

## Child Health

### What drivers for a holistic approach?

#### Stakeholder Workshop

An event organised by Fondation EurActiv  
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Kindly hosted by MEP Gay Mitchell

As part of its efforts to accelerate progress on child survival, the EU has adopted a new communication on Maternal and Child Nutrition. “The effects of poor nutrition represent one of the most serious and preventable tragedies of our time”, states the EC Communication. The same document shows that in many developing countries poor nutrition is an underlying cause of at least one third of all child deaths.

The EU Community is stepping up efforts in the fight against child mortality. While the EU is striving to ensure that nutrition is well reflected on the post-2015 MDG framework, the UK will organise a global conference on nutrition in June. Moreover, the Irish Presidency is committed to promote nutrition as a priority for development policy during its presidency.

- Is the EU doing enough to prevent child mortality? What measures need to be taken to better support countries in their efforts to combat nutrition insecurity?
- Under-nutrition contributes to permanent disabilities in children and is responsible for a third of illnesses suffered by children under five (malaria, pneumonia etc.). Is there a need for a multi-actor coordination mechanism to prevent this?
- Tackling nutrition requires a multi-sector approach. How committed is the international community to support partner countries in enhancing child nutrition? Can better child nutrition help drive economic growth?

Fondation EurActiv is pleased to invite you to a round table debate to explore answers to these questions.

Invited contributors include:

- Gay MITCHELL, MEP
- Jean-Pierre HALKIN, HoU Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition, DG DEVCO
- Ricardo CORTÉS LASTRA, MEP
- Mwanisha HAMISI (Mrs), Under Secretary General Coast Province branch, Kenya Red Cross
- Sarah BEECHING, CIFF
- Samuel Otsile OUTLULE, Ambassador of Botswana

Moderator:

Jeremy Fleming - Jones, Section Coordinator,  
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Chair:

Ross Melzer, Public Affairs Director, EurActiv.com

Programme:

16.00 – 16.30: Registration  
16.30 – 17.45: Impulse statements and open debate  
17.45 – 18.00: Conclusions  
18.00 – 19.00: Cocktail Reception

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