

BUILDING A EUROPE FOR AND WITH CHILDREN



Building a child-friendly Europe:

turning a vision into reality



Conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015

Grimaldi Forum, Monaco
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Launched in 2006 in Monaco to enhance the Council of Europe's commitment to children, the programme "Building a Europe for and with children" has a clear vision: making children's rights a reality for all children in Europe. But how can we turn this vision into reality? The purpose of this conference is to find answers to this question.

This conference will pursue two objectives: first, to evaluate the progress made at national and European levels under the last strategy, launched in Stockholm in 2008 and second, to discuss the main elements of the next Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child. The main focus of this strategy will be the implementation of existing children's rights standards. This is why this conference focuses specifically on the monitoring of children's rights standards and on partnerships and co-operation. In addition, three topical themes will be addressed in depth: the protection of children's data on the Internet, the empowerment of children through education and support to parents and families.

For the Council of Europe it is essential that children are involved in its work on children's rights. Some children are participating in the conference directly, but literally thousands of children took part "behind the scenes" in projects feeding into the preparation of the conference and the new Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child. Many thanks to all of them!





Sunday 20 November 2011


8.00	<i>Registration</i>
	<i>Plenary hall, Prince Pierre</i>
9.30	<p>Welcome address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Michel Roger, Minister of State, Monaco
9.35	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) • H.R.H. The Princess of Hanover
9.55	<p>Monaco children's performance: "Stolen childhood"</p>
10.00	<p>Building a Europe <i>with</i> children: young people build their future!</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Françoise Schöller, Journalist, Special Correspondent, European Desk, France Télévisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Kristinn Jóhannesson, Representative of the Young People's Constitution Project, Iceland
10.15	<i>Coffee break and press conference</i>
10.45	<p>Building a child-friendly Europe: extending the achievements</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Françoise Schöller, Journalist, Special Correspondent, European Desk, France Télévisions</p>



Building a child-friendly Europe: extending the achievements

Protecting children from all forms of violence

- **Mr Paul Sérgio Pinheiro**, Independent expert for the United Nations World Report on Violence Against Children
- **Ms Najat Maalla M'jid**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
- **Mr Keith Whitmore**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- **Ms Hijran Huseynova**, Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children, Azerbaijan
- **Ms Margarita Popova**, Minister of Justice, Bulgaria
- **Ms Monika Šimůnková**, Government Commissioner for Human Rights, Czech Republic
- **Ms Claude Greff**, State Secretary for Family, France
- **Ms Svetlana Sovilj**, Independent Advisor for child protection, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Montenegro
- **Mr Nicolae Ivășchescu**, State Secretary of Labour, Family and Social Protection, Romania
- **Mr Pavel Astakhov**, Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation, Administration of the President of the Russian Federation



Promoting child-friendly justice, social services and health care

- **H.E. Mr Philippe Narmino**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Director of Judicial Services, Monaco
- **Mr Irakli Nadareishvili**, Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia
- **Mr Ögmundur Jónasson**, Minister of the Interior, Iceland
- **Ms Astri Aas-Hansen**, State Secretary of Justice and the Police, Norway
- **Mr Stéphane Valéri**, Government Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Monaco

Strengthening children's right to participate in decision making

- **Ms Frances Fitzgerald**, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Ireland

Empowering children in vulnerable situations

- **Mr Spiro Ksera**, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania
- **Mr Riho Rahuoja**, Deputy Secretary General on Family and Social Policy, Estonia
- **Ms Valentina Buliga**, Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Moldova
- **Mr Vyacheslav Kolomiets**, Deputy Minister of Social Policy, Ukraine
- **Mr Raphaël Alomar**, Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank

Empowering children through participation – Proposals from Japan after the triple disaster

- **Mr Akihiko Morita**, Shokei Gakuin University and senior adviser of Save the Children, Japan



13.00	<p><i>Lunch at the invitation of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Salon Le Génois</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Mr Philippe Boillat, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Isabelle Berro-Lefèvre, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Monaco • Mr Luis Jimena Quesada, President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR) • Mr Stefan Oeter, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages • Ms Edita Ziobiene, Member of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Ombudsperson for the children of Lithuania • Mr Jean-Charles Sacotte, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) • Mr Nicolas Le Coz, Chair of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) • Mr Bernard Gastaud, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child • Mr Peter Newell, NGO Group for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
14.30	<p>The Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015): turning a vision into reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anica Djamić, Committee of Ministers Thematic Co-ordinator for Children, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the Council of Europe 	
14.45	<p>Finding the missing pieces: evaluating implementation of children's rights</p> <p><i>Monitoring mechanisms are a powerful tool in the implementation of international legal standards. Although most of the Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms routinely address specific children's rights issues, their potential to effectively mainstream the rights of the child remains to be fully determined. The objective of this session is to identify how Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms and the European Court of Human Rights: (1) can help improve the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Council of Europe standards relevant to children's rights, and (2) become more accessible to children.</i></p>	
16.15	Coffee break	



16.45

**Bringing standards closer to children:
co-operation and partnerships
for sustainable action**

Since launching the programme "Building a Europe for and with children", the Council of Europe has progressively developed a wealth of partnerships with stakeholders from member states, international organisations, ombudspersons for children, civil society, academia and the private sector. The object of this session is to discuss how to establish a children's rights platform that is able to provide strategic guidance to the Council of Europe's children's rights agenda and achieve co-ordination to fully exploit potential synergies between the various stakeholders.



Moderator: **Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- **Ms Anica Djamić**, Committee of Ministers Thematic Co-ordinator for Children, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the Council of Europe
- **Mr Steven Allen**, Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, UNICEF
- **Mr Emmanuel Crabit**, Head of Unit, Fundamental rights and rights of the child, Directorate General of Justice, European Commission
- **Ms Madi Sharma**, Member of the Employers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Ms Maria Amor Estebanez**, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- **Mr Marek Michalak**, Chair of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC), Ombudsman for the children of Poland
- **Ms Jenny Pearce**, Professor of Young People and Public Policy, University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom
- **Ms Ulla Armyr**, Chair of Save the Children, Europe Group

18.30

Buffet dinner hosted by the Principality of Monaco, la Grande Verrière





Monday 21 November 2011

9.00	Parallel workshops
10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00	Workshops 1-3 continued
	<i>Plenary hall, Prince Pierre</i>
12.00	Closing session of the conference Making the puzzle pieces fit: the shape of things to come <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conclusions from the three parallel workshops• Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe• H.R.H. The Princess of Hanover
13.00	<i>Lunch hosted by the Principality of Monaco, Salon Le Génois</i>



Van Dongen Room

Workshop 1

Making children the masters of the game: data protection and the new media environment

Children grow up and live with digital screens. This new media environment provides children with many opportunities to learn, express themselves and influence decision making. Yet this environment is also a space where children are at risk of having their rights violated. This workshop aims to explore a range of situations where children's right to private life and data protection are at stake. Participants will discuss measures to enhance children's data protection, starting from the minimum age requirement (consent) and its concrete implementation. The issue of data conservation and the need to remove traces of children's identities on the Internet, as well as the abusive use of children's data will also be addressed.

Moderator: **Mr Giovanni Buttarelli**, Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor

- **Mr Jean-Philippe Walter**, Chair of the Consultative Committee of the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data
- **Ms Anne-Sophie Bordry**, Director of Public Affairs, France and Southern Europe, Facebook
- **Ms Janice Richardson**, Principal Adviser, European Schoolnet, Belgium
- **Mr Theo Noten**, representative of European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online (eNACSO), ECPAT Netherlands
- **Mr Jean-Philippe Noat**, Action Innocence, Monaco



Plenary hall, Prince Pierre

Workshop 2

Empowering children through learning: democratic citizenship and human rights education

The Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education emphasises the importance of “not just equipping learners with knowledge, understanding and skills, but also empowering them with the readiness to take action in society in the defence and promotion of human rights, democracy and the rule of law”. Such empowering requires in-depth change in educational policy and practice involving decision makers, education professionals, civil society and youth organisations. The aim of the workshop is to explore: a) how to raise awareness on the Charter among experts and professionals in the fields of children’s rights and education and children themselves; and b) how children can be involved in the implementation of the Charter at school and at local level.

Moderator: **Mr Jorma Kauppinen**, Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Education

- **Mr Georg Pirker**, Secretary, Democracy and Human Rights Education Network (DARE), Germany
- **Mr Calin Rus, Director**, Timișoara Intercultural Institute, Romania
- **Ms Amina Lemrini Elaouhabi**, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, Morocco
- **Ms Olena Styslavska**, Member of the Council of Europe Pestalozzi programme for the professional development of teachers and education actors
- **Ms Julia Lo Iacono, Ms Elodie Cassini, Mr Yann Corradi, Mr Mathieu Vidal**, Lycée Technique et Hôtelier de Monte-Carlo

The question and answer session will be chaired by **Ms Felisa Tibbitts**, Human Rights Education Associates, United States



Genevoix Room

Workshop 3

Children’s rights start at home: strong families for strong children

Families, whatever their composition, are central to protecting children’s rights and helping children to realise their full potential. Yet pressures on today’s families are growing and many parents feel they lack support and guidance. How can parents and primary caregivers be supported in bringing up their children in a way that respects all family members’ right to integrity and human dignity? This workshop is intended to prepare the ground for the follow-up to the Council of Europe recommendation on policies to support positive parenting and the campaign “Raise your hand against smacking” by mapping the context in which parents are raising their children today, exchanging ideas and good practices and establishing networks and partnerships.

Moderator: **Mr Tony Ivens**, Children in Wales, Chair of the Eurochild Family and Parenting Working Group, United Kingdom

- **Mr Jesper Juul**, author and family therapist, Denmark
- **Ms Maria Herczog**, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Chair of Eurochild
- **Ms Mary Crowley OBE**, President of the International Federation for Parent Education, United Kingdom
- **Ms Maria Filomena Gaspar**, Coimbra University, Portugal
- **Ms Maria Josefa Rodrigo**, Professor, Department of Developmental Psychology and Education, University of La Laguna, Spain
- **Ms Anniki Tikerpuu**, Department of Children and Families, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia
- **Ms Marie-Hélène Murat**, child psychiatrist, Monaco



14:30

Parallel meetings

Van Dongen Room

Sub-Committee on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and launch of the parliamentary dimension of the ONE in FIVE Campaign by the National Council of the Principality of Monaco

Moderator: **Ms Carina Ohlsson**, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

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Council of Europe Network of Focal Points on the Rights of the Child and Violence against Children

Moderator: **Ms Regína Jensdóttir**, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe

Genevoix 2+3 Room

Developing strategies for structured co-operation between civil society and the Council of Europe for protecting children's rights

Moderator: **Ms Marja Ruotanen**, Director, Justice and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

16:00

Coffee break

16:30

Meetings continued

17:30

Close of meetings



