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# **Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)**

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# THE CGU AT A GLANCE

- Goal 6 of the CoE Strategy for the rights of the child: “Children’s rights in crisis and emergency situations”
- Direct implementation of the Reykjavik Declaration
- Multilateral platform for technical expertise, peer review, and fostering cooperation
- 43 Council of Europe member states
- Many relevant international organisations, including international and local civil society organisations where pertinent

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# THEMATIC APPROACH

## Thematic Dialogue Groups

- ⑩ Transnational Procedures and Guardianship
- ⑩ Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care

## Revolving Thematic Topics

- ⑩ Access to education
- ⑩ Risks of human trafficking, including for the purposes of sexual and labour exploitation
- ⑩ Pre-conditions for the safe return of children of Ukraine from CoE member host states
- ⑩ Adequate support to children with disabilities

## Ukraine's Better Care Reform

- ⑩ Receiving regular updates
- ⑩ Providing ongoing support

# THE CGU'S WORK ON ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Timeline	Action	Results
March 2024, the CGU's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting	Thematic exchange on «Understanding access to education (schooling) for children of Ukraine in Council of Europe member States»	Host member states having different policies and approaches towards children of Ukraine's education
November 2024	Publishing of a «Mapping study on children of Ukraine's access to education in Council of Europe member states» with the CoE Education Department	Identification of common trends and good practice examples Wide media attention from different member states
From November 2024 to present	Follow-up action (e.g. Breakout session on children of Ukraine's access to education at the Mid-term review conference for the Strategy for the Rights of the Child on 4 April 2025)	Raising awareness on findings of the Mapping Study

# KEY MESSAGES FROM THE MAPPING STUDY ON CHILDREN OF UKRAINE'S ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBER STATES

- Unhindered access to quality education for children of Ukraine
- Sustainable solutions through research and collaboration
- Maximising in-person schooling
- Maintaining connections with Ukrainian language and culture





# THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF CHILDREN OF UKRAINES ACCESS TO EDUCATION TO BROADER CGU THEMATIC PRIORITIES



# CGU'S FOLLOW-UP ACTION FOR PROMOTING CHILDREN OF UKRAINE'S ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

- Promoting the findings of the [Mapping study on children of Ukraine's access to education in Council of Europe member states](#)
- Supporting awareness-raising campaigns for parents and caregivers of children of Ukraine, highlighting the importance of in-person schooling
- Discussing benefits and feasibility of integration of the Ukrainian component into host state's education systems, enabling children of Ukraine to participate in local schools with their peers while maintaining connections with Ukrainian language and culture





TIME FOR YOUR  
QUESTIONS AND  
COMMENTS