



# **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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# THEMES

- Celebration of efforts
  - UN and Council of Europe instruments, Conventions, Guidelines, adoption of legislation and increasing range of guidance, toolkits, advice.
- Awareness of continuing challenge
  - Importance of integrating and co-ordinating plans of action, work with civil society, gathering public and political support, improving quality of data.
  - Law is not enough.
- Children's participation – wider, deeper.
- NHRIs – increase in Europe - key role.



## RECOMMENDATIONS - NATIONAL

- **Prohibit** all forms of violence against children
- **Develop, integrate and implement** national strategies in a co-ordinated approach
- **Participation** – involve children in the design, implementation and evaluation of initiatives
- **Partnership** with civil society and academia
- **Promote** access to information, advocacy, independent complaints mechanisms, and court
- **Data**, research, evaluation, knowledge exchange.
- **Leadership**: bring pressure to bear on their neighbours...



## RECOMMENDATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

- Continuing **co-operation** between and **mutual support** of the international agencies—momentum established – better and more effective co-ordination.
- **Promotion** of the CRC, CoE Conventions and the Guidelines – reflect the web of international standards that increasingly ignore borders.
- **Disseminate** experience of regional efforts to eliminate violence against children through networking seminars and workshops.
- Adopt an **optional protocol** to the CRC to secure individual petition. Promote use of international remedies.



# RECOMMENDATIONS - REGIONAL

- Council of Europe as a **leader**
  - eg. CP campaign- participant in active debate
  - Supporting and empowering national governments
- Use **all** means to promote ratification, implementation and awareness of **all** instruments
  
- **Platform** on the Rights of the Child
  - An important pan-European forum for sharing information and best practice, mobilising support
- Learn from **successes**
  - The strongest law, the most effective policy/program
  - Celebrate and replicate achievements.



## REGIONAL CONT.

- Strengthen evidence base across Europe
  - Advice on the best models of data collection – merging best approaches;
  - Research the impact of violence on children and the role of law in protecting children's rights;
  - Develop indicators (beyond EU) and generate understanding application in various jurisdictions.
- Training and awareness raising at national and international levels, including ECtHR.
- Engaging with children and young people .
- Continue bringing people together – widen circle, promote action, engage with the reluctant...

