

Eurochild post 2018 Strategy consultation

Children version

At Eurochild we have been developing our next strategic plan for 2019-2021.

We want to hear what you think about what we do and what we can do differently in the future.

A strategic plan is a document that lists the things we want to see happen over a certain period of time – in this case from 2019-2021. It sets strategic goals and how we as a network of children's right organisations are going to contribute to that change. Every year we translate these strategic goals into activities, which become our annual workplan.

The members of Eurochild have agreed to focus on three strategic goals

1. **Less child poverty and social exclusion:** To make sure that fewer children in Europe grow up in poverty and that all children feel included in society and have equal access to important things like education and healthcare. We want governments – at all the different levels (local, regional, national and European) - to introduce new laws or policies and to spend public money in a better way.
2. **Child protection and family-based care:** To make sure that children who are at particular risk of neglect or violence are better protected. First and foremost this is about helping families care for their children. But its also about ensuring children who can't grow up with their biological families are still cared for in a family or a family-like environment.
3. **More awareness of child rights:** To increase the awareness among people who make laws and policies that children have rights. We want children to be seen and heard when decisions are being made that will affect them.

To achieve these goals we will work a lot in Brussels with the EU institutions, but we will also rely on our member organisations to speak to their governments at local, regional and national level. Most importantly we also want to work with children, so they can tell us about their experience and what's important for them. We have set up a Eurochild Children's Council to help us with this. The Eurochild Children's Council is made up of 11 children, aged 13-16, from around Europe who consult on Eurochild's work and do work with us. We are also supporting discussions among groups of children on a national level. In 2017 we have supported national Eurochild Forums' in 3 pilot countries. We hope by 2021 there will be many more countries participating.



As a part of listening to children's opinions, we want your suggestions on how we can make our work as good as possible in this planning until 2021.

Please discuss the following questions however you find best, and give us your feedback:

1. Do you think the three strategic goals (1. Child poverty and social exclusion; 2. Child protection and family-based care; 3. Awareness of child rights) are important and why?
2. Do you know of any work that is being done around you that could link to any of the three goals mentioned?
 - a. Are you involved in any of this work? How?
3. Focusing on the area where you live, can you imagine a way for you/other children can help us reach any or all of these goals?
4. Can you think of other issues that you think are more important for children in the area that you live in?
5. One of our values as Eurochild has to do with 'empowering'. Empowering someone means to support that individual to become stronger and more confident.
 - a. Can you think of something we as Eurochild or the organisation you work with is doing to help you feel empowered?
 - b. Can you think of something that Eurochild or your organisation could do to empower you?
6. We want to continue consulting with children around Europe about different things that we do at Eurochild. One of the way we do this is through our Eurochild Children's Council and National Eurochild Forums. Could you suggest other ways for us to best consult with children that are not involved in these groups?
 - a. For example, what did you like/what didn't you like about this consultation on Eurochild's strategic plan?
7. We would like to have children working with Eurochild even more. What makes you interested in working with us? Can you give a suggestion on how we could make children more interested in our work?

In addition, please let us know:

- *How many children were consulted?*
- *What is the age range of the children consulted?*
- *What is the gender balance of the group of children consulted?*
- *Some information about methods used to carry out the consultation.*

Deadline: 31 January 2018

