

## Speaking points Regina

### Closing session (6 minutes)

Young Delegates, Colleagues, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have heard your input, now it is time for action, carried by your support.

How will this Strategy drive the Council of Europe's actions during the next 6 years?

#### **Reporting back:**

- We, the Children's Rights Division, are in the process of **preparing the operational tools** to facilitate the follow-up of the implementation
- The aim of these tools will be to make the reporting and collection of data as "light" as possible, and allowing member States to draw from existing data – as requested by CDENF Delegations during the drafting process of the strategy
- The CDENF will drive this process as from its upcoming plenary meeting next month

## **Transversality – with the support and input from our partners**

### **within the COE:**

- Parliamentary Assembly, strongly represented at this conference
- Commissioner for Human Rights, always to the point with issues addressed
- Numerous other Committees and services mainstreaming children's rights and developing joint activities with us, the Congress of Local and Regional Activities, the Roma and Travellers team and many others

## **Through the steady commitment and support of our**

### **international partners:**

- UN SRSG VAC, UNCRC, UNICEF
- EU (Commission and FRA)
- European Ombudspersons gathered in the ENOC network

## **Together with our partners from Civil Society.**



## **Our aims are ambitious:**

- To continue working for and with children
- To drive towards real change
- To be relevant and address topical challenges and children's real needs (including as addressed by themselves)
- To be accountable and transparent on action taken at European and national levels

**Thank all participants to the conference for their enthusiasm, openness in sharing and willingness to exchange with others.**

## **Thank in particular the young Delegates:**

- For their valuable input throughout these two days, which we will be vital when setting the Strategy into action and makes the Strategy more meaningful because they spoke up and allowed us to listen to them;

- For reminding us, for more than 45 seconds, that we all have been children, and that “adults are also allowed to make mistakes”

**Thank the representatives of Ukraine** for having come into the conference at short notice and having reminded us that, leaving alone all our mid- and long-term aims and Strategies, we always need to remain alert to new crisis situations emerging and ready to respond to them. What is happening in Ukraine now is dramatic and deplorable, but it obliges us all to see and prove if the protection standards and mechanisms that we have put in place at the Council of Europe will keep their promises.

**Thank the Italian Presidency of the CM for all their support** throughout, allowing for the organisation of this wonderful Launching Conference as a face-to-face event, that we were all so much longing for.

Looking forward to co-operation with the upcoming Irish and Icelandic Presidencies.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Strasbourg at our next intergovernmental work meetings soon to jointly follow the pathway laid out by the Strategy.