



EU Child Participation Meeting 2023

In June 2023, children and teenagers from around Europe came to Brussels for the very first big meeting of the EU Children's Participation Platform.

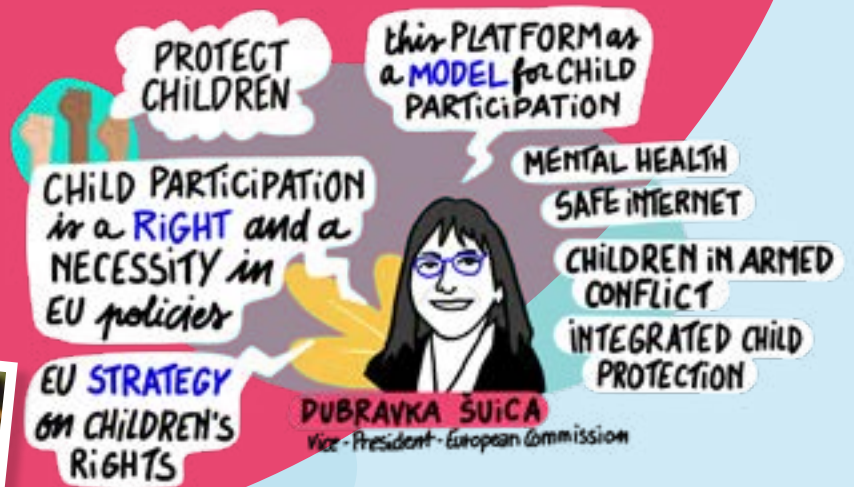
The meeting was organised and hosted together with our Children's Panel. They helped choose who was there, what we did, and they also made speeches, and interviewed people for our videos.



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“We are not just the future; we are also the present. We bring fresh perspectives and ideas, and we have valuable knowledge to give. It’s important that we are included in society and have a say in matters that affect us.”

Tala, Sweden



Who we met

- 60 kids from ages 7-17
- European Commission officials
- European Parliament officials
- National government officials
- EU Rights of the Child team
- EU Child Participation team

"I am here speaking not just for myself but for other children in Cyprus – children who may not always fit the expectations and that are not always listened to or seen."

Loizos, Cyprus



What we did

- Ran the meeting together with adults
- Worked in different topic groups
- Made proposals for future actions
- Played games to get to know each other
- Visited the European Parliament
- Chilled and relaxed together
- Went on a Brussels walking tour
- Enjoyed chocolate tasting



"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a small step. Let the General Assembly be our first step to the EU Children's Participation Platform and to a brighter European kids' future."

Aurora, Lithuania



What we talked about

- How national governments can get children more involved in decision-making
- Helping adults and children be more aware about child rights
- Making sure children's voices are heard in discussions on the environment
- How adults and children can work together to keep kids safe from harm
- How to help children in poverty
- How adults can better work with kids to get their opinions
- The power of each one of us to do something positive in our schools or community

Want to know more?

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