



EU Children's Participation Platform

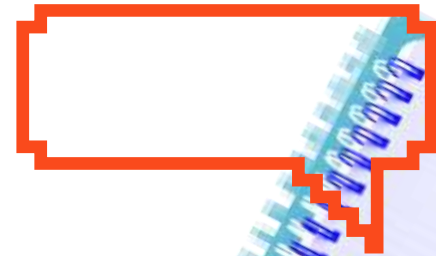
My Voice Our Europe

From Children's Voices to EU Decisions

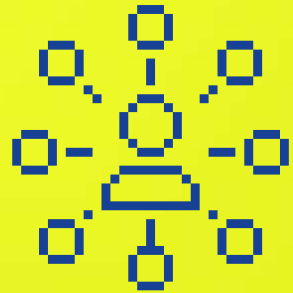
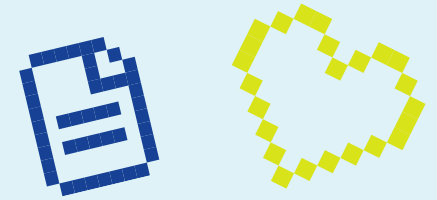


'Listening to Children and Young People – Challenges in Challenging Settings', 31 July 2026

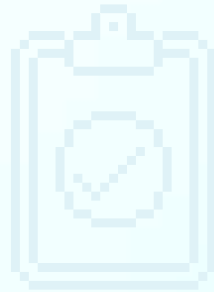
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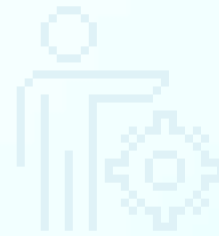
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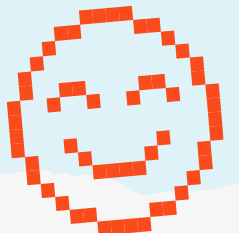
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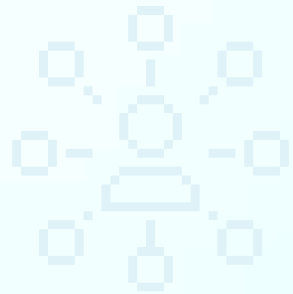
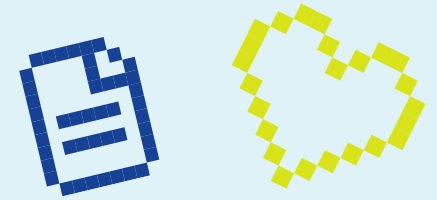
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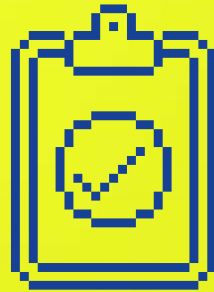
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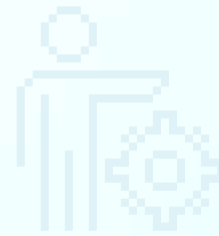
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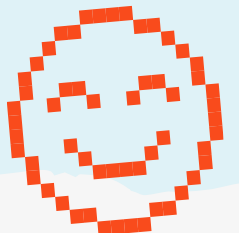
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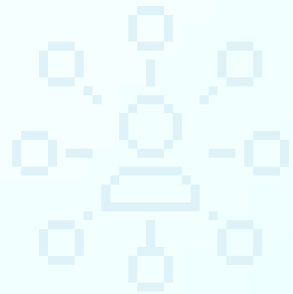
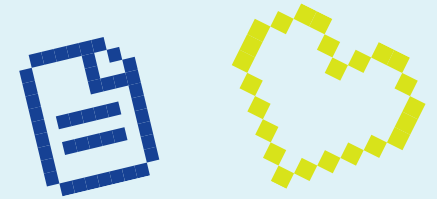
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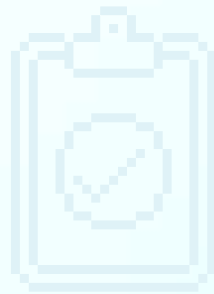
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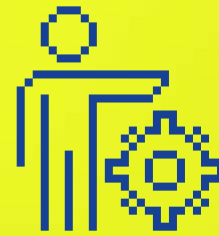
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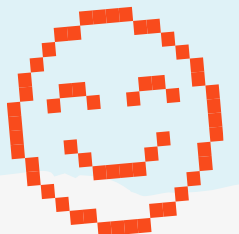
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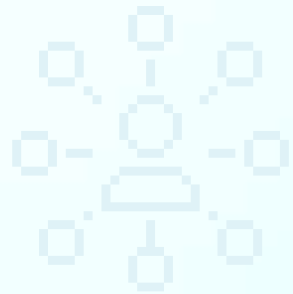
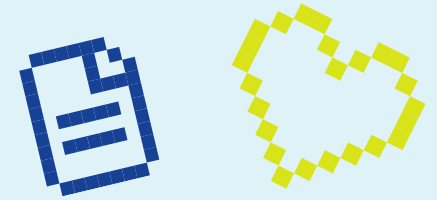
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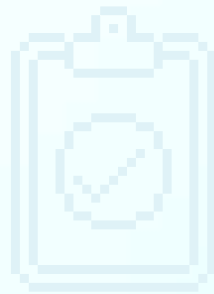
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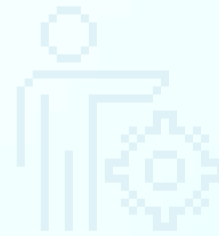
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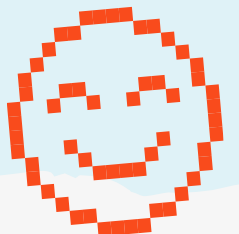
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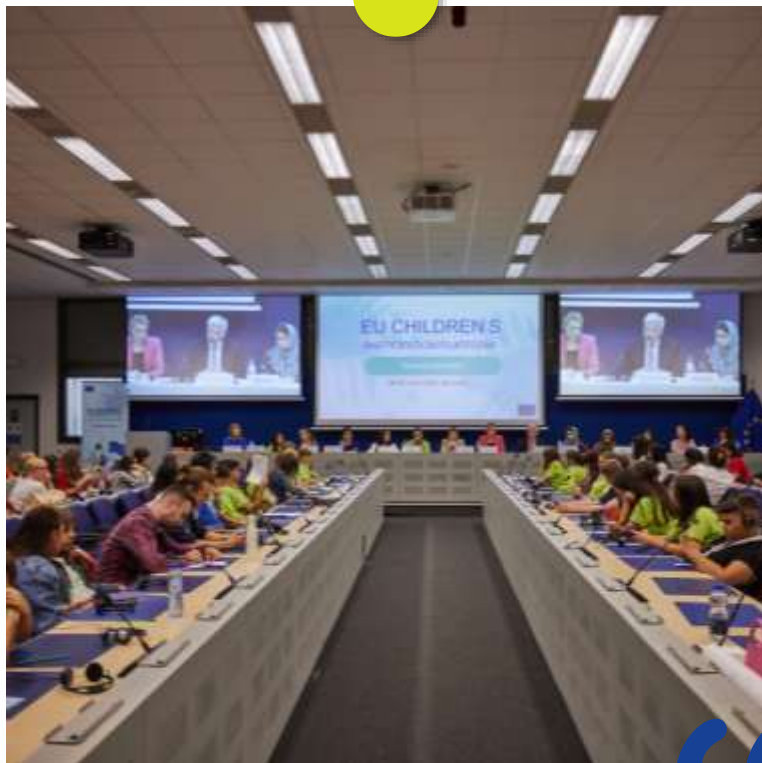
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Real Stories



What makes the General Assembly so unique is that every child, no matter the age, race or their level of English, is understood and heard.

- girl, 14 years old



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Children's concerns are real and
deserve to be taken seriously and
validated, even if adults, see them as
not important.

- boy, 16 years old

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The CPP gives us a stage to
use our voice.

- girl, 13 years

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“ I really hope that this event still takes place
and more children will have the chance to
express themselves.
- boy, 14 years old

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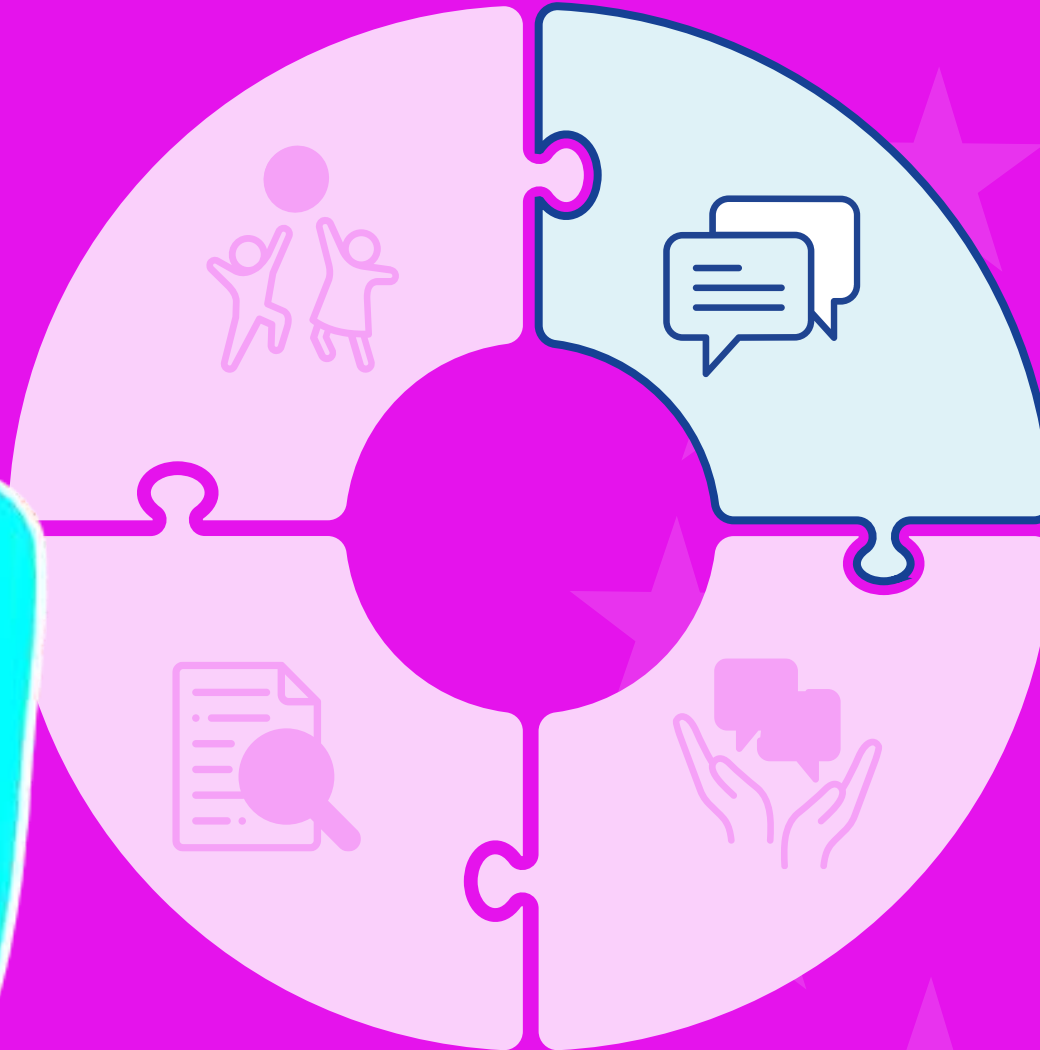
Space: what we've learned

The adults thought the biggest challenge was setting up a safe space where children can speak up

For us, the biggest challenge is letting everyone know that an opportunity exists



Voice: what we've learned



The adults thought organising a meeting was enough

For us, preparation before participation and options on how we want to share our voices are essential

Audience: what we've learned



The adults thought participation was about us talking in front of adults

For us, it's about being listened to by those who can make a change and to be taken seriously

Influence: what we've learned

The adults thought participation ended after the meeting

For us, it only ends when we know what will happen next and we can see what has happened



Every participation
process should end
with **meaningful
feedback** to children.



#EUChildParticipation