



A EUROPEAN PROJECT TO BOOST COMMUNITY-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020, 5:30-8:00 PM

17:30 – 17:45 **Opening speech by Mrs Tanja Fajon, Member of the European Parliament**

17:45 – 17:55 **TOY for Inclusion Play Hubs speaking through images** - a multimedia experience that captures the essence of the TOY for Inclusion approach and offers the opportunity to discover the lives and stories of young children attending the Play Hubs and **an invitation to visit the Pop-up Museum!** - Federico Lanzo, Communications and Campaign Officer, International Step by Step Association (ISSA)

17:55 – 18:15 **TOY for Inclusion – the approach and its impact** – Giulia Cortellesi, International Program Manager of the *TOY for Inclusion* project, International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI)

18:15 – 18:40 **Panel discussion:** “The power of non-formal community-based integrated services for young children: the example of the *TOY for Inclusion* Play Hubs in five European countries”

Moderator: Margaret Kernan, Senior Programme Manager at International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI)

Panelists:

1. Jemina Hajrusi, Local Action Team Coordinator - Mazara del Vallo Play Hub, Italy
2. Peter Strážik, School Director - Primary School Spišský Hrhov, Slovakia
3. Sanja Brajković, *TOY for Inclusion* partner - Open Academy Step by Step, Croatia
4. Marija Baranja, Local Action Team coordinator - Murska Sobota Play Hub, Slovenia
5. Geraldine French, researcher in *TOY for Inclusion* impact evaluation, Dublin City University, Ireland





18:40 – 19:00 **Q&A**

19:00 – 19:10 **Bridging practice with policy-making at the European level** – Geraldine Libreau, Policy Officer at DG Education and Culture (TBC)

19:10 – 19:20 ***TOY for Inclusion* Play Hubs and their contribution to the empowerment of vulnerable communities** – Aljosa Rudas, Program Officer at ISSA and Coordinator of the Romani Early Years Network (REYN)

19:20 – 19:30 **Concluding discussions:** "How to best capitalise on the achievements of *TOY for Inclusion* for greater impact in the future?" – Mrs Tanja Fajon, MEP

19:30 – 20:00 **Reception**

The event takes place at the **EU Parliament, Room ASP 3H1** located in Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels.

