

CP4Europe - Strengthening National Child Participation Frameworks and Action in Europe

NextGen Europe: Unleashing Youth Voices



PROGRAMME
Closing Conference
Strasbourg, 5-7 June 2023

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Where and when ?

- **When:** 5th to 7th June
- **Where:** Strasbourg
- **Working languages:** English and translated into French, Portuguese and Czech
- **Organised by:** The Council of Europe Children's Rights Division
- **Any question to:** ChildParticipation4Europe@coe.int

Background

■ The European Commission and Council of Europe joint project "*CP4Europe – Strengthening National Child Participation Frameworks and Action in Europe*" (hereinafter: "CP4Europe") was launched on 1 April 2021 and will end on 30 June 2023, with an implementation period of two years, to tackle and respond to the challenges faced in carrying out meaningful child participation in decision making at all levels. The project is implemented by the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division in cooperation with its 5 partner countries – the Czech Republic, Finland, Iceland, Portugal and Slovenia.

■ Promoting children's right to participation was a priority of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) and has been maintained as such in the current Strategy covering the period 2022-2027. The implementation of the CP4Europe project feeds into the range of actions taken to satisfy this priority both at European and national level, in accordance with the Council of Europe standards, notably the Council of Europe Recommendation on participation of children and young people under the age of 18.

■ The project promotes the use of European tools on child participation amongst member states, including the Council of Europe Child Participation Assessment Tool (CPAT) along with its implementation guide, as well as the Handbook on children's participation for professionals working for and with children launched in January 2021. These tools are used to assess the extent to which child participation is currently implemented and mainstreamed in each of the 5 countries involved, to promote stronger national and local child participation mechanisms, and to bridge the gap between theory and practice by training professionals on child participation methods and activities.

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Objectives

■ The objective of the Conference is to celebrate the results of the CP4Europe partner countries (the Czech Republic, Finland, Iceland, Portugal and Slovenia), and present the key deliverables (Child-friendly CPAT, outcome indicators, child-friendly campaign, guidelines to develop national child participation strategy, guide for decision makers to involve children in decision making process, capacity building materials for professionals working with children and the CP4Europe web-platform) as well as children's recommendations to the Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Council of Europe aiming to further strengthen child participation across Europe.

■ The Conference has been designed together with children and will see the participation of young people and adults, including 15 girls and boys from the five CP4Europe country partners who have been engaged throughout the project in a wide range of activities. The conference will cover 3 half-days (one afternoon and two mornings) allowing for room to interact, explore the city of Strasbourg, visit the CoE premises and the EU Parliament and hold recreational activities.

■ Panellists will notably include:

- Marie Cécile Rouillon, Coordinator on the Rights of the Child, European Commission;
- Irena Guidikova, Head of Child Rights and Sport Department, Council of Europe;
- Sevinj Fataliyeva, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe;
- Danielle Dambach, Mayor of Schiltigheim.

Day 1: 5 June 2023 / Facilitator: CAT with support from CoE/IICRD

12:00 am	Registration and badge pickup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participants who are accommodated off-campus 	Youth Centre
12:30 am	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casual welcome and short orientation and child safeguarding recap 	Youth Centre
1:45 pm	Walk to Agora and badge registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring everything you will need for the day 	Walk 15 mins
2:15 pm	Opening and greetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessible icebreaker (5 mins) - Welcome from the conference planning group (10 mins) 	Agora - G02
2:30 pm	Energizer - Introduce Recommendations Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begin building the tree 	Agora - G02
2:50 pm	Opening with recorded interview of Marie-Cécile Rouillon, Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, European Union, (questions by Maya, CAT member from Iceland)	Agora - G02
3:10 pm	Coffee Break with snacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exhibit of pictures from the Icelandic photographer Maria Erla Portway 	
3:40 pm	Interview with Irena Guidikova, Head of Child Rights and Sport Department, Council of Europe by Mariana (CAT-Portugal)	Agora - G02
4:10 pm	Interview with the Mayor of Schiltigheim & share the work of the French group, by France CAT group	Agora - G02
4:40 pm	Closure of the day and information for those planning to explore the city	Agora - G02
5:00 pm	Outing for the CAT, chaperones and youth guests to sightsee and explore together in Strasbourg Free exploration with accompanying adults inviting reflections and discussion on how young people participate and engage in the city's spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion to visit: cathedral, place Kleber, petite France, and barrage Vauban - Dinner at Caupona Taverne Strasbourg (paid out of per diem by each participant) 	Dinner Caupona Taverne 109 Grand'Rue Strasbourg +3 3 88 16 90 51
5:30 pm	Debrief for CoE and organizers	

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Optional - social time for Children's Advisory Team who choose not to go to the dinner in the city	Youth Centre – Room 02
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Day 2: 6 June 2023 / Facilitator: CAT with support from CoE/IICRD

09:30 am	Opening led by CAT members - Welcome & Share the day's agenda (5 mins) - Quick recap of Day 1 (5 mins) - Icebreaker (5 mins)	Youth Centre - Room 1
09:45 am	CP4Europe Project Bazaar CP4Europe experts, country partners and CAT members - Child-led Campaign; Child-friendly CPAT; Guide; Website; Setting up and being part of the CAT; outcome indicators and the guide to design child participation national strategy; Country Partner Tables	Youth Centre - Room 1
11:00 am	Coffee break with snacks served - Vegetarian options; sugar free beverage options	Youth Centre - Room 1
11:20 am	Tree of Recommendations led by CAT members - What has worked well with your projects and engagement in the CAT?	Youth Centre - Room 1
12:30 am	Lunch - Catered	Youth Centre
1:30 am	Energizer and welcome back led by CAT members	Youth Centre - Room 1
1:40 pm	Tree of Recommendations led by CAT members - What could be done better at European, national and local levels? - Write down and take note of all specific recommendations - Take stock of all the recommendations on the tree and begin to find the major themes.	Youth Centre - Room 1
2:10 pm	Break & walk over to Council of Europe HQ	Walk 15 mins
2:30 pm	Optional: Visit Council of Europe HQ	Council of Europe HQ: Av. de l'Europe, 67000 Strasbourg, France
3:30 pm	Break & walk over to Parliament building	Walk 8 mins
4:30 pm	Optional: Parliament visit	EU Parliament

5:00 pm	Dinner independently & internal debrief for CoE and organizers	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Optional - social time for Children's Advisory Team	Chillout room (Youth Centre - Room.02)

Day 3: 7 June 2023 / Facilitator: CAT with support from CoE/IICRD/Cath Larkins

08:45 am	Opening led by CAT members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome back - Quick recap of Day 2 - Agenda - Energizer activity 	Youth Centre - Room 1
09:00 am	Youth speakers and presentation from <u>Fondation René CASSIN - Institut international des Droits de l'Homme - IIDH Strasbourg</u> (Pauline Kotzuba, Pauline Perrault and Arthur Quattrochi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief Presentation - Thread Activity - The Country Quiz - Draw your Ideal 	Youth Centre - Room 1
09:45 am	Break & Energizer	Youth Centre - Room 1
10:00 am	Tree of Recommendations led by CAT members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small groups work on each of the themes: What action needs to be taken? Who can we ask to do this? - Write specific recommendations for different audiences 	Youth Centre - Room 1
10:30 am	Coffee break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group picture 	Youth Centre
10:50 am	Action Mapping for the Future: Examining the Learning and Recommendations Tree, led by the CAT members (30 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize recommendations - Present recommendations from each small group - Decide on concrete actions that people can take Recommendations are received by <u>Sevinj Fataliyeva, the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe</u> (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion - Agree on some commitments to action 	Youth Centre - Room 1

11:40 am	Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q&A - Next steps - Closing remarks by Zaruhi Gasparyan, Head of the Cooperation Unit at the Child Rights Division 	Youth Centre - Room 1
12:00 am	Good-bye lunch - BBQ format	Youth Centre
2:00pm	Debrief for CoE and organizers	Youth Centre