

EUROPEAN WEEK of Regions & Cities

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Workshop: No Child Left Behind: Building Bridges to Adulthood (EU Anti-Poverty Strategy and the strengthened European Child Guarantee)

Date: 14 October 2026, 11:00–12:30 | **Venue:** Square Brussels, Hall 400, Brussels

Draft workshop programme

11:00–11:10 | *Welcome and framing*

11:10–11:25 | *Voice from practice: understanding young people's realities*

Speaker: Jonas Köhler, social worker, Altenburg, Germany

This opening intervention will bring in the perspective from practice of social field work. Q&As

11:25–11:40 | *Local action: what municipalities can do*

Speaker: Eurocities representative

This session will focus on practical measures that municipalities can take to support vulnerable children and young people during the transition to adulthood. Q&As

11:40–11:55 | *Regional cooperation and integrated models*

Speaker: Anders Bergström, Policy Coordinator, the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

This intervention will broaden the perspective beyond individual municipalities and look at the role of regional and cross-border cooperation in supporting vulnerable children and young people. Q&As

11:55–12:10 | *National policies: what governments need to change*

Speaker: Director of Social Services, TBC

This intervention will move from practice and local implementation to the national policy level. The speaker will reflect on how national frameworks can better support vulnerable children and young people and ensure continuity of support during the transition to adulthood.

12:10–12:25 | Q&As

12:25–12:30 | Closing reflections

