

Call: Eurochild Children's Council

April 2019 – April 2021

Application deadline extended: 4th March 2019

Dear members,

The time has come to say goodbye to our current Eurochild Children's Council (ECC) and put together the second edition!

The ECC is the key element of our [Child Participation Strategy](#) and aims to ensure that children's voices are mainstreamed through Eurochild's work. This means that children will be involved in influencing decisions of the EU and national governments; contributing to Eurochild's internal strategic planning (*that is, plans for Eurochild's future work*) and planning and delivering Eurochild's 2020 conference. Children will also have the opportunity to propose priority issues and to facilitate various activities on children's rights and participation (*within the limits of Eurochild's workplan*).

The new ECC will meet for the first time when they take over from the current ECC at Eurochild's General Assembly in Brussels in April 2019. It will have its mandate until April 2021, after which members will have the possibility of taking on a mentoring role during the third ECC's mandate (2021-2023). The new ECC will be made **out of twelve individuals aged 10-16 and they will be selected in the following way:**

- ▶ One representative from each of the three NEFs (in Bulgaria, Estonia and Malta).
- ▶ **Nine representatives selected through this call.**

The current ECC will play an active role in the selection of members for the next edition.

What will be expected from the children/young people?

- ▶ With a focus on events, advocacy and strategy planning, they will continue the work of the first Eurochild Children's Council and work to implement Eurochild's [strategic plan](#) 2019-2021. All of their activities will be supported by the Eurochild Secretariat and a Child Participation Reference group consisting of adult 'experts'.
- ▶ They will be involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of at least one influencing campaign for children's rights.
- ▶ They will help in the implementation of Eurochild's new Child Participation Strategy.
- ▶ They will be asked to consult with children at national/local level, in particular where NEFs are set up.





- ▶ They will meet 2 times per year and in between via online meetings and trainings.

The criteria for interested children/young people is as follows:

- ✓ They should be born in the years 2003-2009 (aged under 18 for the duration of their mandate).
- ✓ They should be able to speak English.
- ✓ They should be willing and open to collaborating with other children from different countries and backgrounds.
- ✓ They should have an interest in at least three of Eurochild's five key thematic areas, which are: Children's rights; child poverty and well-being; strengthening families and ending institutional care; better public spending and investing in children; child participation.
- ✓ They should be interested and willing to work with Eurochild on the topics of advocacy, events and strategic planning.
- ✓ They should be engaged with a member organisation of Eurochild.
- ✓ They should be able and willing to commit to working with Eurochild from April 2019 until April 2021.
- ✓ They should be able and willing to travel for meetings with the whole ECC two times a year (costs paid by Eurochild) and be available for online meetings and trainings in between.

All children that apply must be supported by a member organisation of Eurochild. By endorsing the application, the organisation commits to supporting the child during their mandate, should they be selected. This includes but is not limited to:

- ✓ Offering assistance for the child to do consultations with their peers at local level.
- ✓ Supporting the child with making travel arrangements when needed (paid by Eurochild).
- ✓ Ensuring that the child has an accompanying adult to travel with when needed.
- ✓ Offering support and space for the child with other tasks when needed.
- ✓ Ensuring that all members supporting the child act in accordance with our [child protection policy](#).

In accordance with the Child Participation Strategy, our **guiding principles for selection** include:

- ✓ Children will be informed about what is expected and what the time requirements will be.
- ✓ Participation is voluntary and is guided by the nine child participation principles.
- ✓ Diversity is fundamental: for the ECC, Eurochild will aim to include children from across Europe (geographically balanced), gender-balanced and children from diverse backgrounds. We encourage member organisations to take diversity into account when they ask children to apply for the ECC.
- ✓ For applications, we ask everyone to follow [this link](#) and fill in the personal information section. For those who want to turn in their application in writing, they can do so through the link. We do, however, welcome applications in other forms: videos, cartoons,...be creative! These can be





submitted using the **attach a file** option on the application form. Applications should answer the following questions in some way:

1. What motivates you to become a member of the ECC?
2. What experience or skills do you have that would make you a good member of the ECC?
3. What do you think is important that we fight for, to make children's lives around Europe better?

To apply, please send in your application before 9.00 CET 4th March.

All applications will be responded to in early March.

We look forward to hearing from you! 😊

All further questions can be directed to [Alice Hagger-Vaughan](#), Child Participation and Policy Officer at Eurochild.

