

European Competence Centre for Social Innovation:
Community of Practice on Social Inclusion

Advancing and Promoting the Implementation of the European Child Guarantee Through ESF+ Funding Instruments

Key information

Date: 27-28 May 2025

Location: Onsite

Agenda

Time (CEST)	27 May 2025
09:15 - 10:00	Welcome Coffee and Registration
10:00 - 10:40	Welcome Remarks Hon Michael Falzon MP, Minister, Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights European Commission Representative, Neringa Poškutė, Head of the European Competence Centre for Social Innovation Alfred Grixti, CEO, Foundation for Social Welfare Services
10:40 - 11:00	Keynote Presentation: The Child Guarantee in Malta – Progress, Achievements, and Remaining Challenges Jonathan Silvio, Director Coordination and Implementation, National Coordinator of the Child Guarantee in Malta, Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights
11:00 - 12:30	Panel Debate: Comparing Approaches Across the European Union Panellists: European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) representative in Malta, European Commission representatives, Coordinators of the European Child Guarantee (ECG). This discussion will explore key policies and plans under the ECG, relevant ESF+ interventions, and the five key areas of intervention under the ECG: early childhood intervention, education, housing, healthy nutrition, and healthcare. Panellists will share insights on progress, challenges, and the way forward.
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch

14:00 - 16:30	<p>Study Visits – Government/Public Sector Initiatives</p> <p>Participants will be divided into five groups for study visits. Each group will visit one of the following organizations: Group 1: Child Protection Services Group 2: Directorate for Alternative Care Group 3: Home-Based Therapeutic Services Group 4: Children’s House – Court Services Group 5: Education and Child Care Services</p>
18:30 - 20:30	<p>Dinner</p>

Time (CEST)	28 May 2025
--------------------	--------------------

09:00 - 09:30	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Antoinette Vassallo, Malta's Commissioner for Children (online)</p> <p>H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, Founder and Chair of The Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society</p> <p>Children's Presentation,</p>
09:30 - 10:00	<p>Discussion with Participants</p>
10:00 - 10:20	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:30 - 13:00	<p>Study Visits – Non-Governmental Organisation Practices</p> <p>Participants will be divided into five groups for study visits. Each group will visit one of the following organizations: Group 1: TBISSIMA (A Licensed Non-Formal Education Programme) Group 2: The Blossom Project (Counselling Services in State Schools) Group 3: Villabianca Centre for Music and the Arts (For Children and Young People with Disabilities) Group 4: Children’s Local Council Meeting Group 5: The POP-Up Project (Promoting Online Protection)</p>
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Lunch</p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>Reflections and discussions based on study visits.</p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <p>Mark Musu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights</p> <p>European Commission Representative,</p>