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**On EU level opportunities**

- **EU recovery package...**
  - Flexible!
  - Is in place now to help with unemployment

- **SURE programme**
  - Other funds are now available...

- **750 billion recovery fund - 'Next generation EU'**
  - ...there's more money!
  - ...but it will still be distributed through the same channels

**Reka Tynyogi, Eurochild**

**We sent out a questionnaire to find what reforms are happening at a national level**

- We aim to have individual country profiles ready by September

**Poll: in 4 years time, do you think the EU will be...**

- Much stronger
- The same
- Weaker
- Not exist at all

**An optimistic outlook!**
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ON NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

George, Bulgaria
- We are under attack from right-wing groups supported by religion!
- ...who want a return to 'traditional' family values!
- ...and, although they won't take power...
- ...they are influencing other parties!

Ricardo, Spain
- We have a right-wing party in parliament now...
- We've brought together like-minded groups to fight hate speech!

Hanna, Finland
- We've been doing advocacy since early 2000!
- Some parties are picking out only the bits they like from the Convention on Children's Rights
- How do we involve those outside the box?

Protests planned for the end of the month!
We're increasing our advocacy & communications!
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**WHAT CAN EUROCHILD DO MORE OF, OR DO DIFFERENTLY IN THE FUTURE, TO IMPROVE THE IMPACT OF OUR CHILD RIGHTS ADVOCACY AT EU & NATIONAL LEVEL?**

**FLORENCE**

Evangelical Christians in my country are hand-in-hand with right-wing groups...

**SÉRGIO**

There are right-wing evangelists in my country from Brazil!

**MARIE LOUISE**

The Church manages children’s services in many E.U. countries!

...and, so far, no political party has stood against children’s rights!

**FLORENCE**

...so we worked with other Christian groups... who speak their ‘language’ and counter their arguments with Scripture!

We need teeth...

...and to grow a backbone!

**FLORENCE**

Money has been taken away from community support...

**Hallelujah!**

...but they don’t have much power (yet!)
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**Closing Session**

- **Reporting back...**
  - Children are being left behind during this crisis!

- **Far-right religious groups**
  - Can be fought by people who speak their language!

**Closing Words**

- Thank you to everyone for participating!

**Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, Eurochild President**

- Europe cannot be complacent on its victories of the past!

**We need to talk to the European Commission...**

- The 5% of ESF is spent to help children!

**Tanya**

- We have had 19 official reports!

**Changing advocacy at national level**

- We need to develop messages with children!

**And an annual report card, which led to the creation of a children's agency!**

**Children's rights is suffering in Ireland!**

**We have a new government!**

**We're big!**

**Let's use that!**

**...and discuss child rights with Facebook!**

**...and make friends!**

**The Irish Times Child Poverty Campaign**

**We're around us!**

**Network!**

**A supporting...**

**Let's use that!**

**Drawnism**