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Where is Luxembourg going with its children birth to eight?

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Structure

- The Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (L)
 - specific political, demographical, economical features
 - social and educational system
- Challenges for the future concerning ECEC in L
 - child-centered approach
 - integrated approach
 - integrated services
 - formal **AND** non-formal education
 - participation of the family
 - promotion of social cohesion
 - quality





- **Multicultural Population**

- foreign population
 - in 2006: 40,8%
 - in 2009: 43,7%
- Births
 - in 2006: 55 % non-luxemburgish
 - in 2008: 56 % non-luxemburgish

- **Labour Market = transnational (B_{elgium}; D_{Germany}; F_{rance}; L)**

- active population:
 - in 2006 -> 70% foreign ; 30 % luxemburgish
- cross-border commuters :
 - in 2006 -> 36% of the labour force
 - in 2009 -> 38% of the labour force
- unemployment rate:
 - september 2006 -> 4,4%
 - march 2010 -> 6,2%



• Changing family structure

- ratio divorce / marriage:
 - in 2004 -> 53%
- raising number of single parent families
- both parents have to be employed / to go to work because of high living costs -> high living standards
- the 2009 average worker wage earnings level was 48445 € (= 72667 AUD)
- governmental politics: Life work balance / reconciliation of professional, private and family life





- **Political requirements as member state of the European Union (EU): Lisbon strategy from the year 2000**
 - objective of the EU until 2010
 - to provide childcare to
 - at least 90% of children between 3 years old and the mandatory school age
 - at least 33% of children under 3 years of age
 - female employment rate :
 - EU target by 2010 = 60%
 - current situation in Luxembourg: 51 % (in 2006)



- **Social Security (defined by law)**

- socialised medicine
- social minimum wages (per month; 173 hrs; in 2009): 1682 € (2523 AUD)
- guaranteed minimum income (per month in 2009): 1198 € (1797 AUD)
- old-age minimum (per month): 1436 €
- unemployment insurance is compulsory

- **Family allocations**

- child allocation (per month):
 - for 1 child -> 186 € (279 AUD)
 - for 4 children -> 1164 € (1746 AUD)
- Birth allocation (pre; birth; post): 1740 € (2610 AUD)
- Parental leave (introduced 01.01.1999): 1778 € (2667 AUD)(per month in 2009)



- **Childcare Service Vouchers (Chèque-Service Accueil)**
 - introduced in March 2009
 - Beneficiary: each child (0 –12 years of age) resident in L
 - Priority beneficiary: Children exposed to the risk of poverty or threatened by social exclusion
 - each child independent of parents’ income: right to at least 3 free hours of childcare per week
 - hourly fee varies for each child
 - according to the income of the household
 - according the birth order of the child
 - 21 hours per week “service voucher tariff” maximum 3 € (4,5 AUD) per hour
 - 36 hours per week “socio-family tariff” maximum 7,5€ (11,25 AUD) per hour

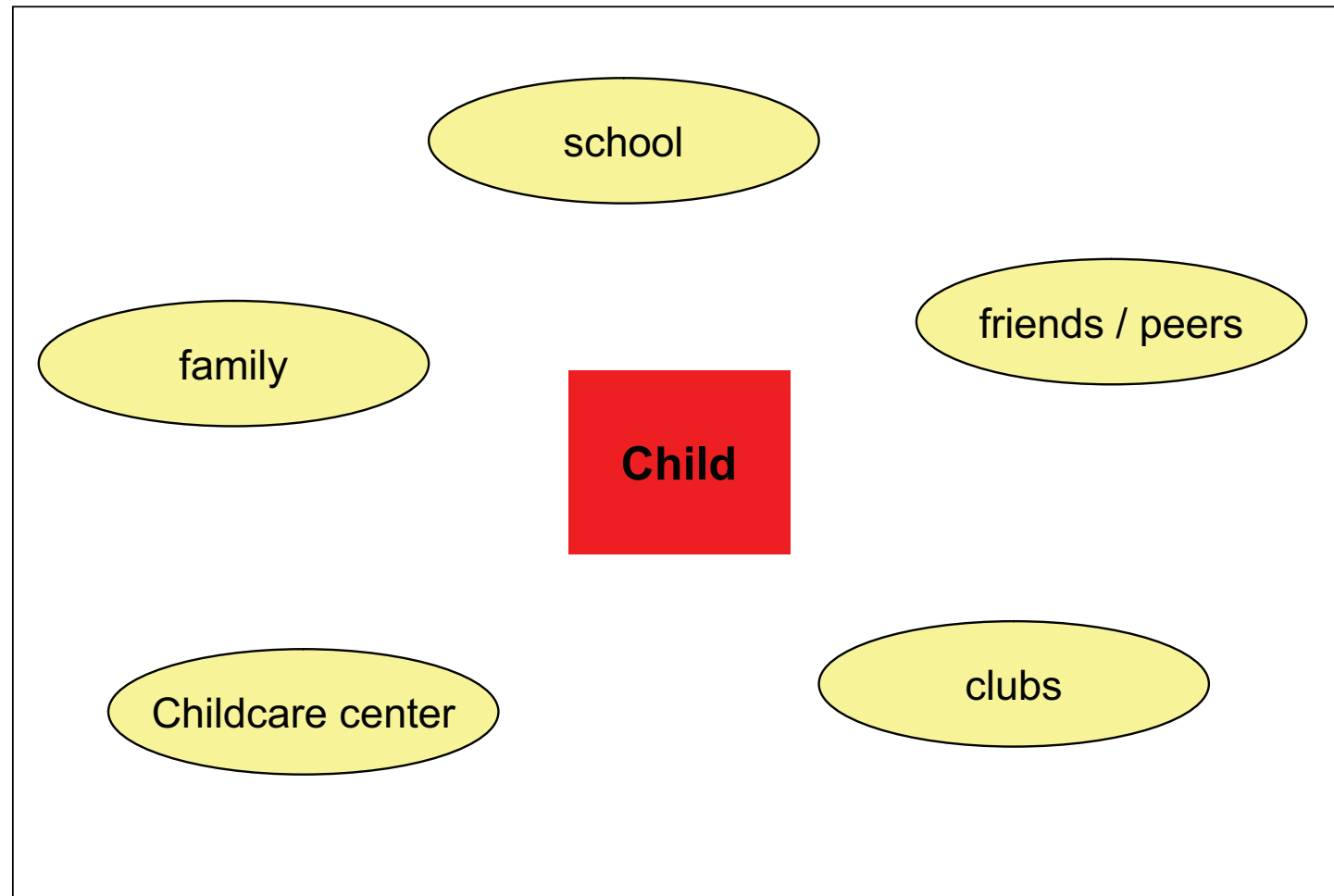


- **School**

- public school system – free of charge
- compulsory school age : 4 years
 - pre-school : 3 to 5 years of age
 - primary school: 6 -12 years of age
 - secondary school: at 13 – 19 years of age
- polyglot – teaching of languages is a main target :
 - 3 languages (german (D), french (F), luxemburgish(L)) in primary school
 - D; F; and english in secondary school
- school success highly depends on social and cultural background/origins (PISA/OCDE)
- high percentage of foreign pupils -> about 40%
 - children from “romanistic” speech community:
 - 28% in primary school (in 2006)
 - 10% in secondary school (in 2006)
- new laws -> school ; education and care system



Living spheres of the child

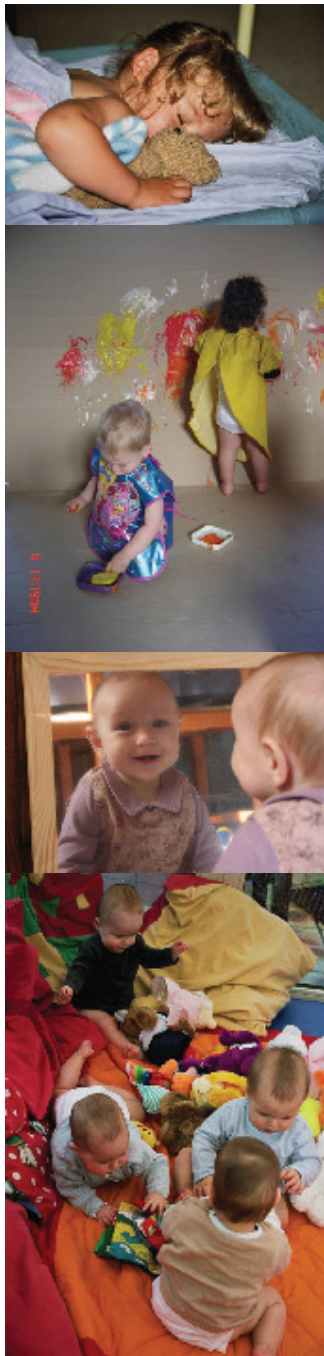
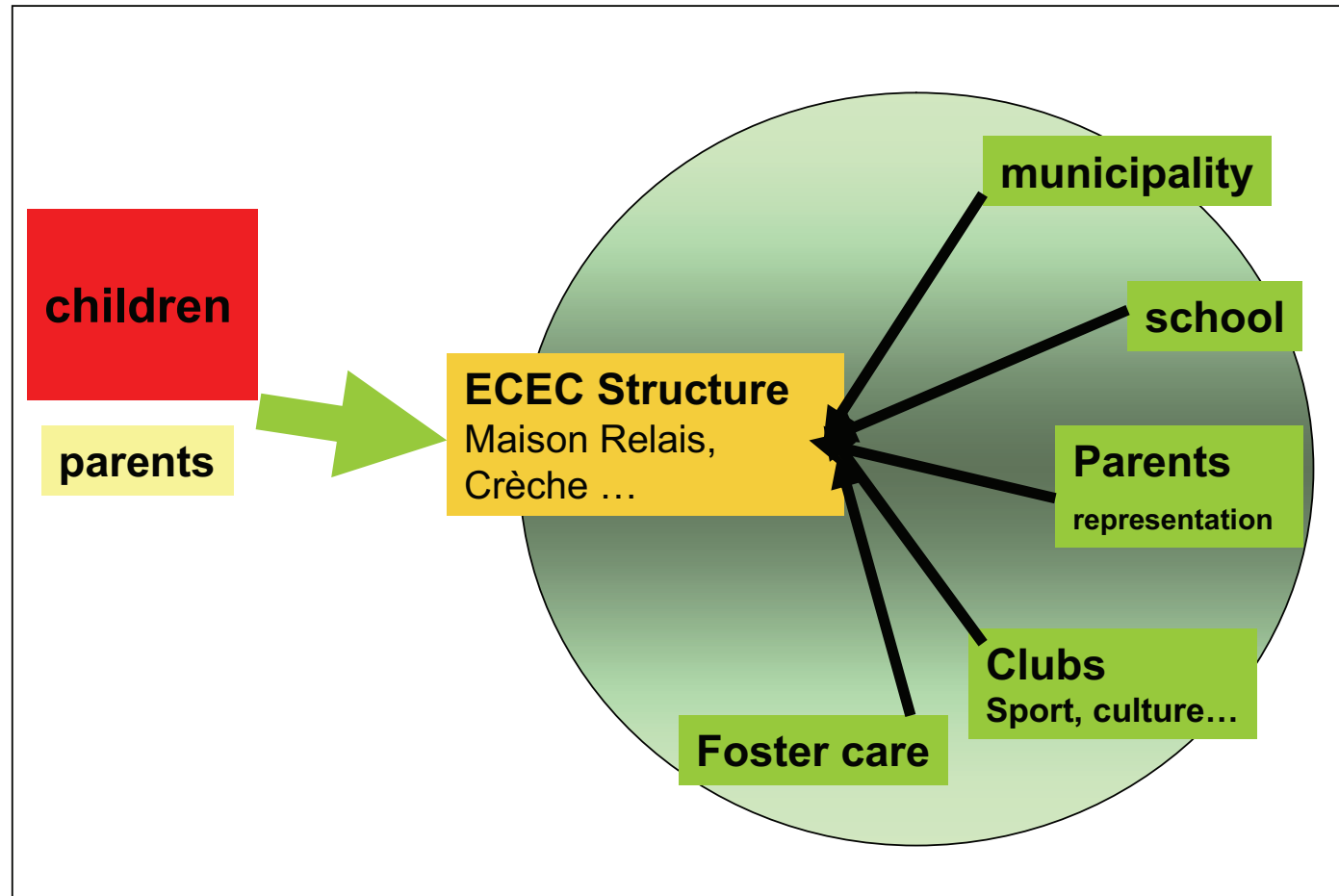




- **‘rich’ Child**

- born with great potential
- expressing himself in hundred languages
- a citizen and subject of rights
- active learner
- our vision = the whole child
 - connected with other children and adults
 - cannot exist in isolation

- **Networking on local level (in one municipality)**





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