



# #EUCHILD PARTICIPATION

Welcome to the first edition of the EU Children's Participation Platform newsletter! We will use this space to update members and our wider community on a quarterly basis about what the Platform is doing and how to get involved in upcoming child participation activities in the EU.

In this issue, you will find the latest videos, photos and more information about our recent General Assembly.

We want to hear from you: There are still a few weeks left to participate in our two consultations on child protection.

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**2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



## **The General Assembly: Our first big EU meeting**

During the General Assembly meeting in Brussels on 26–27 June, children met with EU officials and worked together in groups to discuss what matters to them, and how to raise their voices across the EU.

*Working in thematic groups, the children shared their concerns and expectations:*

- Not all EU countries and adults listen to children equally. It's important to give children the tools and opportunities to have their opinions heard at all levels.
- Children discussed many issues that were important to them, such as child poverty, mental health, the environment, online safety, and inclusion.
- Children want everyone to learn more about child rights, and for these rights to be respected in schools and other settings.

Read more on what children said and did during the Assembly, and how it's shaping the future of the Platform [here](#).



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## CHILD PROTECTION CONSULTATION

### Consultation on Integrated Child Protection

CLOSING DATE: **20 OCTOBER 2023**

We want to hear from all concerned EU stakeholders on how our collaboration could be improved to better meet the needs of children in our current online consultation.

The consultation looks at preventing abuse and violence against children as well as looking at better ways to protect children. This consultation explores how existing EU tools, such as laws, policies, and funding, can be used to enhance the integration and robustness of child protection systems.



[Go to the consultation](#)

## CHILD SAFETY SURVEY

## Consultation with children on the right to be safe from harm



CLOSING DATE: **30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

In parallel to the consultation on child protection, we are also running a survey to hear directly from children and teenagers under the age of 18.

This short online survey asks: *what do children need to feel safe? And: how should people work together to keep children safe from harm?*

The survey is available in all EU languages. Please share it with children or teenagers in your network.

[Go to the survey](#)

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**OUR COMMUNITY**



## Building the EU child participation community

Please share this newsletter within your networks.

The Platform is an opportunity to participate in future EU-level child rights strategy and join an EU-wide child participation community.

We are happy to welcome new EU member organisations at any time.

[More on membership](#)

### WHAT'S NEXT

#### Coming up from the Platform:

- **23 October 2023** – Advisory Board Meeting in Brussels, Belgium
- **November 2023** – Phase I work programme published
- **December 2023** – First results from the child protection consultations

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