




Feedback to Children on the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child





This document is made for you to look at how the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child has taken children’s views into account. It includes views from children who participated in the EU Forum on the Rights of the Child and children who participated in online and focus group consultations on the EU Strategy and the Child Guarantee – ‘Our Europe, Our Rights, Our Future’.

Outcomes and Recommendations from children’s contributions	Included in the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child	Not included in the Strategy
<p>KNOWING OUR RIGHTS</p> 	<p>Strengthen education on citizenship, equality and participation in democratic processes in schools</p>	<p>No reference to human rights & child rights education at schools</p>
<p>Train professionals on children’s rights and child participation</p>	<p>EU staff will be trained on children’s rights and child participation</p> <p>Judicial staff and teachers should receive training on children’s rights</p>	<p>No reference to training of other professionals working directly with children</p>
<p>Develop accessible documents for children and involve children in this</p>	<p>EU will develop guidelines on the use of child-friendly language in documents and events with child participants.</p> <p>The EU Strategy is available in a <u>child-friendly version</u></p>	<p>No reference to children being involved in this.</p>
<p>CHILDREN’S PARTICIPATION</p> 	<p>The EU will set up a new EU Children’s Participation Platform</p> <p>Member States are invited to set up, improve and fund new and existing child participation mechanisms</p>	<p>No explanation of how they will reach vulnerable or excluded groups</p>



	Children can participate in the Conference on the Future of Europe and other future initiatives	
<p>INCLUDED IN SOCIETY</p> 	<p>The EU is asking Member States to ensure ALL children have equal access to digital tools and internet connection</p> <p>The EU will support the promotion of healthy food</p> <p>The EU is asking Member States to speed up that children no longer have to live in institutions and ensure they move into family and community based care</p>	
 <p>SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH</p>	<p>The EU is asking Member States to prioritise children in mental health strategies</p>	<p>The EU has not identified any actions to address the stigma around mental health or to ensure children are informed about mental health services or invest in preventive measures</p>
 <p>EDUCATION IS RELEVANT</p>	<p>The EU is asking Member States to support schools to engage pupils in the school's daily life and decision-making</p>	<p>The EU Strategy does not address the need to involve children in the development of education curricula to ensure that these correspond to what they need for life</p>



<p>END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN</p> 	<p>The EU is asking Member States to protect child victims or witnesses of violence and to ban corporal punishment by law</p> <p>The EU is asking Member States to set up and fund child helplines (116 111) and missing children hotlines (116000)</p>	
<p>CHILD-FRIENDLY JUSTICE</p> 	<p>The EU will support training of police, lawyers and judges on rights of the child and child-friendly justice and encourages Member States to support as well</p> <p>The EU asks Member States to place children only in detention as a last resort</p>	<p>No actions to ensure the obligation for children to be heard in court cases</p>
<p>GUARANTEE A SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE DIGITAL WORLD</p> 	<p>Develop a new EU plan for a 'Better Internet for children' in 2022</p> <p>Support Digital Media Education</p> <p>Child-led process to develop principles that IT-industry needs to adhere to</p>	
<p>HELPING CHILDREN ACROSS THE WORLD</p> 	<p>EU will do their best to ensure EU companies are not supplied with products involving child labour</p> <p>Prepare an Action Plan to promote children's and young people's participation</p>	<p>Appoint youth focal points in EU delegations with third countries (<i>not child focal points</i>)</p>
<p>PROTECT THE CLIMATE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS</p>	<p>EU will create a space for children to become active participants of the <u>European Climate Pact</u> – they can become Pact Ambassadors</p>	
<p>INVOLVE CHILDREN IN PUTTING THE STRATEGY INTO PRACTICE</p>	<p>The EU will set up an EU Network for Children's Rights by end 2021 including the involvement of children</p>	





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	<p>The EU Children’s Participation Platform and the EU Forum on the Rights of the Child will contribute to putting the Strategy into practice</p>	
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