

# ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR PAPERS

International Workshop  
**Impact of Poverty and Social Exclusion on Children's Lives  
and their Well-being**

8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (til noon), Bratislava

Hosted by the Institute for Labour and Family Research, Bratislava

## **The workshop ...**

is a follow-up event of the international workshop "Children's Experiences with Poverty and Social Exclusion – Challenges for Research and Policies", which was held in Vienna in June 2007. Its aim is to strengthen the established platform for theoretical-methodological discussions concerning child poverty and social exclusion of children. The workshop will mainly focus on identifying the ways in which poverty and social exclusion affect children's lives and their well-being, with particular reference to children's health. The lives of children and their well-being from different perspectives, including their own perceptions and feelings, will be the focus of discussion. The general framework of the workshop is rooted in child-centred research and part of the agenda of children's rights.

The **objectives** of the workshop are:

- To discuss the theoretical approaches of child-centred research concerning child poverty and social exclusion in detail and in-depth.
- To build a platform for exchange and discussion of research findings about the impact of poverty and social exclusion on children's lives and well-being, with particular reference to health issues.
- To identify the main priority areas as well as specific groups of children whose well-being is seriously at risk (caused by poverty and social exclusion) in different regions, in particular of children living in the CEE Region, the Southern part of Europe, and the Middle East.
- To exchange and reflect good practices in relation to policy responses concerning these children.
- To discuss the practice- and policy-relevance of (child-centred) research on the workshop topic.
- To continue with the discussion of challenges for research and policies by taking into account the UN CRC as well as recent developments in the area of children's rights (e.g. at EU level).
- To collect ideas for follow-up activities on the topic "Child Poverty and Social Exclusion" in the respective regions.

## **Terms of Reference:**

The workshop is limited to 25 participants. All participants will be **expected to take part** in the proceedings (in English), by either **presenting or discussing papers**. Accommodation for two nights (single room, 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008) and meals during the workshop will be covered for all participants; a limited number of travel grants are available. Details on these issues will be provided to those who will be accepted by the organising committee.

## **If you are interested to attend this workshop ...**

Please send a brief abstract of your contribution (which should not exceed one A4 page), including your ideas as to how you could contribute to this workshop to:

Daniel Gerbery ([gerbery@sspr.gov.sk](mailto:gerbery@sspr.gov.sk)) and Renate Kraenzl-Nagl ([kraenzl@aon.at](mailto:kraenzl@aon.at)).

Please state clearly your name, title, nationality, full postal and email address, telephone and fax numbers. A brief CV including a list of your most recent publications should accompany the abstract.

**DEADLINE: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

Information on the outcome of the selection procedure will be sent out two weeks after the deadline.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting of the  
**Childwatch International Regional Network  
of Central and Eastern European Countries**  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (afternoon), Bratislava

Hosted by the Institute for Labour and Family Research, Bratislava

**The Meeting of the CWI Regional Network of CEE countries ...**

is scheduled immediately after the international workshop to take place in the afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and is open to all participants of the workshop who are interested in future activities in the CEE region and collaborations between experts from CEE countries and other regions (e.g. Southern Europe, the Middle East).

The **objectives** of this meeting are:

- To collect ideas for future activities in the CEE region based on a discussion of priority areas and in accordance with the Childwatch International Strategy 2007-2009<sup>1</sup>
- To discuss linkages between the CEE Regional Network and other (regional) networks, thematic groups, study groups etc of the Childwatch International Research Network
- To collect ideas how to contribute to the planned global conference at the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, jointly organised by Childwatch International and UNICEF (scheduled for November 2009)

**Terms of Reference:**

The participation in this meeting is neither restricted to members of the Childwatch International Network nor to experts from CEE countries but limited to the workshop participants. Accommodation costs for an additional night (single room, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008) will be covered for a limited number of participants.

**If you are interested to attend the CEE Regional Network meeting ...**

Please inform Daniel Gerbery ([gerbery@sspr.gov.sk](mailto:gerbery@sspr.gov.sk)) and Renate Kraenzl-Nagl ([kraenzl@aon.at](mailto:kraenzl@aon.at)) when applying for the international workshop.

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**Organising Committee:**

Renate Kraenzl-Nagl, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna

Daniel Gerbery, Institute for Labour and Family Research, Bratislava (local organiser)

Mona Sandbaek, Norwegian Social Research (NOVA), Oslo

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.childwatch.uio.no/what\\_is\\_cwi/Childwatch\\_Strategy\\_2007\\_2009.pdf](http://www.childwatch.uio.no/what_is_cwi/Childwatch_Strategy_2007_2009.pdf)