Dear [Platform Member],

I hope you are well.

We value your engagement and we would like to share with you information about the currently ongoing Platform activity that we think you and the children you work with may be interested in.

As you know, the EU Children's Participation Platform is dedicated to ensuring that the voices of children across Europe are heard and taken into consideration when shaping policies that impact their lives.

With that objective in mind, in October 2025 we will launch a consultation where the EU is consulting children to get their ideas about the European Child Guarantee and discuss what life is like for children and teenagers in their community, especially if they don’t always have the things they need. And, what the EU could do to make things better for them. Our consultations are already underway, and we're excited to share that children across Europe are already sharing their ideas through interviews, and focus groups. A survey will also be launched in October 2025. We would like to invite you and the children you work with to take part!

**How can children participate?**

* **Survey**: Children will be able to directly share their thoughts by completing our [online survey](https://horizons.confirmit.eu/extwix/test_p322366389313.aspx?__etk=AUSKLNSOXMXP&l=9). It's a powerful tool for them to make their voices heard and contribute to EU-level decisions. There is no preparation needed and children can complete it at their leisure, any time before 8th December.
* **Focus Groups and Interviews**: Your organisation can facilitate a focus group (up to 15 children) or interviews (1-2 children) to discuss with children their thoughts on the matter and to share their ideas that will be considered for the EU-level policy development process (that this consultation is a part of). This collaborative approach ensures that children's perspectives are amplified and accurately represented in relevant EU policies. To help with this we have resources we can share with you (please see below) to make the process easy for you and the children you would consult.

**How can you help?**

We think this consultation may be of interest to your organisation and the children you work with. We would like to continue giving children from your organisation a chance to get involved in the life of the Platform and its activities.

Please let us know if you have any questions on the process of conducting consultations and if you would be interested in consulting children you work with through a group discussion format (up to 15 children), or interview format (preferably with 1-2 children). Your established rapport with the children you work with will also help ensure that the consultation is safe and meaningful.

**How can we help?**

If you decide to conduct a focus group or an interview, we are here to support you every step of the way. Our comprehensive toolkit, including topic guides which share tips on how a consultation can be held with children (including games to organise and questions to ask), templates, and background information on the consultation topic, will equip you with the resources needed for a successful and impactful engagement. These resources are available for your reference and use, and we are more than willing to provide any assistance you may require; you just need to let us know.

**When?**

All consultation processes will closeon the 8th December 2025.

**Why?**

Your active involvement can amplify children's voices in EU policy development and, ultimately, through this policy development - contribute to the implementation of the European Child Guarantee. It would also be an opportunity to remain engaged in the Platform's community.

**More about the consultation subject matter**

The topic of this consultation is the European Child Guarantee. The EU has written a document (called the European Child Guarantee) that says all EU countries must make a plan to make sure children and teenagers who live in poverty or difficult situations across the EU get the help they need. This includes:

Free access to:

* Education (like school books, school materials, and IT equipment)
* School-based activities (like excursions, sports or cultural activities at school)
* Healthcare
* One school meal per day

And easy and not expensive access to:

* Healthy food
* Good enough housing (a comfortable and safe house)

We want to hear what life is like for children and teenagers in their community, especially for those who don’t always have the things they need, and what the EU could do to make things better for them.

We truly appreciate your dedication to children's rights and your continued partnership with the EU Children's Participation Platform. Let's work together to ensure continued and constructive child participation at the EU level.

Thank you.

Warm regards,