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Strengthening integration within early childhood systems – why and how?

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Venue: City Hall Brussels, Grand Place/Grote Markt 1 – 1000 Brussels

Agenda

10.15-10.30 – Registration and welcome

- 10.30-10.35 **Welcome:** Arnaud Pinxteren, Alderman of the Young Child, Citizen Participation and Urban Renewal, City of Brussels & Stefan Schäfers, King Baudouin Foundation
- 10.35-10.50 **Brief description of the INTESYS project:** Mihaela Ionescu, ISSA-the International Step by Step Association, INTESYS coordinator
- 10.50-11.05 **The Pillar of Social Rights and the integration of services – the role of the EU’:** Claire Dhéret, European Policy Centre (EPC)
- 11.05 – 12.15 **Panel discussion – What have we learned from INTESYS?**
Moderator: Jacki Davis
Panelists:
 - Liesbeth Lambert, VBJK, Belgium
 - Mateja Režek, Step by Step Center for Quality in Education – Pedagogical Institute, Slovenia
 - Marzia Sica, Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy
 - Alexandra Marques, Aga Khan Foundation, Portugal
- 12.15 – 12.30 **INTESYS Toolkit** – Brief presentation

12.30-13.30 – Lunch

13.30 – 13.45: **Policy recommendation at EU, national and local level** for strengthening integration in early childhood systems

13.45-14.45 **Panel discussion on policy recommendations**

Moderator: Jacki Davis

Panelists:

- Katrien Verhegge, Governmental Agency Kind en Gezin, Belgium
- Emanuela Rossini, Member of the Italian Parliament, Commission for *Policy of the European Union*
- Stanko Baluh The Office for National Minorities of the Republic of Slovenia
- Geraldine Libreau, Early Childhood Education and Care, Directorate General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission
- Filipe Almeida , Portugal Social Innovation

14.45-15.00 – Transitioning break for small group discussions

15.00-15.45 **Table discussions** in small groups. Topics:

1. To what extent the policy recommendations at local and national level are providing valuable guidance to country policy makers?
2. To what extent the policy recommendations at the European level provide valuable insights into potential steps to take to better support Member States in strengthening integration in their early childhood systems?
3. How can the INTESYS experience and expertise be used by other European countries?

15.45-16.00 – Feedback from the table discussions and closing.