



24<sup>th</sup> of March  
09.00 to 11.30 AM (CET)  
10.00 to 12.30 (EET)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN CONVENTION OF FAMILY FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES

# “MOVING TOWARDS FAMILY-FRIENDLY EUROPE”

## Agenda

### 09:00 OPENING WORDS

**Aage Õunap**, President of the Estonian Association of Large Families (ELPL)

**Regina Maroncelli**, President of ELFAC and of the European Network of Family Friendly Municipalities

### 09:10 COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES (ESTONIA)

**Signe Riisalo**, Minister of Social Protection, Estonian Government

The presentation reflects the plans for the well-being of families in the coming years. The Ministry wishes to support local governments and at the same time be their partner to reach children and families in need. The most important goal in the coming years is to map the actual need for assistance at the local government level and to support local governments in developing services and support for families with children.

### 09:35 CHILDREN'S SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM CHILDREN'S PERSPECTIVES (ESTONIA)

**Dagmar Kutsar**, PhD, is a Professor of Social Policy at the University of Tartu. Her research interests are around the well-being of children and families.

The presentation will discuss children's subjective assessments about their lives in international comparison by drawing data from Children's Worlds Study (2018/19). It will also make insights into children's well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic by focusing on children's experiences in Estonia, Canada, and Switzerland.

### 10:00 A HANDBOOK FOR THE MONITORING OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) IN EUROPEAN CITIES (JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE, SPAIN)

**Alice Siragusa**, is the team leader of the Joint Research Centre (JCR, European Commission) project on Localising SDGs. In the Urban and Territorial Development Unit, she focuses on the knowledge support to urban policies. She has been co-editing and co-authoring “the Future of Cities” report and the “European Handbook for SDGs Voluntary Local Reviews”.

The presentation will focus on the first edition of the European Handbook for SDG Voluntary Local Reviews. This publication offers policy makers and practitioners an inspirational framework to set up Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). The Handbook provides key examples of official and experimental indicators useful to set up an effective SDG local monitoring system specifically targeted for European cities.

### 10:25 THE SATURATION OF THE EXISTING TERRITORIAL CAPITAL: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES AND MUNICIPALITIES (ITALY)

**Luciano Malfer**, General director, Agency for Family and Youth, Autonomous Province of Trento

This presentation focuses on the saturation of services - how to offer more opportunities to families and increase territorial attractiveness without further economic measures. The services already existing in the territory can generate further value for the community, as they can be used - virtually at no cost - by resident citizens and families.

### 10:45 THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE - DISCUSSION ABOUT GROWING UP IN A LARGE FAMILY AND FAMILY POLICIES

**Chiara Ledda** (Italy), **German Hunt** (Estonia), **Dulce Franco Frazão** (Portugal), **Artūrs Gruzdulis Borovojs** (Latvia), **Teresa Krupska** (Poland)

**Chiara Ledda** is 22 years old and comes from Italy. She studies Political and Social Sciences at the University of Turin and is currently doing an internship at ELFAC in Barcelona. She is the vice president of an association of youth (ARTICA) that promotes active citizenship and social innovation. She hopes to connect her future with family policies.

**German Hunt** is a 20-year-old first-year university student majoring in history at the University of Tallinn. Moreover, he is a young musician who plays the trombone in a few select orchestras. He loves to play sports and dance. He is open-minded, loves to help others and enjoys spending time on self-development. He served his time in the military for a total of 8 months from October 2019 until May 2020. Therefore, he has become a soldier who is ready to defend and help Estonia in a time of need or a crisis.

**Dulce Franco Frazão** is 24 years old and comes from Portugal. She is working as a Content Specialist at Nestlé Business Services. Managing accounts and projects with brands all over the world to provide visual, audiovisual and translated content. She has a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences from the University NOVA of Lisbon. She is deeply interested in family related topics. She is starting her own family and is getting married in May.

**Artūrs Gruzdulis Borovojs** is 19 years old and comes from Latvia. He has graduated from high school and is preparing to enter the Latvian Academy of Culture. He is an active member of Stopiņi district's large family association “Māra” and helps to create activities for families.

**Teresa Krupska** is 21 years old and comes from Poland. She studies Early School Education at the Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw. She is a member of the “Youth for Plus” - youth section of the Association of Large Families “Three Plus” - which supports youth from large families and promotes a positive image of the family institution. She is a leader of a scout team for young girls.

### 11:25 CLOSING REMARKS

### 11:30 END OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY



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- 09:00 THE NETWORK OF EUROPEAN FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES**  
**Raul Sanchez**, Secretary-General, European Large Families Confederation (ELFAC)  
 This presentation introduces the network of Family-Friendly Municipalities and explains why and how to join the network.
- 09:15 THE FAMILY PLAN: A STRATEGIC TOOL FOR FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES (ITALY)**  
**Luciano Malfer**, General director, Agency for Family and Youth, Autonomous Province of Trento  
 This presentation introduces the steps that municipalities need to take to establish a strategic family plan. The “Family-friendly” certification process in Trentino municipalities started in 2007. It is a voluntary-based membership process whose requirements have been defined by the Autonomous Province of Trento in agreement with the Consortium of Trentino Municipalities and the Forum of Family Association.
- 09:30 DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES IN EUROPE – GLOBAL ISSUES WITH SOLUTIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (EUROPEAN COMMISSION)**  
**Dubravka Šuica**, Vice-president for Democracy and Demography, European Commission  
 In the presentation Vice-President will mention some of the main demographic challenges that Europe is facing, looking at the causes of these challenges and potential solutions through local level initiatives. Vice-President will also particularly reflect on the role families can play in our societies and the conditions that are needed to support positive developments in this field.  
**Good practices from different parts of Europe**
- 10:00 YOUTH GUARANTEE SUPPORT SYSTEM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (ESTONIA)**  
**Kelli Ilisson**, Ministry of Social Affairs, Employment department (Adviser)  
 The presentation introduces the Youth Guarantee support system, which is a tool for local governments to find out about young people who are not studying or working and offer them support to return to education and enter the labour market.
- 10:20 ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED FOR FAMILIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (KRAKOW, POLAND)**  
**Marzena Paszkot**, Advisor to the Mayor of Krakow City for Family Affairs & Malgorzata Wawrzynska, Office of Family Affairs, Social Policy and Health Department, Krakow City Hall  
 The presentation will focus on the activities and good practices carried out during the Covid-19 pandemic, supporting families with children. The aim of the municipality of Krakow is to seek for solutions and aspire to minimise the social and economic impact of the pandemic.
- 10:35 THE COLLABORATION WITH FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS TO CREATE ATTRACTIVE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY TERRITORY (THE UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF PRESOLANA, ITALY)**  
**Cinzia Locatelli**, Major of Cerete, President of the Union of the Municipalities of Presolana  
 Despite having good ideas, public administration often struggles to put them into practice as the implementation of activities is limited by excessive bureaucracy. The presence of a family association that cares about the well-being and is open for collaboration allows building a synergy that brings benefits for municipalities, residents, and tourists.
- 10:50 ZICER: AN INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON CREATING A BUSINESS CLIMATE AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (ZAGREB, CROATIA)**  
**Đurđica Svaton**, City of Zagreb, Office for Demography  
 ZICER is Zagreb Innovation Centre eg. a business support organization founded and owned by the City of Zagreb that ensures adequate support to young people. ZICER’s activities promote youth transitions by stimulating entrepreneurial environments and strengthening entrepreneurial competencies, taking into account the needs of young families.
- 11:05 THE FAMILY PLAN FOR MUNICIPALITY (PENAFIEL, PORTUGAL)**  
**Daniela Oliveira**, Head of the Office of Support to the Mayor of Penafiel, a special focus on the Portfolio of the Family and Social Inclusion  
 This presentation focuses on the family plan of the municipality and includes policies, activities and services related to family support.
- 11:20 COMMUNITIES INVOLVING FAMILIES IN VESZPREM – EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2023 (VESZPREM, HUNGARY)**  
**Gyula Porga**, Mayor of Veszprem  
 Municipality’s goals can only be reached by working together with local communities and involving people who live there. This is the only way to shape a creative, collaborative region open to the future, where social groups of the widest diversity may meet to create new values with shared goals.
- 11:35 GREEK CITIES ON THE ROAD TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN NETWORK CERTIFICATION (GREECE)**  
**Dr. Michalis Christakis**, President of the Panhellenic Association of General Secretaries in Municipal Authorities in Greece; General Secretary of the Municipality of Nea Smyrni, Attica, Greece  
 Joining the European Network of Family-Friendly Municipalities and its effects on the development of family policies in Greek local governments.
- 11:50 DELIVERY OF DIPLOMAS TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK**
- 11:55 CLOSING REMARKS**  
**Regina Maroncelli**, President of ELFAC
- 12:00 END OF THE CONVENTION**



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