CHILD PARTICIPATION

Mapping legislation, policy and practice in the EU

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Child participation – policy context

UN Convention on the rights of the child

Article 24 of the Charter of fundamental rights

General Comment No 12 of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

EU Agenda for the rights of the child

Council of Europe Recommendation on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18
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Objectives

Overview of legal and policy framework for child participation at country and EU levels across sectors

Identification of good practice on child participation in the Member States + Croatia, and on the EU level

Practical recommendations for child participation at local, regional, national and European level
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Sectors
Local government and services, care, asylum and immigration, education, health, justice, child employment, media, recreation and leisure

Vulnerable groups of children
Europe-wide: Roma, migrant children, children with disabilities, children of imprisoned parents
Other groups: children in institutional care settings, homeless and street children, early school leavers, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual

Involvement of children – peer led groups in 5 countries (UK, Netherlands, Greece, Poland, Croatia)

Interviews

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State of play
study launched in November 2012
interim report in May 2013
final report in November 2013

Deliverables:
narrative report
catalogue of resources and material on child participation
child-friendly version