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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](http://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/child), 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**

**12:00** Registrations

**12:30** Lunch buffet

#### **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

**Mona Sandbaek**, Council of Europe

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