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Eurochild, in collaboration with the UNESCO, invite you to a round table on

“Family and parenting support in challenging times”

Tuesday 7 May 2013, 14:00 – 17:00

European Commission, Charlemagne building (room MANS), rue de la Loi 170, Brussels

Please register before 16 April at:

www.tinyurl.com/fps-roundtable2013

On 7 May 2013 [Eurochild](http://www.eurochild.org), in cooperation with the [UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre](http://www.unesco.org), organise a round table debate on **Family and parenting support in challenging times**.

Family and parenting support is not a luxury for times of plenty. Investment in all families, complemented by targeted support for the most vulnerable families at risk of exclusion, is a fundamental building block of cohesive societies. Interventions such as parent support, education, training, strengthening family and community networks and peer support can help build parents' self-esteem and skills, improve parents' long-term employability, and enhance children's well-being and development.

The event aims to promote a wider understanding at EU level of what family and parenting support is, what is really needed to support parenting, what are the lessons learned in this field and see possible ways to put those lessons into practice. Also in the context of the follow-up to the European Commission Recommendation on child poverty and well-being - launched on 20 February 2013 as part of the Social Investment Package - it is expected that the round table stimulates debate on how we may be able to build more EU policy competence in this area.

This event will engage experts and policy makers in a debate on the follow-up work by the EU.

PROGRAMME

12:30 Lunch buffet

13:30-14:00 Registrations

14:00-14:15 Opening

Introduction by **Jana Hainsworth**, Eurochild Secretary General, Chair of the round table &

Pat Dolan, UNESCO Chair and Director Child and Family Research Centre

14:15-15:30 Evidence-based practice in family and parenting support

Juliet Ramage, Action for Children, External expert

Liam Coen, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre

Stijn Hoorens, RAND Europe

15:30-15:50 Coffee break

15:50-16:50 Round table discussion

Egbert Holthius, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Dominic Richardson, OECD

Jasmina Byrne, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

Regina Jensdottir, Council of Europe

16:50-17:00 Concluding remarks by **Jana Hainsworth**, Eurochild Secretary General and Chair of the round table