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Newsletter - October 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Nominate Children for the EU Children's Participation Platform Advisory Board

The Secretariat is excited to invite Platform member organisations to nominate children (12-16 years old) to join our Advisory Board.

Children who join the Advisory Board will:

- Help shape the work and priorities of the Platform.
- Engage directly with EU officials, civil society representatives, and other key stakeholders.
- Develop valuable skills in public speaking, negotiation, and advocacy.
- Help to represent EU children, making sure that their voices are considered in EU policy-making.

For more information about the Advisory Board, please refer to the [Call for Nominations document](#).

Any of your organisation's children interested? Click the apply button below and submit your application by **21 October 2024**.

If you have any questions, please email us at: cpp@icf.com

[Apply to the Advisory Board](#)



Nominate Children for the Communications Co-creation Team

The Platform's Website Co-creation Team is evolving into the Communications Co-creation Team. The number of member organisations involved will also grow from two to four.

We have one open spot for three English-speaking children (ages of 14-17) from a member organisation to join the team. The children will participate in monthly online meetings to discuss, review and improve the website and other child-focused communications.

If member children from your organisation are interested and you would like more information, please email us at: cpp@icf.com

[Read more about the Co-creation Team](#)

New Advisory Board videos

In April, the fourth Advisory Board meeting was held in Brussels. Child Board members met Commission Vice-President Dubravka Šuica and all members worked together on the next steps for the Platform. View the meeting between children and the Vice-President and Board highlights videos below:



MEMBER NEWS



Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE) network report

“Prisons should be less scary, you make me feel like I have done something wrong, and you do not like my dad or trust my grandmother when she takes me to visit my dad” — Boy, age 8, Ireland.

Early this year, the Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE) network asked children from across Europe what they feel would make prison settings more child-friendly when visiting a parent. 48 children from 10 countries shared their ideas and wishes, from making rooms more colourful to prison staff joining hands with social workers or psychologists to support families during visits.

The changes that children want are mirrored in the 52 guidelines outlined in the Council of Europe Recommendation (2028)⁵ concerning children with imprisoned parents.

A report with the views of children is now available on [COPE's website](#).

OTHER NEWS





DAY project: Empowering Child Participation in Naples

The Democratic Activation of Youth (DAY) project helps children and teenagers (aged 14-18) to have a say in what happens in their community.

Nearly 2,000 students from nine schools in Naples worked with Eurochild, Fondazione l'Albero della Vita, and CIDIS to share their views on topics like social welfare, education, and urban planning.

In September, some children met with EU officials in Brussels: the Commission's Child Rights team and Italian Members of the European Parliament. A final conference took place in Naples with 100 children and adults celebrating what they had achieved.

Find out more about the [DAY project](#).

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:

- **Resources:** New documents and translations have been added to the [document library](#). This includes:
 - Current Work Plan in all EU languages
 - Child-friendly summary of the Child Safety survey results in all EU languages
 - Child-friendly summary of the Democracy survey results in English
 - Full report of the Democracy survey results in English.
 - **Event:** #ErasmusDays is taking place from 14-19 October 2024. Participants of the Erasmus+ programme are invited to organise and join events celebrating its benefits. The six-day international event includes activities like seminars, exhibitions, conferences, and social media challenges. This year the focus is on sports, reflecting the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris. A list of events is available on the [#ErasmusDays website](#).
 - **Event:** #EducationForClimate day takes place on 28 November 2024. An initiative of the EducationForClimate community, this event is open to learners of all ages who are passionate about the climate and sustainable development. Register for the online event and find tools and resources on the [Education for Climate webpage](#).
 - **Webinar:** SOS Children's Villages supports children and teenagers living in care or vulnerable situations in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, and Spain. The aim is to give children a say in important decisions that affect them. The second online event is scheduled for 16 October 2024. To register, visit the [SOS Children's Villages website](#).
 - **Webinar:** The University of Barcelona invites you to the IMCITIZEN project's International Webinar on 16, 23, and 30 October 2024, from 15:00 – 16:30 (CET). The project empowers children aged 8 to 12 by promoting their citizenship identity as active and engaged members of their communities. The webinar can be accessible via Zoom and YouTube, with translations in English and Spanish. To join, [register here](#).
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OUR COMMUNITY

Building the EU Child Participation Community

Know of any child-centric organisations based in the EU who promote child participation? The EU Children's Participation Platform is always looking for new members to grow the community.

Members get access to a variety of activities to help empower children and make their voices heard within the EU.

[Find out more](#)

WHAT'S NEXT

Coming Up From the Platform

- **October 2024:** Videos from June Working meeting online.
- **November 2024:** Report from June Working meeting published in all languages.
- **December 2024:** Fifth Advisory Board Meeting in Brussels.
- **December 2024:** Publication of the 2025-2026 Work Plan.

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