

## DELIVERING FOR CHILDREN: TOWARDS THE EU STRATEGY ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

### 13th European Forum on the Rights of the Child

#### *Digital edition*

29-30 September – 1 October 2020

### 29 September – day 1

8:45 – 9:00 On-line check-in

9:00 – 9:20 **Welcome & Introduction**

- Ali Al-Jaberi moderator
- Salla Saastamoinen, Acting Director General, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

09:20 – 9:30 Ice-breaker

9:30 – 10:00 **Children's participation in the political and democratic life in the EU**

**Opening remarks, Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice**

**Conversation between the Commissioner and members of the Eurochild's Children's Council\*** about the political priorities of the European Commission.

\*Eurochild's Children's Council is represented at the Forum by: **June** (17) from Spain, **Victor** (16) from United Kingdom, **Kärg** (17) from Estonia, **Eetu** (13) from Finland, **Andreas**(16) from Cyprus, **Martina** (16) from Malta, **Milena** (16) from Bulgaria, **Una** (16) from Serbia, **Yevhen** (17) from the Ukraine, **Sioda** (16) from Ireland, **Ranya** (13) from Slovenia and **Petra** (17) from Croatia.

10:00 – 10:10 Break

10:10 – 11:20 **High-level session 1: *Why do we need a strategy on the rights of the child?***

Conversation moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

- Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, European Commission
- Franziska Giffey, Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany (video message)
- Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General, Council of Europe
- Lucilia Gago, Prosecutor-General, Portugal
- Member of the Eurochild's Children's Council
- Saskia Bricmont, Member of the European Parliament, Co-chair of the Intergroup on children's rights

11:20 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 **Parallel workshops sessions** – Children at the centre

**Workshop 1: Combating violence against children** moderated by Olivia Lind Haldorsson, Head of the Children at Risk Unit, Council of Baltic Sea States Secretariat

- Jonathon Passmore, Programme Manager, Violence and Injury Prevention, World Health Organisation, Regional Office for Europe – very good data. Check the report
- John Carr, Technical Adviser to Ending the sexual abuse of children - ECPAT
- Alya Harding, African Feminist, Youth Ambassador, END FGM European Network
- Aggeliki, European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA), Greece

**Workshop 2: Inclusive societies** moderated by Tommaso Chiamparino, Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred, Fundamental rights policy unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

- Federica Toscano, Head of Advocacy and Migration at Missing Children Europe, and Khadija Badri, Advocacy and Communications Officer at European Network on Statelessness, representing the Initiative for Children in Migration
- Franca Locati, Head of Project office, child care and child policies, city of Milan, and Vice-chair of Eurocities Working Group on Children and Young People
- Paniz Yousefi, International Olympic Committee (IOC) Young Leader
- Jaymie, European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA), Scotland

**Workshop 3: Inclusive education** moderated by Valeria Setti, Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, Fundamental rights policy unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

- Rubén Ávila Rodríguez, Policy and Research Manager and Yuri Yoursky, Board Member, The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Intersex Youth and Student Organisation (IGLYO)
- Bartholomew Pielak, Deputy Principal, Bednarska The Maharaja Independent High School
- Christina, European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA), Greece
- Adam, European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA), Scotland

**Workshop 4: Child friendly justice** moderated and led by members of the Eurochild's Children's Council

## **30 September – day 2**

8:45 – 9:00 On-line check-in

9:00 – 9:10 **Opening remarks** Barbara Nolan, Head of the Fundamental Rights Policy Unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

9:10 – 9:20 Yesterday's highlights and take-aways

9:20 – 9:30 **Keynote speech: Ewa Kopacz, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Coordinator on children's rights**

09:30 – 10:50 **High-level session 2: *What can we learn from COVID-19 – children's rights in emergency situations***, Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

- Najat Maalla M'jid, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Michael O'Flaherty, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Federica, European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA) Malta and Dimitris, European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA) Greece
- Koulla Yiasouma, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, and Chairperson of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)
- Lidia, World Vision International, Kenya, representing Joining Forces Alliance
- Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International, representing Joining Forces Alliance

10:50– 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 **Parallel workshops sessions – Ongoing EU initiatives on the rights of the child**

**Workshop 1: Combating violence against children** moderated by Olivia Lind Haldorsson

- Anna Pawuła, Cybercrime unit, Directorate General for Migration and Home affairs, European Commission
- Katarzyna Janicka-Pawłowska, Victims' Rights' Coordinator, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Martina Törnkvist, Gender equality unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**Workshop 2: Inclusive societies** moderated by Tommaso Chiamparino

- Josefine Hederstroem, Disability & inclusion unit, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Nuria Diez Guardia, Legal pathways and integration unit, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- Tommaso Chiamparino, Fundamental rights policy unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**Workshop 3: Inclusive education** moderated by Valeria Setti

- Aristeia Politi, Schools and Multilingualism unit, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission
- Dora Husz, Non-discrimination and Roma coordination unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

- Didier Houttequiet, Non-discrimination and Roma coordination unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**Workshop 4: Child friendly justice** moderated by Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and CoE Coordinator on the rights of the child, Council of Europe

- Wojciech Postulski, General criminal law and judicial training unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Angele Sears-Debono, Civil justice unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Ingrid Breit, Procedural criminal law unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and CoE Coordinator on the rights of the child, Council of Europe

14:00- 15:30 **Workshop: Rights of the child and the environment** moderated by Monika Gajowy, European External Action Service

- Laura Lundy, professor at Queen's University Belfast, Centre for Children's Rights. Introduction to the topic and presentation of the UN report on children's rights and the environment.
- Joni Pegram, Founder and Director of Project Dryad, Secretariat of the Children Environmental Rights Initiative
- Sylwia Borkowska – Waszak, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission
- Nathalie Hecq, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission
- Nadine Schuller and Felix Feider, Biodiversity Action Europe

### 01 October – day 3

- 8:45 – 9:00 On-line check-in
- 9:00 – 9:10 The Child Guarantee – breaking the cycle of disadvantage: **Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights**
- 09:10 – 9:20 **Presentation of recommendations for the upcoming EU strategy on the rights of the Child**, Child Rights Action Group and UNICEF: Aagje Ieven, Secretary General of Missing Children Europe, and Valerie Ceccherini, EU Representative of SOS Children's Villages International
- 9:20 – 9:30 Break
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Parallel workshops sessions – Your ideas for the Strategy**

*The main objective of today's workshops is to identify concrete suggestions for the strategy.*

10:30 – 10:40 Break

10:40 – 10:50 **Keynote speech: Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs**

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10:50 – 12:00 **High-level session 3: *Delivering for children: what are the needs and how can we get it right?*** Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

- Adrien Taquet, Secretary of State in charge of Childhood and Families, France
- David Lega, Member of the European Parliament, Co-chair of the Intergroup on children's rights
- Charlotte Petri-Gornitzka, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- Charlotte, Chair of of Leeds' children and youth council
- Velina Todorova, Member of the United Nations Committee on the rights of the child
- Judith Blake, Councillor and Leader of Leeds City Council and Chair of the Eurocities working group for children and young people

12:00-12:10 The best of the Forum and introduction to the last speakers.  
Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

12:10 – 12:20 **Taking this forward – conclusive remarks by members of Eurochild's Children's Council**

12:20 – 12:30 **Towards an EU strategy on the rights of the child - Conclusive remarks by Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, European Commission**