



# EU Children's Participation Platform

## Additional membership information

### 1. Can independent experts, professionals and practitioners without organisational support join the Platform?

The Platform's main objective is to facilitate children's participation in its activities. That's why applications for Platform membership are only accepted from organisations that are:

- Be formally constituted;
- Be based in and operate within EU Member States;
- Support ongoing child (as per UNCRC definition - everyone under 18 years old) participation processes;
- Have safeguarding and child protection policies in place;
- Adhere to the equivalent Platform policies as well as the EU values.

However, the Platform hopes to facilitate mutual learning and capacity building on child participation amongst different stakeholders and organisations. That's why, you are still encouraged to fill in the registration survey.

Although those without an organisational affiliation will not be able to become members of the Platform, we would like to register your interest in order to keep in touch with you.

Please complete the registration survey (link at the end of the page), submit your contact details, and indicate your background and expertise. We will make sure that you receive updates about the Platform's development and how you can contribute in the future.

### 2. Can we apply to become members of the Platform without filling the registration survey which also gathers children's views?

It is not possible to join the Platform without filling in the registration survey. The registration survey is the first step to becoming a member. For safeguarding reasons, a child must join through a formally constituted relevant organisation. This will ensure that there are support and child safeguarding measures in place at a local or national level.

Therefore, we invite you, as a representative of your organisation, to register your and affiliated children's interests in joining the Platform. The survey gathers initial information about your organisation, safeguarding and child protection policies, and children's initial input.

This is to make sure that children are aware of the initiative and have expressed their interest in joining. Please note you do not have to consult all children in your organisation. Please use the [child-friendly information project sheet](#), which is available in 23 languages, to discuss Platform membership with the children in your organisation.

### 3. Is it possible to only sign up the organisation to the Platform and not the children?

Whilst organisations with child participation groups and children they work with are invited to become members of the Platform, it is not possible for organisations to join as members without the involvement of children.

However, the Platform hopes to facilitate mutual learning and capacity building on child participation amongst different stakeholders and organisations.

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Please complete the registration survey (link below), submit your contact details, and indicate your background and expertise. We will make sure that you receive updates about the Platform's development and how you can contribute in the future.

Please register your interest through an online registration survey, available [here](#).

**4. One of the child participation mechanisms we would like to involve in the Platform is still in the process of being created. So, do we have to wait until it is fully created to register it on the Platform?**

Only organisations with formally established and vetted child participation groups can join the Platform. If the child participation mechanism is still being created, we would recommend the following options:

1. Fill in the registration survey if:
    - a. you have sufficient information to complete it (including information about your organisation, how the child participation mechanism will work with children, compliance with membership criteria).
    - b. you are able to gather input from the children you will engage through the child participation mechanism you are creating. You can only complete the survey if you can consult children you will work with about the Platform, make sure they know about it and are interested to join. This is important as you will also be asked to input children's views in the registration survey. You can [view specific questions for children's input](#).
  2. If the above is not possible, please complete the registration survey once you have the required information as well as are able to consult children. Please note that the registration survey will not close. The Platform is open to new members to register at any time.
- 5. If an organisation has two child participation mechanisms, should it register once (in the name of the organisation) or twice (in the name of the mechanisms) on the Platform?**

Please register your organisation once and explain in the registration survey that your organisation has two child participation mechanisms, what they are and how you work with children.

The registration survey has open questions to enable you to add additional, written information about the structure of your organisation and the existing child participation mechanisms. Children from both child participation mechanisms within your organisation will be invited to join the Platform and its activities.

Fill in the online [registration survey](#)