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NEW VISUAL IDENTITY



Co-created with Children for Children

We have a new look co-created with children aged 11-17!

Including members of our website co-creation team, board and panel, 100 children gave feedback throughout the design process. They wanted a site that is welcoming and positive, that other children and teenagers can connect with. They prefer clear designs, simple language and more interactive features like videos and quizzes.

The new style and further content development are all about making it fun and easy for children (and adults!) to see how their ideas are being heard in the EU.

[See the new look](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Plan, Participate: Our First Working Meeting

36 children from across Europe, aged 10-17, gathered in Brussels on June 27-28 to take part in our first working meeting.

The event was co-organised and co-facilitated by the Children's Panel. Children came together to review the work over the last two years and discuss topics for the next Work Plan.

The children took part in a variety of activities, discussing topics such as poverty and inclusion, well-being and education, safety online and cyberbullying, climate change, and funding. They had the chance to share ideas and present their inputs to the whole group.

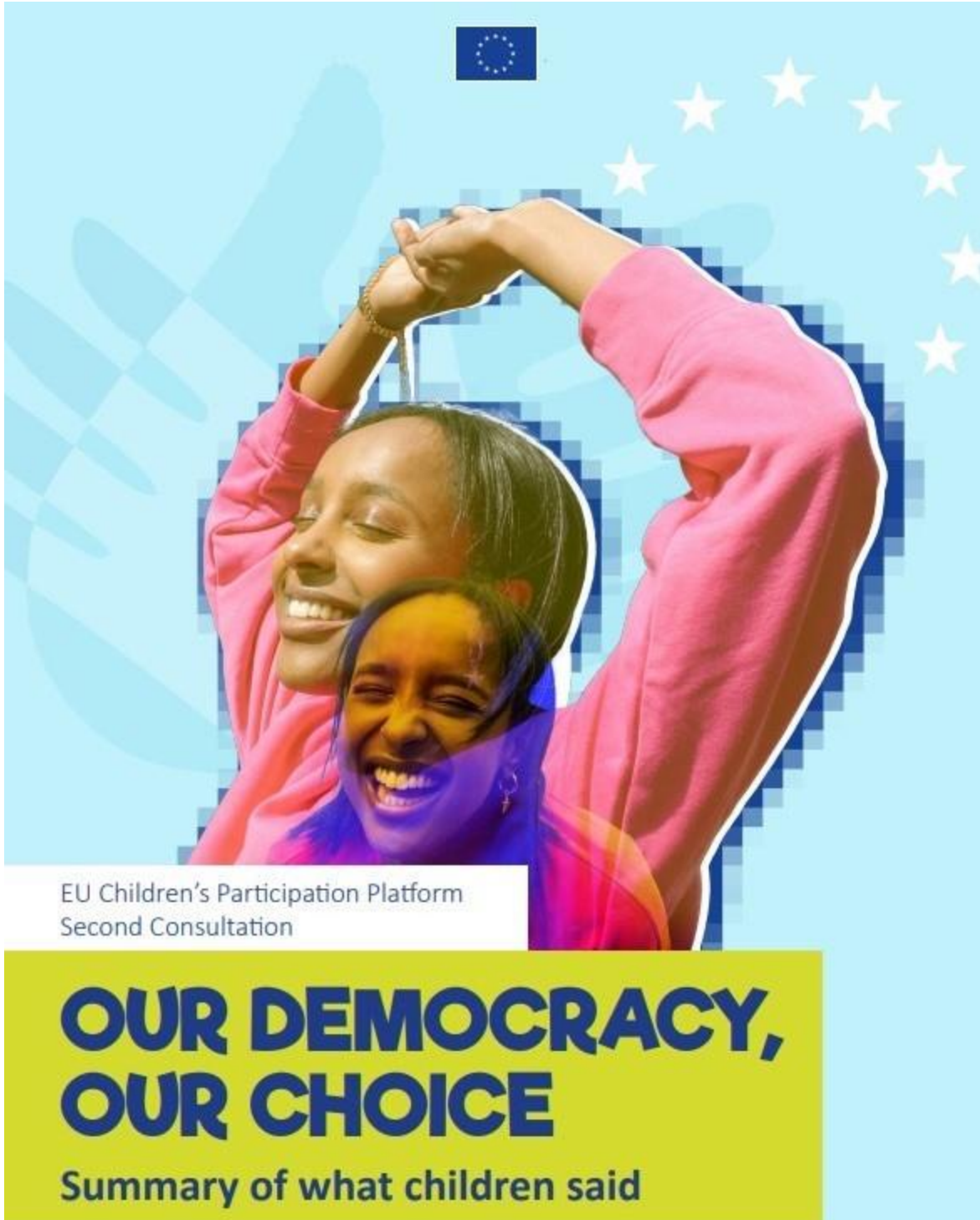
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Children's Voices on Child Safety

On 23 April 2024, the European Commission's Recommendation on Integrated Child Protection Services was published. Through our Platform, over 1,000 children shared their ideas on what they need to feel safe, many of which are reflected in the recommendation. The main goals are to prevent violence, improve child protection rules, and ensure children's safety everywhere.

[Read more](#)



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OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR CHOICE

Summary of what children said

Their Voice Matters: Safe Spaces and Voting Info for
All

Over 2,000 children and teenagers from across the EU told us how they want to be involved in democracy. They want safe places to share their ideas, a bigger role in decision-making, more info on democracy and politics, and to learn about voting.

[Find out more](#)

RESOURCES AND INITIATIVES

Discover the latest initiatives and tools designed to support and empower children across Europe. From engaging initiatives to informative resources, there's something for everyone to learn, participate in, and benefit from:

- **Resource:** The EU's Rights of the Child Strategy has been making a difference now for three years! A child-friendly video (with subtitles in all languages) outlines some of the most important actions. [Watch the video](#).
- **Resource:** Three years in, the European Child Guarantee is helping children in need across Europe. National governments, civil society, and child workers support it. But the fight against child poverty continues. Stay updated on efforts to create equal opportunities for all children. Subscribe to the European Child Guarantee newsletter now by emailing EMPL-CHILD-GUARANTEE@ec.europa.eu
- **Resource:** The EU has produced a colourful and easy to read brochure (in English) outlining what the EU does for young people. This includes information and links on education, jobs, travel, Erasmus+, mental health, green jobs, and LGBTIQ rights. [Explore it now](#).
- **Initiative:** Children from Bremore School, Ireland, teamed up with the European Commission to create child-friendly digital principles. They simplified complex policies into easy-to-understand language and suggested visual improvements. [Know more](#).
- **Call:** Since 2016, over 1,700 young people from more than 30 countries have joined the [Young European Ambassadors \(YEAs\)](#) initiative. They lead fun activities like social media campaigns and school visits. YEAs can meet top EU officials and join policy discussions. It's a great chance

for older teens in your networks to volunteer, build careers, and make friends across borders!

- **Call:** Missing Children Europe needs 5 to 7 members aged 15 to 24. If you have ever run away, been forced to leave your home, been in migration, been an unaccompanied minor, or have been abducted or trafficked, they want to hear from you. If you've been at risk of these issues, you can also apply. [Apply here](#).
- **Competition:** Join the 5th edition of DigiEduHack from 8-17 Nov 2024! Whether you're a tech expert or just starting out, we need your creativity. This grassroots initiative fosters innovation in digital education globally. [Register today!](#)
- **Campaign:** The [Together project](#), co-funded by the EU, helps children in tough situations to have a say in crisis responses like COVID-19. It runs in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, and Spain, and includes training, e-learning, and videos. Children's opinions are key to better decisions and support in emergencies.

OUR COMMUNITY

Building the EU Child Participation Community

A very warm welcome to our recent new [Platform Members](#):

- Aproximar, Cooperativa de Solidariedade Social, CRL
- UNICEF the Netherlands
- Defence for Children International Italia
- Save the Children the Netherlands
- Consell Nacional d'infants i adolescents de Catalunya (CNIAC)
- Per Esempio
- Federation of Children's and Youth Municipal Councils (GYIÖT)
- Solec Kujawski Development Association (Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Solca Kujawskiego)
- Amici del Villaggio APS

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

[More on membership](#)

WHAT'S NEXT

Coming Up From the Platform

- **July-August 2024:** New videos and language versions of key Platform reports.
- **November 2024:** Fifth Advisory Board meeting in Brussels.
- **November 2024:** Publication of the new Work Plan for 2025-2026.

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