our concern (www.ecoc.be); European Master in Children's Rights (www.enmcr.net); European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (www.dsj.de); SOS Kinderdorf International - International Continental Office for Western Europe (www.sos-childrensvillages.org)

**Finland:** Central Union for Child Welfare Finland (www.lskl.fi); Mannerheim League for Child Welfare (www.mll.fi); Pesäpuu Ry - Centre of Expertise in Child Welfare (www.pesapuu.fi)

**Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:** First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi (www.childrensembassy.org.mk)

**Germany:** Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe (www.agj.de)

**Greece:** Association for the Psychosocial Health of Children and Adolescents - Connect Hotline (www.epsype.gr); Panhellenic Association of members of one parent families

**Hungary:** Family, Child, Youth Non-Profit Association (www.csagy.hu); KEK Kev Konal Gyermekkrizis Alapitvány (www.kek-vonal.hu); National Association of Large Families (www.noe.hu)

**Ireland:** Arts for Peace Foundation (Ltd) (www.artsforpeace.ie); Barretstown (www.barretstown.org); Children's Rights Alliance (www.childrensrigh.ite); One Family (www.onefamily.ie)
Italy : Istituto Degli Innocenti (www.istitutodeglinnocenti.it)
Latvia : Latvian Save the Children (www.glabietbernus.lv)
Luxembourg : Ombuds - Comité for the Rights of the Child (www.ork.lu)
Malta : Foundation for Social Welfare Services (www.appogg.gov.mt); Ms Carmen Zammit, Ombudsperson
Portugal : CEBI - Foundation to Communitarian Development (www.foebi.org)
Romania : Association P.A.V.E.L.
Slovakia : National Centre for Equal Opportunities (www.rovnopravnost.sk)
Slovenia : Association for Children and Parents SEZAM (www.zdruzenje-sezam.si); Ecological-Cultural Association for a Better World (www.forbetterworld.si)
Spain : Federació d'Entitats d'Atenció a la Infancia i a l'Adolescència (www.fedaia.org)
Sweden : Örebro Regional Development Council (www.regionorebro.se)
The Netherlands : Netherlands Youth Institute (www.nizw.nl)
United Kingdom : Barnardo's Northern Ireland (www.barnardos.org.uk); Children in Northern Ireland (www.ci-ni.org.uk); Children in Scotland (www.childreninscotland.org.uk); Children in Wales(www.childreninwales.org.uk); National Children's Bureau (www.ncb.org.uk); National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations (www.ncvcco.org) NIPPA - The Early Years Organisation (www.nippa.org);

Associate members

Belgium : Research Centre Childhood and Society (www.k-s.be)
Czech Republic : Mr Chris Gardiner; Ms Tereza Tesarova
Denmark : The Danish University of Education (www.dpu.dk); Villum Kann Rasmussen Foundation (www.vkr-fondene.dk)
France : Mr John Bennet
Iceland : University of Iceland Oddi v/Sudurgotu (www.hi.is/id/1002800)
Ireland : Mr Hugh Frazer
Lithuania : Mikolas Romeris University (www.mruni.lt)
Poland : Department of General Sociology - University of Lodz (www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl/is)
United Kingdom : Mr Emmanuel Sherwin

Honorary members

Belgium : Mr Eugeen Verhellen
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## Income statement

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