

**ONLINE FORUM**

**“POLICY GAPS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS”**

**9<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, 10.20 – 14.30 EET**

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86734897619>

**Moderator:** Mr. Ilko Yordanov

**AGENDA**

**10.20 – 10.30** | Registration

**10.30 – 10.45** | Opening of the forum

*Mrs. Sarah Perrine, Chief Executive Officer, Trust for Social Achievement Foundation*

*Mrs. Maja Saitovic, Program Officer, Public Health Program, Open Society Foundations - Berlin*

**10.45 – 11.00** | Principles and standards with focus on children’s rights

*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Diana Kovacheva, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria*

**11.00 – 11.10** | The first 1000 days of the child development – components of the nurturing care: good health, adequate nutrition, security and safety, opportunities for early learning and responsive caregiving

*Mrs. Iskra Stoykova, Program Officer, First Foundations, Trust for Social Achievement Foundation*

**11.10 – 11.20** | Improvement of maternal and infant health outcomes for Roma communities in Bulgaria – core advocacy elements of the We Care network

*Mrs. Rositsa Milkova, Project Manager of We Care, Trust for Social Achievement Foundation*

**11.20 – 11.30** | Evidence-based practices for effective policy solutions, applied in EU Member States and other countries for prevention and/or elimination of policy gaps in ECD: introduction of research findings

*Mrs. Natalia Mihaylova, “Junction” Sociological Agency*

**11.30 – 14.10** | „Gaps in ECD policies and nurturing care policies in Bulgaria – obstacles in access to quality services for women and children from vulnerable groups. Possible solutions”

**11.30 – 11:55** | Access to prenatal care for uninsured pregnant women, living in poverty in Bulgaria. Effective policy solutions – Estonia and Croatia

*Mrs. Dilyana Dilkova, National Network of Health Mediators Association*

**11:55 – 12.20** | Access to services in support of adequate nutrition of families and children, living in poverty in Bulgaria. Effective policy solutions – United Kingdom

*Mr. Svilen Andreev, Knowledge Association*

**12.20 – 13.20** | Lunch break

**13.20 – 13:45** | Access to services for ID issuance and address registration for undocumented individuals in Bulgaria. Effective policy solutions – North Macedonia, Serbia  
*Mr. Trendafil Meretev, Crime Prevention Fund – IGA Association*

**13.45 – 14.10** | Access to services in support of development of parental skills and responsive caregiving in Bulgaria. Effective policy solutions in EU Member States  
*Mrs. Anche Krivonozova, Future Association*

**14.10 – 14.30** | Final discussion and closing of the forum