



## Annex to the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child

# EU AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS





# ANNEX 1

## RIGHTS OF THE CHILD – EU AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

This Annex presents in detail the relevant rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the goals and targets of the UN Sustainable Development Goals protected and promoted by the different strands of the EU Strategy on the rights of the child.

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<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p>	<p>Art. 24: The rights of the child            Art. 24.2: Best interests of the child            Art. 24.1.1: Right of the child to protection and care</p> <p>Art. 20: Equality before the law            Art. 21: Non-discrimination            Art. 23: Equality between women and men            Art. 26: Integration of persons with disabilities</p> <p>Art. 2: Right to life</p>	<p>Art. 1: Definition of the child</p> <p>General principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 2: Non-discrimination</li> <li>• Art. 3: Best interests of the child</li> <li>• Art. 6: The right to life, survival and development</li> </ul> <p>Art. 23: Children with disabilities and measures taken to ensure their dignity, self-reliance and active participation in the community, through access to all kinds of services, transportation and institutions, and in particular to education and cultural activities</p> <p>Art. 7 UNCRPD: Children with disabilities</p> <p>Art. 30: Children belonging to a minority or an indigenous group;</p> <p>General measures of implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 4: Implementation of the Convention</li> <li>• Art. 4: International cooperation</li> <li>• Art. 44.6: Make UNCRC reports available to the public</li> </ul>	<p> <b>SDG 10: Reduce inequality</b>            Target 10.3: Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies, and action in this regard</p> <p>Target 10.2: Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status</p> <p> <b>SDG 5: Gender equality</b>            Target 5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere            Target 5.c: Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels</p> <p> <b>SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals</b>            Target 17.2. Implement all development assistance commitments            Target 17.3. Mobilise financial resources for developing countries</p>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union applies to Member States only when they are implementing European Union law.

<sup>(2)</sup> The EU is party to the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). Relevant Articles of this Convention are also mentioned in this column.

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 <p><b>CHILD PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND DEMOCRATIC LIFE</b></p>	<p>Art. 24.1: Right of the child to express his/her views</p> <p>Art. 10: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion</p> <p>Art. 12: Freedom of assembly and of association</p> <p>Art. 22: Cultural, religious and linguistic diversity</p>	<p>Art. 12: Respect for the views of the child</p> <p>Art. 7.3 UNCRPD: Right of children with disabilities to express their views</p> <p>Art. 13: Freedom of expression and the right to seek, receive and impart information</p> <p>Art. 14: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion</p> <p>Art. 15: Freedom of association and of peaceful assembly</p> <p>Art. 42: Knowledge of rights</p>	 <p><b>SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Target 16.7: Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels</p> <p>Target 16.10: Ensure public access to information (...), in accordance with national legislation and international agreements</p>  <p><b>SDG 4: Quality education</b></p> <p>Target 4.7: Ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development</p>

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**SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION**

Art. 7: Respect for private and family life  
 Art. 9: Right to marry and right to found a family (in relation to their parents)  
 Art. 24.3: Right of the child to maintain on a regular basis a personal relationship and direct contact with parents

Art. 33: Protection of family and professional life  
 Art. 34: Social security and social assistance

Art. 32: Protection of young people at work

Art. 36: Access to services of general economic interest  
 Art. 38: Consumer protection

Art. 5: Family environment and parental guidance in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child  
 Art. 18: Parents' common responsibilities, assistance to parents and provision of childcare services

Article 23 UNCPRD - Respect for home and the family

Art. 26 and Art. 18.3: Social security and childcare services and facilities  
 Art. 27.1-3: Standard of living and measures taken, including material assistance and support programmes with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing, to ensure children's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development, and to reduce poverty and inequality

Children in street situations;

 **SDG 1: End poverty**  
 Target 1.1: Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day  
 Target 1.2: Reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions  
 Target 1.3: Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable  
 Target 1.5: Build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.

 **SDG 7: Energy**  
 Target 7.1: Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services

 **SDG 11: Sustainable cities**  
 Target 11.1: Ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums  
 Target 11.2: Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, (...) children (...)  
 Target 11.7: By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children (...).

Target 8.b: By 2020, develop and operationalise a global strategy for youth employment

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 <p><b>HEALTH</b></p>	<p>Art. 3: Right to integrity of the person</p> <p>Art. 35: Health care</p> <p>Art. 37: Environmental protection</p>	<p>Art. 6.2: Survival and development</p> <p>Art. 24: Health and health services, in particular primary health care</p> <p>Art. 33: Efforts to address the most prevalent health challenges, to promote the physical and mental health and well-being of children and to prevent and deal with communicable and non-communicable diseases;</p> <p>Art. 33: Reproductive health rights of adolescents and measures to promote a healthy lifestyle;</p> <p>Art. 33: Measures to protect children from substance abuse</p>	<p> <b>SDG 2: End hunger</b></p> <p>Target 2.1: End hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round</p> <p>Target 2.2: End all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating women.</p> <p> <b>SDG 3: Healthy lives</b></p> <p>Target 3.1: Reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births</p> <p>Target 3.2: End preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births</p> <p>Target 3.7: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes</p> <p>Target 3.8: Achieve universal health coverage (...) access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all</p>

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<b>(HEALTH)</b>			<p> <b>SDG 5: Gender equality</b> Target 5.6: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences.</p> <p> <b>SDG 6: Water and sanitation</b> Target 6.1: Achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all Target 6.2: Achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations Target 6.b: Support and strengthen the participation of local communities for improving water and sanitation management</p> <p> <b>SDG 13: Climate change</b> Target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning Target 13.b: Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities</p>

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**EDUCATION**

Art. 14: Right to education

Art. 28: The right to education, including vocational training and guidance  
 Art. 29: The aims of education with reference also to the quality of education;  
 Art. 30: Cultural rights of children belonging to indigenous and minority groups  
 Education on human rights and civic education;  
  
 Art. 24 UNCRPD: Education  
  
 Art. 31: Rest, play, leisure, recreation and cultural and artistic activities

**4 QUALITY EDUCATION** **SDG 4: Quality education**  
 Target 4.1: Ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes  
 Target 4.2: Ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education  
 Target 4.4: Substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship  
 Target 4.5: Eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations  
 Target 4.6: Ensure that all youth (...) achieve literacy and numeracy

**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH** **SDG 8: Economic growth and decent work**  
 Target 8.5: Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value  
 Target 8.6: By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training

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 <p><b>COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND CHILD PROTECTION</b></p>	<p>Art. 1: Human dignity Art. 3: Right to integrity of the person</p> <p>Art. 24.1: Right of the child to protection and care</p> <p>Art. 4: Prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment</p>	<p>Art. 19: Abuse and neglect Art. 9: Separation from parents Art. 20: Children deprived of a family environment Art. 25: Periodic review of placement</p> <p>Art. 24.3: Measures to prohibit and eliminate all forms of harmful practices, including, but not limited to, female genital mutilation and early and forced marriages</p> <p>Art. 34: Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse</p> <p>Art. 37.a and Art. 28.2: The right not to be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, including corporal punishment</p> <p>Art. 39: Measures to promote the physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration of child victims The availability of helplines for children</p> <p>Art. 22: Children outside their country of origin seeking refugee protection, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, internally displaced children, migrant children and children affected by migration;</p>	 <p><b>SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions</b> Target 16.2: End abuse, exploitations, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children</p>  <p><b>SDG 5: Gender equality</b> Target 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation Target 5.3: Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation</p>

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<p><b>(COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND CHILD PROTECTION)</b></p>	<p>Art. 5: Prohibition of Slavery / Forced Labour</p> <p>Art. 32.1: Prohibition of child labour</p>	<p>Children in situations of exploitation, including measures for their physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 32: Economic exploitation, including child labour with specific reference to applicable minimum ages;</li> <li>• Art. 33: Use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances</li> <li>• Art. 34: Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse</li> <li>• Art. 35: Sale, trafficking and abduction</li> <li>• Art. 36: Other forms of exploitation</li> <li>• Child victims and witnesses of crimes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art. 39: Physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration</li> <li>- The training activities developed for all professionals involved (...) in the field of juvenile justice, including the Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Art. 38: Children in armed conflicts</li> </ul> <p>Follow-up to the Optional Protocol to the UNCRC I and II on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict</p> <p>Article 16 UNCRPD: Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse</p>	<p>Target 8.7: Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms</p>

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 <p><b>CHILD-FRIENDLY JUSTICE</b></p>	<p>Art. 24.1.2: Right of the child to express his/her views</p> <p>Art. 24.3: Right of the child to maintain on a regular basis a personal relationship and direct contact with parents</p> <p>Art. 6: Right to liberty and security</p> <p>Art. 18: Right to asylum</p> <p>Art. 19: Protection in the event of removal, expulsion or extradition</p> <p>Article 43: European Ombudsman</p> <p>Art. 45: Freedom of movement and of residence</p> <p>Art. 46: Diplomatic and consular protection</p> <p>Art. 47: Right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial</p> <p>Article 48: Presumption of innocence and right of defence</p> <p>Art. 49: Principles of legality and proportionality of criminal offences and penalties</p>	<p>Art. 7: Birth registration, name and nationality</p> <p>Art. 8: Preservation of identity</p> <p>Art. 9: Separation from parents</p> <p>Art. 10: Family reunification</p> <p>Art. 11: Illicit transfer and non-return; Measures to ensure the protection of children with incarcerated parents and children living in prison with their mothers.</p> <p>Art. 27.4: Recovery of maintenance for the child</p> <p>Art. 21: Adoption (national and intercountry)</p> <p>Article 23 UNCRPD - Respect for home and the family</p> <p>Children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crimes and juvenile justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 40: The administration of juvenile justice, the existence of specialized and separate courts and the applicable minimum age of criminal responsibility</li> <li>• Art. 37.b-d: Children deprived of their liberty and measures to ensure that any arrest, detention or imprisonment of a child shall be used as measures of last resort and for the shortest amount of time and that legal and other assistance is promptly provided</li> <li>• Art. 37.a: The sentencing of children, in particular the prohibition of capital punishment and life imprisonment and the existence of alternative sanctions based on a restorative approach</li> <li>• Art. 39: Physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration</li> </ul>	 <p><b>SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Target 16.3: Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all</p> <p>Target 16.9: Provide legal identity for all, including birth registration</p> <p>Target 16.10: (...) Protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements</p>  <p><b>SDG 10: Reduce inequality</b></p> <p>10.7 Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.</p>

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 <p><b>DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SOCIETY</b></p>	<p>Art. 8: Protection of personal data            Art. 11: Freedom of expression and information</p>	<p>Art. 16: Protection of privacy and protection of image            Art. 17: Access to information from a diversity of sources and protection from material harmful to a child's well-being</p>	 <p><b>SDG 9: Resilient infrastructure/innovation</b>            Target 9.c: Significantly increase access to ICT and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020</p>
 <p><b>GLOBAL DIMENSION</b></p>	<p><i>The above rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the goals and targets of the UN Sustainable Development Goals are also relevant for all actions included in the Global dimension section of the strategy.</i></p>		



