

## **Social Europe Academy Webinar**

## The Child Guarantee: How to engage at the national level?

Date: 26 April 2022,10.00 - 12.00.

On Zoom. Link to connect:

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Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, there were over 18 million children in the EU growing up in poverty or facing social exclusion. The pandemic brought a complex array of challenges and repercussions, exacerbating the critical situation of those affected by severe material deprivation, especially children. An ambitious and comprehensive framework protecting children in need and ensuring equitable access to key services was thus urgently needed.

Last June, EU Member States unanimously adopted the Council Recommendation establishing the European Child Guarantee. The Child Guarantee represents a landmark step forward in protecting the rights of children experiencing poverty or social exclusion in the European Union. It aims to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty, by calling on EU Member States to guarantee access to a range of basic rights and services for children in need. Member States should now build an integrated policy framework to address the social exclusion of children through National Action Plans, which have to be submitted by mid-March.

During this webinar, we will provide some information on the Child Guarantee implementation and discuss the upcoming National Action Plans. We will also explore ways for our members to get involved with the implementation of those strategies at the national level with the aim to develop a Child Guarantee Monitoring Group to influence policies that will drive the fight against child poverty and social exclusion in the years to come.

## Agenda:

10.00	Welcome/Introduction
	Magdalena Bordagorry- Policy Officer, <b>Eurodiaconia.</b>
10.05	'Tour de table'
10.15	Presentation of the Child Guarantee & next steps
	Stefan Iszkowski, Policy Officer, DG EMPL, European Commission
10:35	Q&A
11.00	Members' exchange session
	- Martin Schenk, <b>Diakonie Österreich</b> (TBC)
	- Discussion & experience sharing
11.50	Conclusions and next steps

If you have any questions,	please get in touch with	Magdalena at M	Magdalena.Bordagorry	@eurodiaconia.org.