Innovative approaches to empower children and adolescents of mentally ill parents: 
an overview of European policies and programmes

Invitation
Roundtable
February 4th, 2015
15:30 – 17:30
Room ASP 5 E 3
European Parliament

Mental health issues are seriously challenging European public health systems and economies and are one of the first causes of disabilities among European citizens. The topic is under the attention of the institutions but, unfortunately, many aspects related to this issue are still overlooked, such as the impacts of living with parents with mental disorders.

Most exposed to all the consequences related to live with a mental ill parent or relative are children, who have high chances to develop a mental disease themselves or to be stigmatised and isolated.

The aim of the roundtable is to provide an opportunity for policy makers to discuss this topic, learn from good practices and identify future challenges.

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Welcome
Sirpa Pietikäinen Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group)

Setting the scene
Miriam Dalli
Member of the European Parliament (S&D)
Nessa Childers
Member of the European Parliament (S&D)
Jürgen Scheftlein
European Commission, DG SANCO
Ann Uustalu
European Commission, DG Research & Innovation
Jana Hainsworth
Eurochild / European Alliance for Investing in Children
Maria Nyman
Mental Health Europe
Stefania B.
Blogger – “My Mother is bipolar”

Good practices exchange
Giovanni Viganò
Camille project
Lynn McDonald
FAST (Families And Schools Together)

Debate and conclusions
Marja Kaunonen & Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP

Cocktail Reception (30 min.)

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