



EU Children's Participation Platform

ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

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Welcome to the Advisory Board (AB) of the EU Children's Participation Platform



WHAT IS THE EU CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION PLATFORM?



The EU Children's Participation Platform gives children under 18 the chance to speak up and help shape decisions that affect them, connect and talk to policymakers and decision-makers, and activate their rights as EU citizens. The Platform works to make sure that children's ideas are included in the EU's policies and laws.

WHAT IS THE ADVISORY BOARD?



The Advisory Board (AB) is a group made up of 10 children and 15 adults who work together to give advice on how the Platform runs. Members of the AB come from many different backgrounds, and everyone's voice matters.

WHAT DOES THE ADVISORY BOARD DO?

The AB plays an important role in guiding the work of the Platform.

More specifically, here's what the AB does:

Gives advice to help improve the Platform's activities.

Shares ideas and experiences to help shape child-friendly documents and activities.

Reviews and approves important documents like the Platform's Work Plan, which outlines the Platform's activities for the next two years.

Looks at safeguarding to ensure the Platform's activities provide a safe environment for children to speak freely.

Helps the Platform **connect with children and organisations** at the local, national, and EU levels, making sure that more children can get involved.



HOW THE ADVISORY BOARD WORKS

The AB meets twice a year, usually in Brussels or another EU location, but sometimes online.

Before each meeting, AB members receive documents to prepare. For children, there is a **preparatory day before the official meeting** to help them understand the topics and feel confident about sharing their opinions.

After each meeting, members receive a report summarising what was discussed and the decisions made.



WHY BE PART OF THE ADVISORY BOARD?

Being part of the Advisory Board is a great opportunity! You will:

Have a Say in EU Child Participation

Help shape how the EU Children's Participation Platform works and what its priorities should be.

Engage with Decision-Makers

Meet EU officials, civil society representatives, and other stakeholders, and share your ideas directly with them.

Learn New Skills

Develop skills in public speaking, negotiation, and advocacy through your participation in meetings and discussions.

Make a Difference

Represent children across Europe and ensure that the voices of all children are heard in EU policymaking.

Connect with Peers

Make new friends and connections with children and young people from different backgrounds across Europe.

Create Lasting Change

Leave a lasting impact on the work of the Platform and ensure it remains focused on children's needs and interests.

