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Mehtap Akgüç is a Research Fellow in the Jobs & Skills Unit at CEPS, visiting professor at the University of Saint-Louis in Brussels and research affiliate at the Institute for Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn. Her main research interests lie in the field of labour and development economics with experience in various countries (e.g. France, China, Turkey and Europe in general). In particular, she is interested in studying issues related to migration and mobility, labour market institutions, inequalities, transport, trade, economic development and growth. At CEPS she contributes to a number of projects in the area of migration, employment and social innovation, as well as, platform economy and social dialogue and industrial relations. Before joining CEPS, Mehtap worked at IZA as a researcher and as a consultant for the World Bank collaborating with the economist team from the

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Dragana Avramov is trained in sociology (PhD), political sciences and cultural anthropology (MA), and journalism. Studied and worked in Belgium, Italy, France, UK and the Western Balkans. She has more than 20 years of experience in social sciences and humanities research. Her current research is focused on the sociology of knowledge and particularly the impact of scientific research for policy development (impact-ev.eu/) with special focus on education policies. Currently, she is Scientific coordinator of the Network of Experts on Social Dimension of Education and training (NESET II). In addition, she is Vice president of the Union of International Associations (UIA) a research institute and documentation centre,



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Hester Hulpia is a researcher at VBJK (Centre for Innovation in the Early Y ears). Her expertise is on integrated working in services for young children (e.g. INTESYS: Together supporting vulnerable children through Integrated early childhood services). She is involved in research on quality of ECEC. In Flanders she was part of the MeMoQ-team, a project in which a pedagogical framework, a baseline study on the quality of ECEC (0-3), a self-evaluation and a monitoring instrument were developed. Internationally, she was involved in a study on the effective use of ECEC in preventing early school leaving Dr Hulpia is also involved in projects on valuing diversity in ECEC and multilingualism. In 2009 she finished a prizewinning Phd on distributed leadership in secondary schools. She made it into the top 10 of

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Jana Huttova is a member and former Scientific coordinator (2016-2017) of the Network of Experts on the Social dimension of Education and Training (NESET II). Her fields of expertise are education and educational policy development. From 2002 to 2006, she was Director of Education Support Programme of the Open Society Institute in Budapest, and has since worked as a consultant, researcher, evaluator and reviewer for several international organisations, including the EU and OECD. She has participated in numerous policy analyses and research studies on issues related to equity and inclusion, particularly on the education of migrant and Roma children from early years throughout their compulsory schooling. In her



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Jelena Jovanović obtained a Masters degree in Serbian Language and Literature at the University of Novi Sad (Serbia) and a double diploma from a joint Gender Studies master program of Central European University (Hungary) and University of Hull (UK). She is currently working as Policy and Research Coordinator for the European Roma Grassroots Organizations (ERGO) Network, where she is following European developments on policy level and developing ideas for policy and research. She is leading the ERGO Network's work on fighting antigypsyism. Her latest publication is a co-edited volume "Romani Women's Movement: Struggles and Debates in Central and Eastern Europe". Jovanović is also Research Affiliate of

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