The conference is preceded by internal meetings of Eurochild’s Thematic Working Groups on: children in alternative care, family and parenting support, and early childhood education & care. The meeting agendas will be circulated separately by the Eurochild secretariat.


**WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER**

**12:00 – 15:00** REGISTRATION

**15:00 – 16:30** OPENING PLENARY

Masters of Ceremony: Ivano Abruzzi / Jana Hainsworth

**Welcome**

- **Pierfrancesco Majorino**, Councillor for Social Policies and Health Culture of the Municipality of Milan
- **Lorenzo Bocchese**, Coordinator of the participation group at PIDIDA
- Office of the Italian Ombudsman for Children and Adolescents
- **Patrizio Paoletti**, President Fondazione L’Albero della Vita
- **Maria Herczog**, Eurochild President
- **Bernard de Vos**, President of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children

“Children on the move: children first” - screening

**Setting the scene**

- **Margaret Tuite**, Child Rights Coordinator, European Commission
  *The EU Agenda on the rights of the child*
- **Gerison Landsdown**, Independent International Affairs Professional, London, UK
  *Approaching 25 years of the CRC: Overcoming the challenges to child participation*

Q&A

**17:00 – 19:00** FORUM OF GOOD PRACTICES

12 individual presentations of good practices in 3 ‘speaker corners’.

**Amy Joss**, Action for Sick Children Scotland
*Staying Well with a Long Term Condition: Young People’s involvement in their own health care management*

**Tricia Young**, Child to Child Trust
*The digital communications strategy for children’s participation*
Joanne Westwood, Centre for Children and Young People Participation in Research, University of Central Lancashire, UK
Pressure points of participation: where the institution meets the ideology

Martinos Kyriacou & Dimitrios Alexiou, Cyprus Children’s Parliament
Organised children can make a difference on the national decision making level

Martine Goeman, Defence for Children International, the Netherlands
Closing a protection gap: ‘If I were a guardian…’ Separated children and guardians speak up

Stefania Dimitrova, Foundation Madara, Bulgaria
To Create a Better School Climate: To Hear the Voice of Children

Sarah Haslam, Foróige, Ireland
That's youth participation...right? - Challenges faced, lessons learned and successes in ensuring young people are actively influencing decisions and the direction of a national youth organisation

Mila Jelavić & Davorka Osmak Franjić, Ombudsperson for Children in the Republic of Croatia
Partnership with children - for a stronger influence of children in society

Chris Schuepp, UNICEF / Young People’s Media Network, Central and Eastern Europe & Commonwealth of Independent States (CEECIS)
The OneMinutesJr - empowering young people to share their stories in short films

Laura Maxwell, Praxis Community Projects, UK
The Cost of Waiting: Young migrant’s research and campaigning on the UK immigration process

Johanna Sommers-Piirioinen, Save the Children Finland
Small Children’s Participation - Stories by Us

Bernadine Brady, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre
Young people as part of the Solution: the Foróige Youth Citizenship Programme

Plus more than 20 exhibitors.

WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

08:30 - 12:00 STUDY VISITS
Details here.

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH
A. CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION.

Albert Sabat, Apprentis d’Auteuil, France
What about mediation between pupils and teachers?

Amir Hashemi-Nik, Huddinge Municipality & Abdullahi Mahmoud, Sweden
MIRA - Migration, Integration, Reflection, Attitude - A project for the participation and empowerment of newly arrived young refugees

B. CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION; PLAY, RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

Francesca Silva, CIAI - Centro Italiano Aiuti all'Infanzia, Italy
The adoptive adolescents group: giving voice to children

Valentina Rizzi, Dylan Carmone, & Silvia Raho, ACRA-CCS Foundation, Italy
Switch Kind Radio: youth participation to re-build local community

C. CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH, PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELFARE SERVICES.

Hester Rippen, Stichting Kind en Ziekenhuis, the Netherlands
Children’s participation in hospital – a practical guideline

Maurice Leeson, Participation Network, Northern Ireland, UK
Involving young people with disabilities in the development of regional child and youth disability services

D. CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM.

Francesca Sangermano, Matteo Delmonte, Emerson J. Penaherrera & Morteza Khaleghi, Save the Children, Italy

Lindsay Starbuck, Taylor Austin-Little, C J Hamilton & Tequilla Fergusson, Association for Young People’s Health & University of Bedfordshire, England, UK
Be Healthy: a youth participation project improving sexually exploited young people’s access to health service provision

E. CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC DECISION MAKING.

Emily Bowerman & Mireta Petraj, World Vision Albania & Kosovo
Child-Led Evaluation: Elevating child participation in community development programming

Kristine Veispale & Eristjana Karcanaj, SOS Children’s Villages, Latvia
Young people from Care advocating for their rights to better policies and provisions in the preparation for leaving care within the I matter campaign in CEE/CIS Baltic countries

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 18:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

SPECIAL SESSION WITH CHILDREN The number of places is limited. Participants will be selected by means of a lottery during the Welcome Reception.
REFLECTIONS ON INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION IN CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATION
Open session to participants not selected to take part in the parallel session with children. Facilitated by Cath Larkins, Centre for Children and Young people’s Participation, University of Central Lancashire and Luis Manuel Pinto, Universal Education Foundation.

CONFERENCE DINNER

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 11:00 PANEL DEBATE

What do we mean by children’s participation? What does it look like in practice? How does it make a difference to children’s lives and outcomes? How does it contribute to building inclusive societies? + questions from the audience

Moderator: Anne McHardy, Breslin Public Policy

- Raymond Lorenzo, President & Scientific Director of Cooperative "ABCittà"; Member of scientific committee of UNICEF "Child Friendly Cities".
- Pat Dolan, UNESCO Chair and Director Child and Family Research Centre School of Political Science and Sociology NUI Galway, Ireland
- Bruna Profaca, Psychologist, Centre for Child Protection, Croatia
- Fredrik Malmberg, Swedish Ombudsman for children
- Maria Herczog, President, Eurochild & Member of UNCRC Committee
- Two young persons

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 CLOSING SESSION

11:30-12:00 Presentation from the young people’s parallel meeting

12:00-13:00 Closing words

Chairs: Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild & Patrizio Paoletti, President Fondazione L’Albero della Vita & Fondazione Patrizio Paoletti

Speakers:

- Laszlo Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion – European Commission
- Raffaele Tangorra, Director General for Social Inclusion and Social Rights - Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, member of the Social Protection Committee of the European Commission
- Gordana Berjan, Head of Unit, Children’s Rights Policies Co-ordination, “Building a Europe for and with children”, Council of Europe
- Vincenzo Spadafora, Italian Ombudsman for Children and Adolescents