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Date: 6-7 April 2009

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Place: Prague (Czech Republic)

Child-Friendly Europe Conference

Description: The Child-Friendly Europe conference will discuss selected aspects of contemporary life which significantly affect the quality of life enjoyed by children and the conditions required for their healthy, harmonious development.

Topics to be covered will include the media and children, human rights education of children and protection and positive parenting – education without violence.

Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio is due to speak at the opening ceremony on 6 April at 11.00. She will also participate in a ministerial meeting prior to that.

Ambassador Irma Ertman, Council of Europe Thematic Co-ordinator on Children and Elda Moreno, Co-ordinator of the Council of Europe Programme <u>Building a Europe for and with Children</u> are also among the conference speakers.

Practical information:

- The whole conference is open to the press.
- Final conclusions of the conference will be presented at a press conference scheduled at 15.00 on 7 April.
- Journalists may request interviews with participants through the press officer below.

More information: Conference website (including the programme and reference documents).

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