The event is free. Places are limited. To attend please register at www.childrenleftbehind.eu before 27 February 2011. For any question or more information, contact Paola Panzeri, L’Albero della Vita EU Liaison Officer, at info@childrenleftbehind.eu or phone: +32 2 203 22 25.
The conference will address the issue of children left behind in the country of origin when parents move to another European country in search of employment; the issue will be dealt with from the point of view of the causes and consequences of the migration, in particular the effects on children and their families in the respective countries of origin and of destination.

This phenomenon is still underestimated and often unknown even if it concerns approximately half million children in the EU. The event gathers experts from all over Europe (NGOs, academics, national institutions, research centres) to discuss with representatives of the European institutions and the Council of Europe.

**Conference Details**

**Morning (09.00 - 13.00)**

**Hotel Leopold, rue du Luxemburg 35**

Focus on the phenomenon Europe-wide: building a common knowledge

**Registration (08.45 - 9.00) Welcome**

(9.00 - 9.50)

Educational, juridical and sociological implications of the issue of children Left Behind and their families

- **Mr. Patrizio Paoletti**, President Fondazione L’Albero della Vita and Fondazione Paoletti, Italy
- **Mr. Marco Benini**, Expert in educational processes for FPP’s adult and child programs, Italy
- **Ms. Jana Hainsworth**, Secretary General Eurochild, Belgium
- **Ms. Adriana Oprimolla**, Social Policy Officer, Caritas Europe, Belgium
- **Ms. Flavia Piperno**, Researcher, CeSIP Centro Studi Politica Internazionale, Italy

**European Insights of the Left Behind phenomenon: the countries of origin**

**ROMANIA, A KEY EUROPEAN CASE**
- **Mr. Ivano Abbruzzi**, Head of Projects and Research, Fondazione L’Albero della Vita, Italy
- **Mr. Alex Gulei**, Programme coordinator, Asociatia Alternative Sociale, Romania

**THE BALTIC STATES CASE**
- **Ms. Inete Ielīte**, Chair of the Board, Children’s Forum of Latvia
- **Ms. Edita Ziobiene**, Ombudsperson for children, Lithuania

**THE POLISH CASE**
- **Speaker to be confirmed**

**Discussion (15 min) Break 11.00 - 11.30 (30 min)**

**European Insights of the Left Behind phenomenon: migrating parents in destination countries**

**CONDITIONS AND CHALLENGES, EXAMPLES OF SUPPORT OF MIGRATING PARENTS**
- **Mr. Giovanni G. Valtolina**, Head of Child and Family Department, ISMU Foundation, Italy
- **Ms. Simona Farcas**, President of FARI Directive Council, Federation of Rumanian Associat. in Italy
- **Ms. Asun Berne**, Researcher, University of Barcelona, Spain
- **Ms. Federica Marengo**, Project Manager, Association ALC, France
- **Ms. L. Ryan**, Co-Director, Mr. A. D’Angelo, Lecturer in s.sciences, Social Policy Research Centre, University of Middlesex, UK

**Discussion (45 min)**

**Conclusions (5 min)**

**Lunch 13.00 - 14.00 (60 min)**

**Transfer and access to EP 14.00 - 14.30**

**Afternoon (15.00 - 16.15)**

**European Parliament**

Presentation of the issue, commitment for future actions

**Registration (14.30)**

**Welcome**

- **Mr. Patrizio Paoletti**, President Fondazione L’Albero della Vita and Fondazione Paoletti, Italy
- **Ms. Roberta Angelilli**, Vice-President European Parliament, Italy
- **Ms. Roxana Plumb**, Member of the European Parliament, Romania

**CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND IN EUROPE**

Conclusions of morning sessions

Presentation of the ChildrenLeftBehind.eu network

Call for action to the institutions

**PANEL DEBATE AND COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE ACTION**

**Ms. Roberta Angelilli**, Vice-President European Parliament, Italy
**Ms. Roxana Plumb**, Member of the European Parliament, Romania
**Ms. Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg**, Member of the European Parliament’s Bureau, Poland
**Mr. Patrizio Paoletti**, President Fondazione L’Albero della Vita and Fondazione Paoletti, Italy
**Ms. Jana Hainsworth**, Secretary General Eurochild, Belgium
**Mr. Torbjorn Froysnes**, Special Repr. of the S.G.-Director of the Council of Europe Liaison Office
**Ms. Marie-Anne Paraskevas**, European Commission, Policy Officer Social Inclusion DG Employment,
Social Affairs and Inclusion

Other institutional representatives

**Conclusions**

**THIS PROGRAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES**

**WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ENGLISH, TRANSLATION TO/FROM ITALIAN WILL BE OFFERED**