



Save the Children

**Europe: a corporal punishment free zone
Banning corporal punishment and supporting positive parenting in all European Countries**

**Brussels
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From 11.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Committee of the Regions
Bâtiment Jacques Delors
Rue Belliard 99-101**

Save the Children Italy, Romania, Lithuania and Sweden are pleased to invite you to the Conference “Europe: a corporal punishment free zone- Banning corporal punishment and supporting positive parenting in all European Countries”.

Since 2011, Save the Children Italy, Lithuania, Romania, and Sweden have been promoting a series of activities to prevent physical and humiliating punishment in all settings through the Project “Educate, do not punish” founded by the European Commission – Daphne III Programme.

The **objective** of the project is to **prevent physical and humiliating punishment in all settings by implementing awareness raising actions on positive parenting**. These actions include informative materials such as leaflets, posters, but also TV and radio advertisements targeting public opinion, parents, pediatricians, teachers, politicians and relevant institutions at national and local level.

Save the Children’s 3 steps to support positive parenting and guarantee children’s rights are:

- ✓ Promoting legal reform to guarantee respect for children’s physical integrity and human dignity in all European Countries
- ✓ Increasing knowledge to promote change in attitudes and practices
- ✓ Promoting “positive parenting”

Implemented activities within the framework of this project ranged from the promotion of legal reforms in Italy and Lithuania to awareness raising aiming at changing the public opinion’s attitude on corporal punishment in all countries involved in the Project, to support parents with publications on positive parenting, such as the *Guide to building healthy parents-child relationships: A Positive, Rights-Based Approach*.

This event will mark the end of the project “**Educate, do not Punish**” and will provide a forum to share and discuss projects achievements, results and materials with relevant international experts on corporal and humiliating punishment against children such as Ms **Elda Moreno**, Head of the Gender Equality and Human Dignity Department at the Council of Europe and Mr **Peter Newell**, Coordinator of the Global Initiative to end all Corporal Punishment for Children. The event is also intended to foster a proactive discussion on the ban of corporal punishment and a positive parenting approach within the EU.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

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