

# REDEFINING POWER: STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION GUIDEBOOK



**STRASBOURG,  
13-14 NOVEMBER 2019**

**Mid-term evaluation  
of the Strategy  
for the Rights of the Child  
(2016 - 2021)**



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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the mid-term evaluation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), the Council of Europe is organising a conference, which will be held in Strasbourg, France, on 13 and 14 November 2019.

The Conference is organised by the Council of Europe, with the support of the French authorities, within the framework of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It brings together representatives of member states, parliamentarians, ombudspersons, civil society, other international actors and experts, as well as a delegation of 13 children from 10 member states.

Entitled "Redefining power: Strengthening the rights of the child as the key to a future-proof Europe", the conference aims to stimulate dialogue in order to determine measures to strengthen the protection and respect of children's rights, as well as to identify new challenges to be taken into account in the framework of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021). To this end, "Power Talks" will be organised, allowing for a dynamic dialogue, in which children will participate as "Power Talk Challengers".

Numerous events and exhibitions, related to the themes discussed at the conference, will take place at the Palais de l'Europe throughout the duration of the conference.

Finally, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child will hold a plenary meeting the day before the Conference and will meet again from 14:30 on Thursday 14 November to adopt a Declaration, which will then be submitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

## 2. CONFERENCE VENUE AND SECRETARIAT

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### Conference venue:

Council of Europe Headquarters  
Palais de l'Europe,  
Avenue de l'Europe  
F- 67075 Strasbourg Cedex



### Upon arrival:

Participants are requested to arrive at the Palais de l'Europe between 08:00 and 09:15 to check in. It is important to arrive on time as **the opening ceremony will begin at 9:30 sharp.**

Upon arrival, participants will go through a security check and provide their first and last names at the reception desk to collect their identification badges and conference bags. Participants are asked to **wear their badges visibly at all times**; for security reasons, access to conference rooms and social activities is limited to those wearing the badge.

Following registration, participants will be invited to the Hemicycle to attend the opening ceremony, which will begin promptly at 09:30.

A **supervised cloakroom** will be available to participants throughout the event.

Members of the conference team will be available to accompany participants who may need to use the **elevators**. Please contact us at [children@coe.int](mailto:children@coe.int) should you need some assistance.

### 3. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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#### I. CONTACTS

For further information, please contact:

**Cassandra Mactavish**

Conference coordinator

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**Conference team members** will be wearing rainbow ID holders, so as to be clearly identifiable throughout the Conference. Please do not hesitate to approach us for any information request.

When in the Palais de l'Europe, to call an internal extension, please dial the 4 last numbers of the telephone number (**in bold**).

#### II. WORKING LANGUAGES

Conference documents will be available in English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the majority of the sessions into and from English and French.

#### III. PARLIAMENTARIANS' BAR

The Parliamentarians' Bar will be open throughout the Conference (first floor in front of the Chamber) from 9.00 to 19.00 on 13 November and from 9.00 to 12.00 on 14 November. Complimentary coffee and light snacks will be available for Conference participants during the breaks.

#### IV. EXHIBITS

Participants are invited to view the numerous exhibitions organised by internal and external partners. They will be displayed in front of the Hemicycle, in the Palais de l'Europe.

## MEALS

✓ **Wednesday 13 November:**

**Buffet lunch** sponsored by the French presidency of the Council of Europe.

Location: "Blue Restaurant" of the Council of Europe (ground floor of the Palais)

**Dinner reception** sponsored by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Location: Pavillon Joséphine in the "Orangerie Park" opposite the Palais de l'Europe

**Nb:** Pavillon Joséphine is accessible on foot and with wheelchair access (5 minutes from the Palais de l'Europe). Only diplomatic cars with special permissions will be allowed to enter the park.

✓ **Thursday 14 November:**

**Buffet lunch** sponsored by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Location: "Blue Restaurant" of the Council of Europe (ground floor of the Palais)

## PERFORMANCES

✓ **Wednesday 13 November:**

**Live performance:** "Take it like a man", by Mark Neville and Darragh Malone.

Location and time: Room 1, 17:45-18:15

**Hungarian choir** composed of children and young people from the Hungarian Foundation "Snétberger Music Talent Center".

Location and time: Pavillon Joséphine, 18:40-19:00

✓ **Thursday 14 November:**

**Austrian Choir** organised by the Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria and composed of musicians participating in the international competition "Sounds of Children's Rights". The musical composition will be broadcast by video projection and will precede a moment of greetings in Vienna via Livestream.

Location and time: Room 1, 11:15-11:30

The Council of Europe WIFI service allows external users, who are on its premises, to obtain a wireless connection to the Internet free of charge.

The WIFI ID is CoE\_Guest. No password required.



## VII. MEDICAL SERVICE

A medical service will be available during the conference. It is located in the main hall (ground floor). The telephone number for the service is **2442** (in case of emergency, dial **18**).

A doctor and nurse will also be present at the Pavillon Joséphine.

## VIII. SOCIAL MEDIA

**Follow us on Twitter:**

[@COE\\_children](https://twitter.com/COE_children)

**Please use the following hashtags to refer to the Conference events:**

#RedefiningPower

#CoE4Children

**You can also consult the Council of Europe website, which is regularly updated:**

[Children's rights conference](#)