

Expert conference 'Europe de l'Enfance'

*The European and international policy agendas
on children, youth and children's rights*

Antwerp, 8 – 10 September 2010

From 14.00	Accreditation/registration in the hotel Welcome coffee – meet & greet
16.00 – 18.30 @ Foyer	Opening plenary 'Europe de l'Enfance' - Expert Meeting
	16.00 Welcome and situating by the president <i>By An Vrancken, Director-General, Agency Socio-Cultural Work for Youth and Adults</i>
	16.10 Political relevance of the expert meeting and conference 'Europe de l'Enfance' <i>By Pascal Smet, Flemish Minister for Education, Youth, Equal Opportunities and Brussels Affairs</i>
	16.20 Presentation of the expert conference 'Europe de l'Enfance' : three priorities and the agenda <i>By Joost Van Haelst, Children's Rights Coordinator, Flemish government</i>
	16.30 The European and international policy agendas on children, youth and children's rights – presentation of the draft document of the Belgian EU-Presidency Youth <i>By dr. Ellen Desmet, Children's Rights Knowledge Centre</i>
	16.45 Reactions on the draft presidency document <i>By the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the European Youth Forum, ENOC, UNICEF and ChildONEurope</i>
	17.00 Break
	17.15 Reactions on the draft presidency document <i>By the member states and the EFTA-countries</i>
	18.15 Varia, practical information and conclusion of the expert meeting by the

		president <i>By An Vrancken, Director-General, Agency Socio-Cultural Work for Youth and Adults</i>
20.00 – 22.00 @ Bourla Theater	Dinner	

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08.00 – 08.45	Accreditation and registration for participants Coffee	
09.00 – 10.15 @ Grote Zaal	Plenary Opening Session	
	9.00	Welcome
	9.15	Presentation of the Belgian EU Presidency Youth, about the European and international policy agendas on children, young people and children's rights <i>By Jan Vanhee, Belgian EU Presidency Youth</i>
	9.30	Presentation: 'European and international policy agendas on children, young people and children's rights: comparison and possible synergies' <i>By dr. Ellen Desmet, Children's Rights Knowledge Centre</i>
	10.00	Political reflection <i>By Pascal Smet, Flemish Minister for Education, Youth, Equal Opportunities and Brussels Affairs</i>
10.15 – 10.45	Moving to Working Groups Sessions/Coffee	
10.45 – 12.30	Working Group Sessions European and international policy agendas on children, young people and children's rights : comparison and possible synergies.	
	1. Objectives (E) @ Danszaal	Expert: Didier Reynaert, University College Ghent & Children's Rights Knowledge Centre
	2. Participation (E) @ Theatertje	Expert : Antonia Wulff, Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Child and Youth Participation (Council of Europe)
	3. Poverty (E) @ Ateljee	Expert: dr. Rudi Roose, Ghent University & Children's Rights Knowledge Centre
	4. Methods and Instruments (E) @ Schoon Verdiep	Expert: Georg Henrik Wrede, Programme Director, Policy programme for the well-being of children, youth and families (Fi)

	5. Clashing Images (E) @ Vergaderzaal	Expert: dr. Bruno Vanobbergen, Flemish Children's Rights Commissioner
12.30 – 13.30 @ Foyer	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30 @ Grote Zaal	Plenary Session	
	13.30	Presentation: 'State of play of the upcoming communication on an EU-strategy for the rights of the child' <i>By Anna Zito, Coordinator - Rights of the Child, European Commission</i>
	14.00	Presentation of the ChildONEurope study on early childhood education and care services <i>By Erika Bernacchi and Roberta Ruggiero, ChildONEurope Secretariat</i>
14.30 – 15.00	Moving to Working Group Sessions/Coffee	
15.00 – 16.30	Working Group sessions - The EU-strategy for the rights of the child - Early childhood education and care services	
	1. Debate EU strategy (E) @ Grote Zaal	Moderator: Ankie Vandekerckhove, former Flemish Children's Rights Commissioner Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Vanpeperstraete, European Youth Forum • Dominique Versini, ENOC • Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild • Margaret Wachenfeld, UNICEF • Maria Herczog, Committee on the Rights of the Child
	2. Early childhood education and care services (E) @Danszaal	By Filip Winderickx en Katleen Govaert, Kind en Gezin (Child and Family), Flemish government
	3. Les services d'éducation et d'accueil de la petite enfance" (F) @Theatertje	By Benoît Parmentier, Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance (Birth and Childhood's Office), French Community of Belgium

<p>16.30 – 17.30 @ Grote Zaal</p>	<p>Closing Session – Impressions and Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Wouter Vandenhole, University of Antwerp, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights and Children's Rights Knowledge Centre, president • Antonia Wulff ,Chair of the Advisory Council (Council of Europe) • Ben Vanpeperstraete, European Youth Forum • Bjørn Jaaberg Hansen, Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, Department of Children and Youth Policy (No)
<p>18.30 – 22.00 @ City Hall Antwerp</p>	<p>Reception and Dinner Welcome by Leen Verbist, Alderman Youth of the City of Antwerp Welcome by Dirk Moors, Deputy of Principle Private Secretary of the Flemish Minister for Education, Youth, Equal Opportunities and Brussels Affairs</p>

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07.30 – 09.30	Breakfast and Check Out Hotel
9.30 – 12.00 @ Foyer	Plenary Closing Session 'Europe de l'Enfance' - Expert Meeting
9.30	Welcome by the president Conclusions on the draft presidency document youth <i>By An Vrancken, Director-General, Agency Socio-Cultural Work for Youth and Adults</i>
9.50	Conclusions 'Europe de l'Enfance'-Expert Conference - European and international policy agendas on children, young people and children's rights : comparison and possible synergies - The EU-strategy for the rights of the child - Early childhood education and care services <i>By dr. Filip Coussée, Ghent University</i>
10.10	Reactions on the Conclusions 'Europe de l'Enfance' – Expert Conference <i>By the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the European Youth Forum, ENOC, UNICEF and ChildONEurope</i>
10.25	Break
10.35	Reactions on the Conclusions 'Europe de l'Enfance' – Expert Conference <i>By the Member States and the EFTA-Countries</i>
11.25	Announcement of the Ministerial Conference of 15-16 November of the Ministers for Children <i>By Benoit Parmentier, Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance, French Community of Belgium</i>
11.35	'Europe de l'Enfance' and the upcoming Hungarian EU-presidency <i>By Zsuzsanna Agosto, Chief Counsellor, Ministry of National Resources (Hu)</i>
11.45	Final reflection <i>By Pascal Smet, Flemish Minister for Education, Youth, Equal Opportunities and Brussels Affairs</i>
11.55	Closing by the president <i>By An Vrancken, Director-General, Agency Social-Cultural Work for Youth and Adults</i>
12.00 – 14.00 @ Foyer	Lunch (buffet)

