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## European Parliament's resolution on intercountry adoption in the European Union

It's the first significant step toward European Adoptions. With the approval of the Resolution on International Adoption by the European Parliament on 19th January, intercountry adoption enters fully in coordination's responsibility of the European Union. This is a significant success of Italian MEPs (Roberta Angelilli, Luigi Berlinguer, Patrizia Toia, Sonia Alfano, Luigi De Magistris, Silvia Costa, Lorenzo Fontana, Oreste Rossi, Claudio Morganti), supported by two Italian organizations: Friends of Adoption and Ai.Bi. - Amici dei Bambini (Friends of the Children).

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## Child focus in Hungarian Presidency Programme

The Hungarian Presidency has published its six-month work Programme including quite a strong focus on children and child poverty. The key objectives in relation to the rights of children are the presentation and summary of the achievements in the field of childhood policy in the European Union and review of good practices with the involvement of the Intergovernmental Group L'Europe de l'Enfance.

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## 18 and on her own - Life after foster care

Jaleeca Dawkins is determined not to become a statistic. She turned 18 years old in December, during her senior year of high school. At first, she celebrated, but reality soon set in: Jaleeca was on her own. "The day I turned 18, I got my first rent notice".

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