

ACTION PLAN TABLES - YEARS 1-2 (2022-2023)

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The following Action Plan for the first two years of the Strategy implementation (2022-2023) reflects the first activities envisaged, committed or initiated at the moment of the latest update. It is based on contributions provided by members of the Inter-secretariat Task Force on the Rights of the Child (i.e. secretariat units of different Council of Europe bodies and sectors), whose actions will also be given visibility under Strategy-related communications and implementation reports. For its part, the Children's Rights Division, will be supporting the implementation of activities related to the Strategy via the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee) and the co-operation projects managed by its services.

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Freedom from violence for all children							
<i>Activities related to online violence against children will be listed under priority area 3 (access to and safe use of technologies)</i>							
Implementing objectives							
1.1.1. Fighting child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse , through the work of the Committee of the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, acting as a monitoring body and a platform for Capacity-building to implement the Lanzarote Convention in all Council of Europe member States and beyond.							
Continued implementation of the Lanzarote Convention	Implementation	LC					
Capacity-building events of the Lanzarote Committee	Capacity-building	LC					
1.1.2. Raising awareness on the need to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.							
Capacity-building events of the Lanzarote Committee	Capacity-building	LC					
Awareness-raising initiatives through the European Day	Awareness-raising	LC					
1.1.3. Supporting States outside the Council of Europe in acceding to the Lanzarote Convention.							
Continued promotion of the Lanzarote Convention towards third states	Promotion and Capacity-building	LC					
1.1.4. Reviewing the implementation of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence.							
Review the Recommendation on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence	Evaluation	CDENF		2022-2023	OB		

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Conference on integrated child protection systems and integrated strategies (Iceland)		CRD, in co-operation with the Icelandic CM Presidency		2023	OB	Possibly to be held in conjunction with next CDENF meeting in March 2022 (subject to authorisation)	
1.1.5. Serving as a platform for exchanging on national practice (e.g. through the “VAC Clearinghouse – online platform on responses to violence against children”).							
Finalisation and activation of the VAC Clearinghouse	Capacity-building	CRD/CDENF		2022/2023	OB	Underway	
1.1.6. Developing and implementing specific guidance on reporting mechanisms for professionals.							
Finalising the preparation of a draft Recommendation on strengthening mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children (VAC)	Standard-setting	CDENF/Working Group		2022-2023	OB	Underway	
1.1.7. Monitoring the implementation of the European Social Charter with respect to violence against children through the European Committee of Social Rights.							
Monitoring the protection of children against violence through different articles of the Convention ¹	Monitoring	European Committee of Social Rights			OB		
1.1.8. Addressing hate speech and hate crime against children through the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance.							
Statutory activities by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), e.g. in follow-up of different recommendations		ECRI			OB		
No Hate Speech Youth Campaign		Joint Council on Youth			OB/VC		
1.1.9. Supporting its member States, as appropriate, in view of the signature, ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention, with a view to protecting children from gender-based violence and domestic violence.							
Statutory and co-operation activities by GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention		GREVIO Istanbul Convention Committee					

¹ Notably Articles 7 (right to protection) and 11 (right to health protection) and 17 (right to social, legal and economic protection) of the [revised European Social Charter](#).

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		of the Parties					
1.1.10. Promoting the effective elimination of corporal punishment and other cruel, inhuman or degrading forms of punishment of children in all settings, including preventing regression in this area as well as the monitoring of the implementation of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture with respect to the prevention of violence against children deprived of their liberty.							
Statutory and co-operation activities by CPT		CPT			OB/VC		
Continuous promotion of the prohibition of corporal punishment and relevant implementation activities, fostering positive parenting		CRD/CDEF Secretariat			OB/VC		
1.1.11. Developing cooperation projects to strengthen States capacities to address violence against children, including sexual violence, in all settings.							
Co-operation projects on preventing online sexual violence and child protection in legal and administration proceedings		CRD/Co-operation unit			VC		
1.1.12. Promote the adoption of child protection policies in all areas where professionals or volunteers work with or for children.							
Promotion of child safeguarding policies in all Council of Europe activities, as well as increased attention to child safeguarding through statutory activities (reporting violence, children in care proceedings and children as human rights defenders)	Standard-setting, Capacity-building	CRD/CDEF, CRD/co-operation unit			OB/VC		
Development of roadmaps for the implementation of child-safeguarding-in-sport policies at the national level under the "Child safeguarding in Sport" project	Capacity-building	EPAS		2020-2022	EU-CoE joint project	Project ended on 30/06/2022 Six partner countries (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Israel, Norway and Portugal) have developed their roadmap. An online resource centre on safe sport and a pool of experts on safe sport have been set up.	The pool of experts on safe sport will continue its activities in the framework of the "Start to Talk" project

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Development of roadmaps for the implementation of child-safeguarding-in-sport policies at the national level under the “Start to Talk” project	Capacity-building	EPAS	ENGSO (European Sports NGO) - tbc	2022-2023	EPAS OB/VC and EU funding - tbc	The process for the development of a roadmap in Bulgaria started in 2022 Funding requested to Call: CERV-2022-DAPHNE (Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children) for year 2023-24. Waiting for confirmation	
Development of a child safeguarding self-assessment tool for public and sport organisations in the framework of the “Start to Talk” project	Capacity building	EPAS		2022	EPAS OB/VC	A self-assessment questionnaire was created in 2021. The online self-assessment tool will be launched by end 2022	
Innovating objectives							
1.2.1 Raising awareness and adopting stronger action to end gender-based violence (including forced and/or early marriages), violence against children in vulnerable situations, bullying, (online) grooming, cyberbullying, hate crime and peer violence, including harmful sexual behaviour by children.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
Preparing guidance on age-appropriate education on sexuality and relationships (comes also under 1.2.10.)	Standard-setting	CDENF/Sub-Committee		2023-2024	OB	New working group to be set up for 2023	
1.2.2 Stepping up prevention of violence against children, by developing a model for prevention strategies at national level and by addressing hate speech (including sexist hate speech) and the risk of children falling victims to violent radicalisation.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
1.2.3 Promoting the participation of children and parents in designing and evaluating services for children and families, and the training of service providers.							
Implementing the Handbook on Children’s Participation (2021)		CRD			VC		
1.2.4 Raising awareness of the importance of psychological support to children within the public health system and schools and facilitate children’s access to such services.							
Joint activity on children’s participation in decision-making by health services		CDENF/DH-BIO			OB Working Group		
1.2.5 Devising universal key definitions of violence, assessment tools with common indicators and providing guidance for a harmonised process of disaggregated data collection to obtain regular, specific, and reliable information.							

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1.2.6 Promoting campaigns to change mentalities about violence against children, including neglect, especially in the family and institutional context.							
Action on child marriages (to be defined)		ADI-ROM, in collaboration with ECRI			OB/VC Roma and Travellers		
Action on trafficking in children, including for vulnerable groups, such as children from national minorities (to be defined)		GRETA			OB/VC GRETA		
Action on gender-based violence and sexism (to be defined)		GREVIO GEC			OB/VC GREVIO		
Launching of Start to Talk campaigns Action related to violence against child safeguarding in sports (to be defined)	Co-operation//Awareness-raising	EPAS	ENGSO (European Sports NGO) - TBC	2023	EPAS OB/VC EU-funding (to be confirmed)	Funded requested to Call: CERV-2022-DAPHNE (Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children) for year 2023-24. Currently waiting for confirmation	In case additional EU funding is granted, partner countries will be identified by end 2022
1.2.7 Developing and rolling out programmes in schools for students and their families, teachers, as well as other professionals and volunteers, to promote gender equality, and to empower them to identify and prevent violence and support possible victims.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
1.2.8 Addressing the issue of abuse in care settings, including foster care and drawing on lessons learned from experiences of historical abuse.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
1.2.9 Supporting member States in fulfilling their obligations under the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, by adopting actions towards a strengthened prevention of child trafficking, better identification of child victims of trafficking, providing them with protection and assistance in their recovery and social inclusion and preventing re-victimisation.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
1.2.10 Exploring efficient ways to prevent sexual violence against children, including by developing further standards to support States in developing age-appropriate and comprehensive sexuality education (CSE).							
Preparing guidance on age-appropriate education on sexuality and relationships	Standard-setting	CDENF/Sub-Committee		2023-2024	OB	New working group to be set up for 2023	
Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children							
Implementing objectives							

Activities (year 1-2)	Type of activity	Council of Europe bodies involved	External partners	Timeline	Resources (OB or VC)	State of play (date...)	Next steps ahead (by...)
2.1.1. Raising awareness of and guaranteeing children's social rights and fighting discrimination against children.							
Hearing on child poverty		CDENF PACE INGOs	FRA	Autumn 2023			
Draft resolution on "Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe"; follow up to the report on the "Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance"		PACE					
<i>Further action to be defined</i>							
2.1.2. Ensuring access to justice for children in vulnerable situations.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.1.3. Promoting an inclusive education , with a special focus on gender-sensitivity and tolerance, distance learning and inclusion, also by improving language learning as a precondition for children being heard and benefitting from equal access to education.							
Safeguarding the right to education for migrant children through language learning (developing guidelines and educational resources)	Standard setting, cooperation projects	Education Policy CDPPE		2022-2023	OB/EBR/V C/JP		
Ensuring access to quality education for all children	Standard setting, cooperation projects	Education Policy CDPPE		2022-2023	OB/EBR/V C/JP		
2.1.4. Boosting the establishment of education programmes that include citizenship and human rights education.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.1.5. Strengthening participation and involvement of children in vulnerable situations.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.1.6. Protecting children without parental care and/or living in alternative care, by continuing promoting deinstitutionalisation, by analysing the issue of historical abuse of children and compensations, of abuse within care settings including foster families, by reviewing the Recommendation on the rights of children living in residential institutions ² and by following-up on the work of the Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE), ensuring children's participation in care proceedings.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.1.7. Supporting the transition of children in vulnerable situations into adulthood, including for children leaving care.							

² Rec(2005)5.

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Transition of children to adulthood, in particular children in vulnerable situations (possible action on the basis of the latest 2020/2021 conclusions)		European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)			OB/VC		
Event on transition to adulthood of migrants and refugees children	Conference, Launching of a dedicated	Youth Department, Co-operation programme Division in DGI	Ministry of Education of Iceland	24-25 February 2023/			
2.1.8. Furthering the actions to protect children on the move, including migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking children (in particular girls), by strengthening mechanisms and cooperation for the timely identification and referral of these children and by ending immigration detention of children by, <i>inter alia</i> , promoting family and community-based care solutions.							
Migrant children (action to be defined)		Independent Human Rights Institutions			OB/VC		
Review of the recommendation on Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration (including study visit/s)		CDENF		2023	5000€ review study visit		
Promoting the rights of migrant children (action to be completed)		PACE/AS Mig			OB		
Launch and promotion of the upcoming Recommendation on age assessment (subject to CM adoption)		CDENF/CRD Office of SRSG on Migration and Refugees		Early 2022	Subject to EBR		

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2.1.9. Fostering the protection and participation of children with disabilities, including towards their full inclusion in the school setting and the digital environment.							
Promoting the rights and protection of children with disabilities (to be defined on the basis of 2019 report)		CRD			OB/VC		
Innovating objectives							
2.2.1 Addressing the root causes of child poverty, preventing situations of extreme child poverty, while trying to mitigate the outcomes as well as tackling poverty caused by environmental degradation and conflict.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.2.2 Supporting member States in making existing institutions and services attentive and reactive to situations of child poverty and exclusion, including through systematic child impact assessments and through supporting families, also to avoid child-family separation.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.2.3 Encouraging states to improve disaggregated data collection on poverty and monitor the impact of anti-poverty measures.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.2.4 Analysing new challenges due to COVID-19 for children in vulnerable situations (access to healthcare and guardianship of migrant and unaccompanied and separated children, detention, increased poverty, etc.).							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.2.5 Promoting policies and measures supporting positive parenting which guarantee equal opportunities for children irrespective of their sex, status, abilities or family situation.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
2.2.6 Mapping, analysing and providing guidance on the situation of children suffering from addictive behaviours and children of parents using drugs.							
Children of parents using drugs (literature review including recommendations published in 2022)	Awareness-raising	Pompidou Group		2022-2023	OB	Website Children whose parents use drugs (coe.int)	
Report on policy and programmes in 11 countries and report on women who use drugs and children with parents who use drugs in 8 countries based on more than 100 interviews	Knowledge-sharing	Pompidou Group		2022-2023	OB	ISBN Publication Participation in seminars	

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Guidelines on children's rights, within a drug policy aiming at reducing harm against children by providing integrated services to be prepared in 2023	Standard-setting	Pompidou Group		2022-2023	OB	PG seminar	
2.2.7 Combatting racism/antigypsyism and tackling issues related to the exclusion of Roma and Traveller children (including poverty, inadequate access to education and healthcare, early and/or forced marriages, or human trafficking).							
Roma and Traveller children (action to be defined)		ADI-ROM, ECRI			Roma and Travellers budget		
2.2.8 Combatting trafficking in children in member States.							
Statutory action by GRETA (to be defined)		GRETA			OB/VC		
2.2.9 Addressing human rights challenges of LGBTI children and families.							
LGBTI (to be defined, healthcare of intersex and transgender)		SOGI DH-BIO ECRI			OB/VC		
Conference on early intervention on intersex children		DH-BIO			OB/VC	Took place in May 2022	
Public awareness raising on Discrimination, equality and against hate speech, incl. youth activism and training or national minority and LGBTI youth, western Balkans and Eastern Partnership.	Cooperation project	No Hate Speech Unit of the Anti-Discrimination Department			2022 - tbc		
2.2.10 Fostering children's access to mental health support, dealing with the root causes of children mental health difficulties, and promoting children's mental well-being, including through support for parents, carers, professionals and volunteers working with children to raise awareness and fight taboos about children's mental health.							
Mapping study on the accessibility of children to quality mental health services (public and private)		CDENF DH-BIO?	FRA?	2023	OB EBR (tbc)		
Access to and safe use of technologies for all children							

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Implementing objectives							
3.1.1 Protecting children online, e.g. from violence, including grooming, sexual and peer violence and cybersexism, from exposure to pornographic and other harmful content, cyberbullying, online hate speech and from attacks to their privacy (including in the context of education settings), thus following the “4C” approach (content, conduct, contact and contract risks). ³							
Online training on the IT Guidelines		CRD HELP		2023	VC		
Feasibility study and Recommendation on data protection and privacy	Standard-setting	CDENF Convention 108 Committee		2022- 2023	Joint working group with the Committee on Convention 108 (7 experts)		
Collecting promising practices and codes of conduct of private sector and industry		CDENF CRD		2023			
Cooperation projects on addressing online child sexual exploitation and abuse		CRD			VC/EBR (tbc)		
Strengthening the criminal justice response to the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children worldwide on the basis of the Lanzarote and Budapest Conventions	Capacity-building		Cybercrime Division		2022-2027		
Draft resolution on “For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children’s exposure to pornographic content”		PACE		2022-2023			
3.1.2 Raising awareness about sexist misuse of social media and online threats for children (including online child sexual exploitation and abuse).							

³ Sonia Livingstone & Mariya Stoilova, Children Online: Research and Evidence, <https://core-evidence.eu/Updating-the-4cs-of-online-risk/>, accessed in September 2021.

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Gender equality (sexist misuse of social media; to be defined)		GEC					
3.1.3 Ensuring that cases of online child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse are reported, investigated and prosecuted promptly, efficiently and appropriately:							
Action by the Lanzarote Committee (to be defined)		LC					
3.1.4 Supporting families, teachers and other professionals, volunteers as well as children, to prevent cases of cyberbullying and online hate speech.							
Promoting and translating the parenting digital support materials		CRD		2022-2023	OB/VC		
3.1.5 Providing digital citizenship education for children, carers, professionals and volunteers working with children. ⁴							
Action on digital citizenship education	Capacity-building	Youth	Youth organisations (e.g. IFM/SEI)	2022-2023	OB 30.000 €		
Curriculum Framework for Digital Citizenship Education and supporting materials for children Online training programme for teachers on DCE Survey on children's perception and understanding of and their needs in this regard	Capacity-building	Education		2022-2023	OB 30.000 €		
Gender equality (sexist misuse of social media; to be defined)		GEC					
Study on the human rights impacts of digital voice assistants (implications for privacy, security, freedom of expression – engagement		CDMSI					

⁴ Building on the achievements of the programme on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education and the pan-European project on digital citizenship education. See also the Committee of Ministers Recommendation on developing and promoting digital citizenship education (CM/Rec(2019)10).

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with content, interoperability, and liability) (end of 2023)							
Study on the role of social media and other digital platforms in the public debate / formation of public opinion, its implications for human rights and democratic participation, and strategies to mitigate its adverse effects (end of 2025)		CDMSI					
3.1.6 Providing positive digital parenting support.							
Promoting and translating the parenting digital support materials (see also objective 3.1.4.		CRD		2022-2023	OB/VC		
3.1.7 Fighting digital exclusion and ensuring an equal access to the digital environment, including for children with disabilities, children in the context of migration and children belonging to national minorities, in particular Roma and Traveller children, as well as in the context of distance learning.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
Innovating objectives							
3.2.1 Inviting business and industry to fulfil their responsibilities towards children, including by undertaking child impact assessments, ensuring the participation of children in the assessment stages, as well as involving them in the design of digital services and products.							
Collecting promising practices and codes of conduct of private sector and industry		CDENF CRD		2023			
3.2.2 Tackling the use of internet and social media for spreading disinformation, hate speech and violent radical ideas including for the purpose of terrorism among children.							
Disinformation and hate speech (action to be defined)		No Hate Speech Unit of the Anti-Discrimination Department					
With regard to Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 of the Committee of Ministers to	Standard-setting	CDMSI/CDA DI		End of 2024			

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Member States on combatting hate speech, review promising practices at national level of the implementation of relevant aspects of the Recommendation within its mandate (in cooperation with CDADI)							
With regard to Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on combatting hate speech, review report on the implementation of relevant aspects of the Recommendation (jointly with CDADI)	Standard-setting	CDMSI/CDA DI		End of 2025			
Guidance on responses to the spread of mis- and disinformation, such as fact-checking and platform design solutions	Standard-setting	CDMSI		2022-2023		Underway	
Collection of good practices on speech online (end 2025)		CDMSI		2024-2025			
3.2.3 Providing guidance and training to build capacities for professionals on the rights of the child in their relation to technologies, engaging children in the development and delivery of capacity-building and digital education for teachers and other professionals or volunteers.							
Cooperation projects on children's rights in the digital environment		CRD			VC/EBR (tbc)		
3.2.4 Enhancing child participation through technologies and in decisions related to the digital environment and technologies, in light of promising practices and mechanisms, including by facilitating exchanges between existing child participation mechanisms and institutions at different administrative levels (local, regional, national and European).							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							

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3.2.5 Analysing the risks posed by and possibilities to benefit from the use of artificial intelligence technologies.							
Report on children's rights and Artificial Intelligence		CDENF, CAHAI, Committee of Convention 108		2022	Consultancy		
3.2.6 Promoting safe and enabling spaces for children to freely search for information and express their views online.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
3.2.7 Exploring new issues impacting children's wellbeing, i.e. online gaming, online marketing and online influencing.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
3.2.8 Ensuring the rights of children to online play, leisure and association.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
Child-friendly justice for all children							
Implementing objectives							
4.1.1 Promoting and developing training programmes/national versions of HELP courses for legal professionals in contact with children.							
Promotion and development of HELP training courses		HELP CRD		2022-2023			
4.1.2 Improving access to justice for children in vulnerable situations and ensuring the meaningful participation of children in proceedings concerning them, through the use of child-friendly language and information material.							
Guidance notes on child-friendly justice (see also objective 4.1.8.)		CJ/ENF-ISE CDENF CDCJ		2022-2023	One per year		
4.1.3 Supporting the development of diversion measures and alternatives to detention of children in conflict with the law and encouraging member States to raise the age of criminal responsibility.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
4.1.4 Monitoring places where children are deprived of liberty ⁵ , ensuring children's access to child-friendly complaints mechanisms, and encouraging member States to end immigration detention of children.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
4.1.5 Further developing and promoting the Barnahus model, including through cooperation projects.							

⁵ The Council of Europe will continue promoting the implementation of the Standards of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT).

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Continue to promote Barnahus model in CoE member States through co-operation projects		CRD			VC/EBR	Mapping study on the use of the Barnahus model in different European countries currently launched	
4.1.6 Undertaking reviews and follow-up actions on family law (on the best interests of the child in parental separation situations and care proceedings, on relocation of children) and on migration (implementation of the Recommendation on Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration ⁶)							
Complete the work of the CJ/ENF-ISE on parental separation and care proceedings	Standard setting	CJ/ENF-ISE CDENF CDCJ		2022	OB	02/09/2022 The CJ/ENF-ISE's draft recommendation is subject to consultations and work has been initiated to reflect on the tools to be elaborated to support its implementation.	The CDCJ is expected to adopt jointly with the CDENF the draft recommendation by December 2023, and the practical implementation tools early 2024. The CJ/ENF-ISE is expected to complete its work in 2023.
Report on the state of play of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)4 on preventing and resolving disputes related to child relocation, including proposals for follow-up deliverables	Standard setting	CDCJ		2022	OB	Completed. The CDCJ adopted the report in July 2022. The report is public.	Follow up is given through guidance to the member States on this issue in the framework of the elaboration of

⁶ CM/Rec(2019)11.

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							the legal instrument on the rights and best interests of the child in the context of parental separation and in care proceedings.
4.1.7 Promoting child-friendly approaches in migration procedures, including by strengthening access to legal representation and guardianship, information and participation as well as effective remedies.							
Guidance on child-sensitive procedures in administrative and migration law matters	Standard setting	CDCJ		2024-2025	OB		
4.1.8 Supporting prevention of juvenile justice proceedings, by developing a model for prevention strategies, in particular for children in vulnerable situations.							
Guidance notes on child-friendly justice (see also objective 4.1.8.)		CDENF CDCJ		2022-2023	One per year		
Innovating objectives							
4.2.1. Reviewing or developing new standards in the area of family law and children's rights, where appropriate.							
Undertake surveys on children's contact with the justice system		CEPEJ		2022-2023	OB		
Undertaking reviews and follow-up actions on family law (on relocation of children, rights and the best interests of the donor-conceived children, rights and status of children born out of wedlock)		CDCJ		2022-2023	OB	The CDCJ has adopted the reports in July 2022 on evaluation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on preventing and resolving disputes on child relocation (2022) and review of the implementation of the European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock (ETS No. 085) (2021), which are available online. The CDCJ also adopted in July 2022 Aa comparative study on "Access of people conceived by gamete donation to information on their origins also has been	

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						adopted by the CDCJ at its 98 th meeting in June 2022”, and deemed important to further examine and continue working on this issue, through elaborating of a relevant legal instrument in 2024-2015. and agreed to develop draft terms of reference for a subordinate body tasked with the elaboration of this draft text.	
4.2.2. Promoting the exchange of good practices among member States on child-friendly justice systems and initiatives, including with regard to their transparent evaluation, effectiveness and any changes required.							
Supporting European networks on child-friendly justice		CRD CDCJ					
4.2.3. Developing codes of conduct or equivalent tools for legal professionals and media to guarantee respect of the right of the child during judicial proceedings.							
Elaboration of an opinion or thematic study by the CCPE on: “The role of prosecutors in protecting children” (to be confirmed)		CCPE		2024-2025	OB		
4.2.4. Capturing and analysing data on the relation of children with the justice systems in Council of Europe member States and providing guidance where necessary.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
4.2.5. Developing restorative justice for children, including where appropriate for children who display harmful (sexual) behaviour, also against other children.							
Developing cooperation projects on restorative justice		CRD Criminal Law Cooperation					
PACE draft resolutions on emerging issues (ex. children and prison systems; restorative justice for children; children and drugs; juvenile crime prevention strategies; and improving children’s access to the European Court of Human Rights)		PACE					

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4.2.6. Measuring the impact of emergency measures, during times of COVID-19, on children's access to justice, including for children in migration.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
4.2.7. Implementing strategies for improving access to legal aid and representation for children, including by offering legal aid through legal clinics and strategic litigation.							
Guidelines for strategic litigation and setting up of legal clinics on the rights of the child	Standard setting	CDCJ CDENF		2023			
4.2.8. Conducting research and improving a common understanding to uphold the rights and the best interests of donor-conceived children.							
Study on comparative study on access of people conceived by gamete donation to information on their origins <i>Action to be defined</i>	Comparative study	CDCJ		2022	OB	A comparative study has been adopted by the CDCJ at its 98 th meeting in June 2022, which addresses the current state with respect to the rights and best interests of donor-conceived persons. The CDCJ concluded that it will continue working on this issue and has proposed to the Committee of Ministers to elaborate a relevant legal instrument in 2024-2015.	
4.2.9. Undertaking actions for legal issues relevant to children in crisis or conflict situations , such as guardianship, housing, land and property rights, registration, national identification and citizenship or preventing statelessness.							
Actions addressing legal issues of particular relevance to children in crisis/conflict and post-crisis/conflict situations, such as guardianship, housing, land and property rights, registration, national identification and citizenship, statelessness and other public law issues (to be confirmed)		CDENF CDCJ		To be confirmed	OB	The CDCJ decided that it will focus actions on the issues selected aspects for f the prevention of statelessness for children and access to nationality The activities and timeline have yet to be defined by the CDCJ.	
4.2.10. Zooming in some specific topics, such as the needs and challenges of child victims and witnesses of violent crimes (including sexual violence) within the justice system, the management of terrorism cases by family law courts and children's access to justice in relation to environmental harm.							
Strategies for improving access to legal aid and							

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assistance for children, whether offenders, victims or witnesses (to be confirmed)							
4.2.11. Clarifying the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in disputes involving children.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
4.2.12. Introducing child-friendly justice as a cross-cutting issue in every cooperation project related to justice developed by the Council of Europe.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
4.2.13. Improving children's access to the European Court of Human Rights.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
Giving a voice to every child							
Implementing objectives							
5.1.1 Involving children and giving due weight to their views in the development, implementation and evaluation of the Council of Europe standards, policies and activities, as well as providing feedback to them on how their opinions are taken into account.							
Child participation in the launching conference of the Strategy				2022			
Child consultations in the CJ/ENF-ISE		CJ/ENF-ISE		2022-2023			
Draft resolution on "Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies"		PACE					
5.1.2 Empowering and promoting safe and ethical child participation, by implementing child safeguarding policies and data protection and ethical data collection principles and guaranteeing children's access to information in child participation processes.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.1.3 Promoting child participation in and through schools and non-formal learning and in decisions concerning their health, as well as the evaluation of service provision for children and families.							
Children's decision on their health		CDENF DH-BIO			OB	Collaboration towards relevant guidance underway	
Promoting children's participation in and through schools: promoting a culture of democracy and human rights in and through education; supporting	Capacity-building Awareness raising Cooperation projects	CDPPE		2022-2023	OB, EB (VC, JP)		

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mechanisms and processes for children participation in decision making processes in schools, applying the whole school approach to school governance)							
5.1.4 Fostering the development of national strategies or action plans on child participation.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.1.5 Undertaking further assessments of child participation mechanisms and practice through the Child Participation Assessment Tool (CPAT) and improving relevant tools in order to allow for regular progress reviews at country level.							
CP4Europe actions – development of national model strategies and other implementation tools		CRD			EBR		
Further assessments through the CPAT		CRD			OB		
Innovating objectives							
5.2.1 Promoting children’s democratic engagement and ensuring their participation in political life in accordance with their age and maturity, including by encouraging member States to consider the possibility of lowering the voting age. ⁷							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.2.2 Empowering children to access information and to participate in decisions related to the environment, at different levels of decision-making, leading to the co-designing of environmental policies.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
Development and promotion of a booklet for children and guidelines for local authorities on child participation in SDG localisation	Publication	Congress Children’s Rights Division		2022		Publication adopted and available in English, French and German; under development in Italian Publication distributed in Bosnian as a part of the Congress co-operation activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina	

⁷ Currently only Austria, Greece, Malta and Scotland have a minimum voting age lower than 18 years old. The mid-term evaluation of the previous Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) showed that children are interested in and able to engage in political participation through lowering the voting age (Report on the Conference on Redefining power: Strengthening the rights of the child, November 2019).

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5.2.3 Promote practice-oriented working methods and tools for officials, professionals and volunteers working with and for children, which are evidence-based and provide guidance on how to hear children, communicate with them and provide child-friendly information.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.2.4 Develop training modules and provide systematic training on child participation, including through relevant methods and tools and by involving children as trainers.							
Trainings to be provided on the basis of Council of Europe standards and tolos (CP Handbook, Compasito manual – action to be developed)		CRD/Youth Department					
5.2.5 Establishing sustainable channels for communicating directly with children and developing child-led activities at the Council of Europe level, including through identifying and collaborating with existing child-led initiatives and networks.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.2.6 Protecting and empowering children acting as human rights and environment defenders .							
Report on children acting as human rights defenders				2023	OB	Activity currently being initiated	
CDENF Hearing with children as human rights defenders		CDENF CDDH		2023	OB	Activity currently being initiated	
5.2.7 Enhancing the possibilities and capacities for reaching out to children through digital technologies.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.2.8 Mainstreaming child participation into the work of other Council of Europe bodies including by offering capacity-building activities and providing training for staff members.							
Support to CoE sectors wishing to develop their child participation activities (action to be defined)		CRD in collaboration with FCNM ADI-ROM ECRI CDDH (environment) PACE					

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Accessibility of CoE sectors to the upcoming Council of Europe child safeguarding policy and accompanying implementation tools		CRD					
5.2.9 Ensuring that participatory process include children in vulnerable situations.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
5.2.10 Strengthening accountability for the right of the child to be heard and the actual impact that children will have on law and policy making as well as on service provision and decision-making in administrative and judicial proceedings.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
Children's rights in crisis and emergency situations							
Implementing objectives							
6.1.1 Developing and promoting standards on human rights for children in migration (by implementing the actions included in the Council of Europe Action Plan on protecting vulnerable persons in the context of migration and asylum in Europe (2021-2025), as for instance, undertaking a follow-up to Recommendation on Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration ⁸ or promoting family and community-based care for unaccompanied children).							
Analyse the impact of COVID-19 on the rights of migrant children (access to procedures, access to asylum - to be defined)		CDDH					
Resolution and Recommendation on the reception of women and children refugees in Europe's cities and regions		Congress		2022		For adoption at Congress Session October 2022	
Elaborate a guidance Note on the fundamental rights of children in migration		Bureau de la RSSG sur la migration et les réfugiés	FRA			Draft to be agreed with partners by the end of 2022/Approbation de la première ébauche prévue avant fin 2022	

⁸ CM/Rec (2019)11.

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Disseminate the Handbook on the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in crisis and emergency situations and the LC's checklist on the Protection of children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse		Bureau de la RSSG sur la migration et les réfugiés					
6.1.2 Acting as a platform to exchange good practices among member States on their responses to international crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.							
Regular update of factsheet on actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic in member States Exchange and update on actions related to migrant and refugee children in member States, through the Network of Focal Points		CDENF Office of SRSG on Migration and Refugees/ Bureau de la RSSG sur la migration et les réfugiés					
6.1.3 Acting as a platform to exchange good practices among member States on their responses to international crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.							
Follow up to the report on "The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and culture"		PACE		2022			
Innovating objectives							
6.2.1 Supporting member States in building strong child protection systems able to adjust to a crisis.							
Regular exchanges on child protection systems in crisis situations (to be defined)		CDENF					

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Development of practical tools to assist frontline workers during crises, including online tools (to be defined)		CDDH EUR-OPA					
Promoting digital citizenship for children to strengthen their ability to respond to a crisis/health crisis (to be confirmed)		Education Policy					
6.2.2 Providing guidance to protect children in a public health crisis, including by supporting children's resilience, ensuring that the right to education and to participation are not overlooked and by promoting digital citizenship for children to strengthen their ability to respond to crisis.							
Strengthening children's resilience and their ability to respond to a crisis in line with the principles of the RFCDC and digital citizenship education	Capacity-building Awareness raising	CDPPE		2022-2023	OB		
6.2.3 Mapping the existence of possible new vulnerable situations arising from crisis or emergency situations and developing innovative measures targeting their protection.							
Mapping existing tools and resources on responding to crisis and emergencies (to be defined)		CDDH EUR-OPA					
6.2.4 Developing capacities and tools to support member States in protecting children in armed conflicts and in reintegrating and rehabilitating children returning from conflict zones.							
Development and promotion of a recommendation on radicalisation of children for the purpose of terrorism		CDCT		2022			
Conference on women and children in terrorism		CDCT		2022			

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Exchange of good practices on reintegrating and rehabilitating child returnees		CDENF		2023			
Follow up on children of parents suspected to be linked to DAESH		PACE		2022			
6.2.5 Analysing and advising on legal issues relevant to children in such situations, such as with respect to guardianship, housing, land and property rights, registration, national identification and citizenship, statelessness and other public law issues, in particular for orphaned, child refugees and internally displaced children, as well as in cases of serious violations of human rights.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							
6.2.6 Recognising the human rights obligations as they relate to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment.							
Natural hazards (action to be defined)		EUR-OPA					
Provision of child rights input into the draft recommendation on human rights and the environment (to be defined)		CDENF CDDH					
Draft Declaration on the rights of the child and the environment (to be defined)		CDENF ECSR		2023			
Draft resolution on “Inaction on climate change – a violation of children’s rights”		PACE		2022			
6.2.7 Facilitating children’s access to justice against environmental harm.							
<i>Action to be defined</i>							