

The Role of Cities in Realizing the EU Child Guarantee

26 January 2024, 10.00 - 11.15 CET - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

The [European Child Guarantee](#) (ECG) provides a framework for a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to prevent and combat social exclusion by guaranteeing effective access of children in need to a **set of key services** such as early childhood education and care, education, healthy meal every school day, and healthcare. It recognizes that **local authorities play a crucial role** in delivering services and support to vulnerable children and are therefore at the forefront to fight child poverty and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Cities are instrumental in achieving the target set in the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan to lift at least 5 million children out of poverty by 2030. All stakeholders, from the European, national, regional, and local levels, as well as international organizations and NGOs, should come together to make the Child Guarantee a reality. This collaboration is instrumental in building a better future for our children, ensuring they have equal opportunities and a life without poverty and social exclusion.

This event is part of Eurocities and UNICEF partnership aimed at building the capacity of local authorities in localising the EU Child Guarantee.

9.50 - 10.00 CET	Link open - Click here to join the meeting Moderation by Nathalie Guri, Project and knowledge sharing Director, Eurocities
10.00 - 10.10	Welcome by Octavian Bivol, Deputy Regional Director for UNICEF Europe and Central Asia
10.10 – 10.20	Intervention by Dragoş Pîslaru, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, European Parliament
10.20 – 11.00	Panel discussion moderated by Nathalie Guri, Project and Knowledge sharing Director, Eurocities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katarina Ivanković Knežević, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission - Danijela Dolenc, Deputy Mayor of the City of Zagreb - Flavia Boghiu, the Deputy Mayor, City of Brasov - Lieve de Bosscher, Director of Child care services, Ghent
11.00 – 11.10	Intervention by Sofie Dumortier, Child Guarantee Coordinator in the Federal Public Planning Service Social Integration, Belgium
11.10 – 11.15	Closing remarks by André Sobczak, Secretary General, Eurocities