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# EUROCEF NEWS



**European Committee of action specialized for the child and the family in their environment**

## Word of the President

Hello everyone

Eurocef has, for over 20 years, carrying on discussion among social workers and European institutions. The basis of our civic commitment is the conviction that our future social reality is modeled on our actions which take place today. However we observe that the lives and work of the social workers and the users are becoming increasingly complex. The question we must ask ourselves today is what is the social model we want to build through our policies and our daily lives. This model should articulate social and economic issues, in principle, the relationship between responsibility and solidarity of the citizens who build Europe. This newsletter will give you some information about our activities and if you want more information or if you want to join us, feel free to contact us!

Anna Rurka

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE

### WE NEED YOU!

We plan to make a collective complaint at the European Committee of Social Rights on the French laws No. 2010-1127 of 28 September 2010 to fight against school absenteeism (JORF No. 0226 of 29 September 2010 page 17553 Text # 1 ) and law No. 2011-267 of 14 March 2011 on the parental responsibility contract. These laws designed the suspension of family allowances in cases of truancy of their children.. This law is discriminatory and violates the economic and social rights. We need your evidence on the impact that this legislation has on the lives of all, the lives of families and social workers who are also parents. It is also a great opportunity to show that social workers and users can be on the same side of the barricade, and promote a citizen participation !

**Send us an email if you know of any families affected by this sanction !!**

### SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOs of 25 to 27 January 2012.

We are engaged in several working groups established in the Commissions of the Conference of INGOs:

Think Tank Working Group Education in the 21st Century within Committee on Education and Culture  
3 working groups in the Human Rights Committee:

- 1 - Extreme poverty and human right
- 2 - SocialCharter
- 3 - Defenders of Human Rights

**You all, dear (s) member (s), guest (s) are invited to participate in this debate!**

Site web: <http://www.eurocef.eu/>

## EUROCEF ACTIONS

### Training on social policy and social work in Europe

As members of EUROCEF we have now acquired, through our various exchanges and cooperation, knowledge of European institutions, social policies, practices in social work and education.

In accordance with the aims of our association, we place at the disposal of all organizations, institutions, agencies and associations training sessions on European social policies and practices in social work.

Dynamic meetings illustrated by many documents and examples from different European countries can be organized in your institutions .

Exchange of practices confers more legitimacy and more arguments to contribute to a European social wellbeing, and prevent any standardization. We wish to develop further collaboration in this context.

"Europe is the place where the certitude is recognized as truth, only it is constantly rediscovered"

Hendrik Brugmans

### Lanzarote Convention (2007)

The new Convention of the Council of Europe on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse was signed by 25 countries and ratified by 18 including France

Following this, the EU has developed in 2011 a directive to combat sexual abuse and sexual exploitation against children (Decision 2004/68/JHA). Both documents modify the current field of child protection. [http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/OurCampaign/objectives\\_fr.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/OurCampaign/objectives_fr.asp)

Monitoring the implementation of the Convention in the country is provided by the committee of the parties composed on governments and civil society (Conference of INGOs, European institutions). Every country that has ratified the Convention will inform the Committee on the progress and obstacles.

The convention of Lanzarote is an important pillar of the NEW STRATEGY (2012-2015) of the Council of Europe ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN.

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/StrategyConferenceMonaco/StrategyConferenceMonaco\\_fr.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/StrategyConferenceMonaco/StrategyConferenceMonaco_fr.asp)

### In 2011 the Committee of Ministers adopted the new Recommendation CM / Rec (2011) 12 on child rights and social services appropriate to children and families.

This recommendation refers, among others, to the recommendation on positive parenting and strengthening parenting skills.

Children's participation should be considered not only as to develop the capacity of the child - that is to say what he will become in the future - but also in terms of current quality of life of the child . This participation can take many forms and have consultative nature or collaborative or come as an initiative from the child. It seems important to note that these forms of participation do not involve the same degree of child responsibility!

## EUROCEF PARTENERSHIPS

**Participation in the First European Regional Conference organized by IRTS Montrouge 7 - 9 February 2012;**

EUROCEF participated actively in the Organizing Committee, the Scientific Committee, to interventions in plenary and the round tables... <http://www.Fondation-itsrs.org/1eres-Rencontres-regionales,277.html>

**From 21 to 25 may, Eurocef will co-organize the study visit of 38 Polish professionals in partnership with the Institute for the development of social services in Poland.**

If you want to participate in this meeting, in allowing these professionals in your institutions, please contact us!

**Evaluation of the project Innov2010 [www.innov2010.eu](http://www.innov2010.eu) by the students of ETSUP**

Even if the assessment of the final report by Education & Training Agency - *lifelong learning* programme - was very favorable, we share one more time this experience though the formative evaluation realized by the students of ETSUP. This evaluation is one task which prepare a group to the diploma of State of social engineering.

In the following days some of you will be contacted to be interviewed.

## EUROCEF DIARY

**8 and 9 June**, Meeting with Directorate General of Youth Welfare of the French community of Belgium

Firt feed-back of the results of assessment presented by the students of the Etsup

**25-27 June Session of the INGOS to the Council of Europe.**

**21-25 may** study visit of polish professionals

**EUROCEF training sessions**

- ETSUP (mars, april 2012),
- BUC Ressources (april 2012)
- IRTS de Montrouge (september-november 2012),
- IRTS de Poitiers (november 2012),
- CNAEMO (November 2012)

"Bring the European project, it is bringing "our Europe", and each of us shares responsibility".

*Jaques Delors*

## News memberships

Véro BONCOMPAGNI is specialized educator and artist photographer. You cans discover her film at this link :

<http://video.Google.com/videoplay?docid=-761897834723085649#>

**Stéphanie DEFAUX**

Stephanie works in the Office of Department 95, she is a doctoral student to University of Lille 1.

Her PhD research is entitled "The notion of effectiveness in social work: between institutional guidelines and professional practices - an example of a framework for the child welfare ".

**Three commissions are create**

EUROCEF created 3 working committees in which members may invest:

**Training commission**

**Project commission**

**Communication commission**



- EUROCEF is an international non-governmental organization with participatory status at the Council of Europe. Eurocef shares are to
- develop social and educational assistance to the child and family,
- collect and disseminate innovative experiences for the maintenance of the child in the family, in the greater respect for human rights,
- contribute to construct high level social policy, Act to the European authorities for the purposes of professionalization and multidisciplinary social and educational work.

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**EUROCEF faces !!**



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