



**Eurochild**

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# Eurochild Annual Report 2014



Eurochild advocates for children's rights and well-being to be at the heart of policymaking. We are a network of organisations working with and for children throughout Europe, striving for a society that respects the rights of children. We influence policies, build internal capacities, facilitate mutual learning and exchange practice and research. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the foundation of all our work.

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# Introduction

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2014 was a year of change in the European Union. For children and young people we achieved some important breakthroughs, but the year ended with much uncertainty.

The Child Rights Manifesto succeeded in securing over 90 Child Rights Champions in the European Parliament following elections in May. As a result we now have an intergroup dedicated to mainstreaming children's rights throughout Parliamentary business. And for the first time we will have child rights focal points across relevant committees and political groups.

At the European Commission, Juncker's team took office. We said goodbye to our friend and ally László Andor Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion under whose leadership we secured the EC Recommendation on Investing in Children. We welcomed the new team's commitment to breaking down silos in EU policy making, but we raised concern that a return to the 'jobs and growth paradigm' can further exacerbate social inequalities. There is a weakening commitment to poverty reduction and social inclusion, and gains we made in the recognition of children as a specific target group, not only as dependents of working age parents, appear to be at risk. There's also a lot of uncertainty over what will succeed the 2011 EU Agenda on the Rights of the Child. So, whilst we're looking forward to the outcomes of important work by the Fundamental Rights Agency and DG Justice on child protection mapping and EU guidelines respectively, the political will to prioritise this work is clearly lacking.

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As Eurochild we celebrated our 10-year anniversary. The network continued to grow, now counting 127 full members from 35 European countries. We supported the development of national child rights coalitions in Europe through our sub-group of existing and candidate national partner networks. We also strengthened our campaign to end institutional care in Europe, working with partners across 12 European countries through the Opening Doors for Europe's Children campaign.

We've strengthened our efforts to build the economic case for investing in children, while continuing to remind governments of their obligations to realise children's rights. Eurochild's 2014 conference addressed the theme of 'Better public spending for better outcomes for children and families'. It attracted high-level speakers and audience, including the newly appointed Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Crețu who declared her commitment to making child poverty a particular EU priority.

We're delighted in 2015 to be able to launch our new visual identity, thanks to the support of colleagues at Without Violence. There's a story behind it! You can read more about it on our website.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Dr. Maria Herczog'.

Dr. Maria Herczog,  
Eurochild President,  
Chair of the Family,  
Child and Youth  
Association, Hungary  
& Member of the UN  
Committee on the  
Rights of the Child



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jana Hainsworth'.

Jana Hainsworth,  
Secretary General,  
Eurochild

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**Putting children's  
rights and well-being  
at the heart of policy  
making**

2014 saw the election of a new European Parliament and the appointment of a new European Commission. A change of leadership always implies a change in political priorities. Eurochild was active throughout the year to ensure the EU builds on its past achievements in addressing child poverty and promoting children's rights.

## 1.1 Child Rights Manifesto & Intergroup

Launched in February 2014, the campaign called on candidate Members of the European Parliament to promote children's rights and well-being, both at national and European level. After four months of campaigning, over 340 candidates signed the Manifesto on the Manifesto website<sup>1</sup> and became Child Rights Champions; ninety of them were elected as Members of the European Parliament.



The Manifesto calls on its signatories to take concrete steps to put children's rights in the centre of the European Parliament. In November, the European Parliament expressed (in the Resolution on the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) its will to create the Intergroup based on the Child Rights Manifesto. The document describes it as a "permanent body responsible for promoting children's rights across all European Parliament policies and activities in the context of both internal and external affairs". It supported as well the appointment of 'focal points' for children's rights within each parliamentary committee "to ensure the mainstreaming of children's rights in every policy and legislative text adopted".

Our collective advocacy efforts with members and partners contributed to the establishment of the Intergroup. The MEPs committed to bring more visibility to children's rights and to ensure that the best interest of the child is taken into account in EU's internal and external action.



MEP Anna Maria Corazza-Bildt

**"We, parliamentarians have the responsibility to ensure that children are heard and that their best interest is taken into account in all EU policies and legislation. That is why we are creating an Intergroup on Children's rights and well-being, a real cross party and cross national group of "Child Rights Champions" who will work together with civil society to keep children's rights on top of our priorities."**

MEP Anna Maria Corazza-Bildt,  
Intergroup's EPP co-chair.

**"We are establishing a real cross party, cross national group of committed MEPs, who will work together with civil society, to keep children's rights on top of our priorities and ensure that children's rights are mainstreamed in every policy we adopt."**

MEP Caterina Chinnici,  
Intergroup's S&D's co-chair.



MEP Caterina Chinnici

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.childrightsmanifesto.eu/>

# Why a Child Rights Manifesto?



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## About the Child Rights Manifesto

The Lisbon Treaty makes the promotion of children's rights an explicit objective of European Union's internal and external affairs, and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights specifies that the best interest of the child must be a primary consideration in all EU actions. To make sure that these commitments are translated into concrete and visible results for children, Eurochild, UNICEF and 13 other child rights organisations launched a European Child Rights Manifesto for the 2014 European elections.

The Manifesto, co-authored by fourteen international and European child rights organisations, called on Members of the European Parliament to prioritise children more explicitly in EU policies, funding and legislation and for systematically assessing the impact of EU action on children.

**Around 100 million children live in the European Union. That's 20% of the entire population.**



**All EU Member States signed the UN Child Rights Convention (UNCRC) and therefore have to promote, protect and fulfil the rights of every child within their borders.**



**Their lives are affected daily by EU policies, law-making and actions.**



**The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights requires that the best interests of the child is a primary consideration in all EU action.**



**The Lisbon Treaty makes the promotion of children's rights an explicit objective for the European Union.**

## 1.2 Launch of Moving Forward

To pave the way for a robust successor to the EU Agenda on the rights of the child, we published, together with the UNICEF EU office, a compendium of articles that take stock of progress so far on children's rights, and reflect on lessons learnt and recommendations for the future. The joint publication "Realising the rights of every child everywhere. Moving forward with the EU"<sup>2</sup> was launched on 12 February, in the presence of Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship and Vice-President.

On the same day, Eurochild published the Discussion Paper "Mainstreaming Children's Rights in EU Legislation, Policy and Budget - Lessons from Practice"<sup>3</sup>. This study provides guidance on how effective child rights mainstreaming<sup>4</sup> can be undertaken in the EU's internal policies, budget and legislation. It offers seven steps for effective mainstreaming of children's rights, based on interviews with European Commission and European Council officials as well as contributions from national children's NGOs and academics.



**"Building an area of child-friendly justice has been a top priority for this European Commission. Thanks to the joint efforts of the EU institutions we put in place strong EU-wide rules safeguarding the rights of children. It is now important that these rules and commitments do not remain promises on paper only. I hope I can count on Member States to turn these laws into reality so that our children can count on Europe-wide protection."**

Viviane Reding,  
European Commissioner  
for Justice, Fundamental Rights  
and Citizenship and Vice-President

## 1.3 Putting children at the heart of the European Semester

The European semester is the primary governance tool through which the EU aims to deliver its political priorities. Eurochild is active throughout the yearly cycle to ensure children's rights and well-being get the attention they deserve both at EU and national level. The Alliance on Investing in Children described below has also contributed to the work.

<sup>2</sup> [http://bit.ly/MovingForward\\_EU](http://bit.ly/MovingForward_EU)

<sup>3</sup> [http://bit.ly/Mainstreaming\\_ChildrensRights\\_2014](http://bit.ly/Mainstreaming_ChildrensRights_2014)

<sup>4</sup> Eurochild defines mainstreaming as the mechanism of ensuring that all actors involved in EU legislative and policy processes as well as programme design and implementation comply with children's rights, including those that do not explicitly work on children's rights.

<sup>5</sup> [http://bit.ly/CSRs\\_2014](http://bit.ly/CSRs_2014)

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## 1.4 Proposals for Country-Specific Recommendations 2014

In March 2014, our Assessment Report on the Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) raised concerns about the overriding economic-bias of the 2013 CSRs that sometimes are contradictory to achieving social goals. We highlighted the need for more specific child rights-related recommendations, targets and indicators. The report was based on contributions from Eurochild members and partners who assessed implementation of 2013 CSRs and proposed alternative CSRs for 2014.

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## 1.5 National Reform Programmes from a Child Poverty and Well-being perspective

Drawing on the experience of the past three years the Eurochild network carried out an analysis of the European Semester. The 2014 National Reform Programmes (NRPs) and National Social Reports (NSRs) analysis<sup>6</sup>, published in September provides an EU-wide overview of the commitment to fight child poverty and social exclusion.

### **Key messages included calls to:**

- Strengthen the social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union and ensure that all economic policies are proofed for their impact on child well-being
- Put child poverty and social exclusion at the centre of the European Semester
- Increase the use of EU Structural Funds to support the social inclusion of children
- Ensure annual monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the European Commission Recommendation “Investing in Children – Breaking the cycle of Disadvantage”
- Strengthen Europe 2020 governance by increasing participation of children’s organisations in the Europe 2020 process

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## 1.6 Taking stock of the Europe 2020 strategy

Eurochild published a position paper in November 2014 reviewing the first term of the Europe 2020 strategy<sup>7</sup>.

We support the framework for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. However, poverty levels across Europe have increased since the Strategy was adopted in 2010. Child poverty is at 28% in the EU, an increase of half million children in only one year.

Looking to the future, we urged the EU to keep the poverty reduction target, establish an EU sub-target on child poverty and social exclusion and encourage all Member States to do likewise. We also highlighted the importance of mainstreaming child well-being across Europe 2020 and using the European Structural and Investment Funds to achieve better policy outcomes in a coherent way.

<sup>6</sup> [http://bit.ly/NRPs\\_2014](http://bit.ly/NRPs_2014)

<sup>7</sup> [http://bit.ly/Europe\\_2020\\_review](http://bit.ly/Europe_2020_review)

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## 1.7 What's there for children and young people in new Commission's programme?

Adoption of the Annual Growth Survey in Autumn marks the beginning of the European Semester. Our reaction to the 2015 Annual Growth Survey (AGS)<sup>8</sup>, published in December 2014, regretted the lack of reference to social investment and apparent departure from the priorities set in the Social Investment Package of 2013. Nonetheless, we welcomed the Commission's reference to better targeting and more affordable quality childcare and education, prevention of early school leaving, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care.

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## 1.8 The Alliance for a Democratic, Social and Sustainable European Semester

To get our views heard, we combine forces with like-minded organisations. The Semester Alliance brings together Trade Unions, and civil society organisations working both in the environmental and social sectors. In 2014 it was funded as a Joint Action and coordinated by the European Anti-Poverty Network.

On 3 December, the Semester Alliance launched its report in the European Parliament with cross-party political support. Our recommendations are critically around increasing the democratic legitimacy of the process and engaging stakeholders at national level. The shortfalls in achieving the social and environmental targets of Europe 2020 were also a major concern. The Alliance has raised doubts over whether the current Semester process will deliver on these goals.



The report "Let's make the European Semester smart, sustainable and inclusive" by the Semester Alliance was launched at a hearing organised in the European Parliament on 3 December 2014.

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## 1.9 Assessment of European Commission's Report on the application of the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights

The fourth annual Report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights was published by the European Commission in April 2014. Our assessment report<sup>9</sup> acknowledged important progress in the consideration of children's rights, but recommended that EC approach should be broader and more ambitious.

**To this end, we called on the Commission to:**

- 1. Give due consideration to the rights of the child in all EU legislation and policy.**
- 2. Develop a framework for EU action on the rights of the child.**
- 3. Mainstream children's rights across the work of the Commission**

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<sup>8</sup> [http://bit.ly/reaction\\_AGS](http://bit.ly/reaction_AGS)

<sup>9</sup> [http://bit.ly/Assessment\\_EU\\_Charter](http://bit.ly/Assessment_EU_Charter)

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## 1.10 Our views on the revision of the Commission's Impact Assessment guidelines

The Impact Assessment (IA) guidelines aim to support European Commission's staff assessing the potential economic, social and environmental consequences of a proposed measure. This process precedes a decision on whether the EU should take action and if so, the advantages and disadvantages of alternative policy choices.

In response to an open consultation on the IA guidelines, Eurochild called for a stronger focus on children's rights<sup>10</sup>. Notably, the fundamental rights component is not sufficiently reflected in the IA system and that these guidelines do not take into account the indirect economic, environmental or social impacts, which are particularly important for children.

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## 1.11 Scorecards of EU Presidencies 2014

During their six-month tenure of the EU Presidency, Member States have the opportunity to show real leadership in promoting children's rights and well-being. Our Presidency Scorecards analyse the performance of past Presidencies from a children's rights perspective.

During the Lithuanian Presidency<sup>11</sup> (July-December 2013) we welcomed the adoption of the European Structural and Investment Funds and financial programmes for the promotion of fundamental rights and citizenship, including children's rights and child protection. The Baltic country also voiced its strong support for the implementation of the European Commission Recommendation "Investing in Children: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage" by dedicating an informal EPSCO Council meeting to this issue.

Meanwhile, the Greek Presidency<sup>12</sup> (January-June 2014) showed some positive initiatives in relation to child poverty, youth issues and children's rights. Greece took the lead in preparing the legislative approach to the directive on the procedural rights of children suspected or accused of a crime which will contribute to a more child-friendly justice system in the European Union.

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## 1.12 Priorities for Italian Presidency

Italy chaired the Council of the European Union from July to December 2014. On 14 April, Eurochild presented its Priorities for the Italian EU Presidency<sup>13</sup> highlighting the main areas related to children's rights that should be supported and reinforced during its term. Eurochild called for more emphasis on the social dimension in general, and child well-being in particular in the next European Semester, and in particular encouraged Member States to set national targets to reduce child poverty and social exclusion.

We also urged the Italian Presidency to promote the Investing in Children Recommendation and encouraged Italy to ratify the new Optional Protocol to the UNCRC supporting an individual complaint mechanism for children.

<sup>10</sup> <http://bit.ly/ImpactGuidelines2014>

<sup>11</sup> [http://bit.ly/Lithuania\\_Scorecard](http://bit.ly/Lithuania_Scorecard)

<sup>12</sup> [http://bit.ly/Greece\\_Scorecard](http://bit.ly/Greece_Scorecard)

<sup>13</sup> [http://bit.ly/priorities\\_IT\\_\\_presidency](http://bit.ly/priorities_IT__presidency)

## 1.13 EU Alliance for Investing in Children



On the first anniversary of the adoption of the European Commission Recommendation “Investing in Children – Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage”<sup>14</sup>, 24 European networks active in tackling child poverty and promoting children’s well-being, including Eurochild, launched the EU Alliance for Investing in Children. The coalition aims to support the Recommendation’s implementation at national, regional and local levels.

Over 2014, the Alliance released common statements in advance of both EPSCO Council meetings<sup>15</sup>, on the Annual Growth Survey<sup>16</sup> and the mid-term review of Europe 2020<sup>17</sup>, calling for the prioritisation of children in EU policies. In addition, fifteen countries developed detailed case studies demonstrating how the Recommendation can be implemented at national level.



László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (2008-2014).

Under the auspices of the Greek Presidency of the European Council, the Greek Ombudsman in collaboration with the European Commission and Eurochild, organised a Consultation meeting on the implementation of the Recommendation. It concluded that the Europe 2020 strategy should better integrate the Recommendation, that European funds should be used optimally in this regard, and there should be more child-focused Country Specific Recommendations.

On the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October), László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (2008-2014), recalled in a video launched by the EU Alliance the measures which can help Member States reduce child poverty. The Commissioner, re-stated his support in fighting child poverty through the use of EU policy guidance and funds.

**“The rate of child poverty in Spain is one of the highest among industrialised countries. This initiative brings additional support from the EU and enables us to link up with like-minded organisations to deliver real change for our children.”**

Gabriel González-Bueno Uribe, Domestic Policy and Advocacy Officer at the Spanish National Committee for UNICEF

**“This Alliance can help us promote a child rights approach and bring attention to the reality on the ground for children and young people.”**

Catriona Williams, Chief Executive of Children in Wales

### About the EU Alliance for Investing in Children

The EU Alliance for Investing in Children, launched in February 2014, brings together 24 European networks sharing a commitment to end child poverty and to promote child well-being across Europe.

The added-value of this Alliance is to push for full implementation of the European Commission Recommendation “Investing in Children – Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage”. We believe that the EU policy framework and funding opportunities can stimulate political commitment and policy reform within Member States, and thereby improving the quality of life of children and young people.

The Alliance is active in two levels. The EU Alliance is made up of European Networks and Organisations, representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders; and the two national pilots in Spain and the UK are coordinated by the Spanish National Committee for UNICEF and Children in Wales respectively.



Natalia from Spain addressed European leaders at the Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty (EPAP)

## a) Investing in Children at national level

The EU Alliance supported national pilots in Spain and the UK, coordinated by the Spanish National Committee for UNICEF and Children in Wales respectively. In December, the Spanish Alliance organised a debate where eight political parties discussed their manifestos and how they could be linked to the Recommendation. Over 2014, ten partners joined the Spanish Alliance.

The UK Alliance welcomed European Commission's Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) for the United Kingdom published on 2 June. In its statement, it declared that the EU identified a number of key priorities, which include tackling child poverty, delivering 'adequate' benefits, addressing youth unemployment and enhancing childcare provision. However, the UK Alliance considered that the CSRs do not sufficiently convey the need for urgent action, to overcome social and economic problems.

In December, high level representatives from the four nations (England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland) presented in Cardiff their policies on child poverty and well-being. A detailed policy mapping is being carried out to assess implementation of the Recommendation across the country and to identify good practices.

## b) EPAP side event

At the Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty (EPAP) the EU Alliance for Investing in Children invited four children to deliver an opening speech marking the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC in the presence of EU leaders Martin Schulz leader Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament and Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

The children also participated at the side event organised by the Alliance, where they presented proposals on how to involve children in decision-making. The Spanish Alliance launched the child-friendly version of the Recommendation and a proposal for participatory dynamics at EU and local level.

## c) An Advocacy Toolkit for national CSOs

In December the EU Alliance for Investing in Children launched an Advocacy Toolkit<sup>18</sup> aimed at supporting national advocacy on implementation of the Recommendation. Europe 2020, the European Semester and the programming of Structural and Investment Funds are highlighted as critical entry points to influence national decision-making processes and ensure that Member States give priority to addressing child poverty.

<sup>14</sup> This landmark Recommendation was adopted in February 2013.

([http://bit.ly/EC\\_Recommendation](http://bit.ly/EC_Recommendation))

<sup>15</sup> [http://bit.ly/no\\_inclusive\\_growth](http://bit.ly/no_inclusive_growth) and [http://bit.ly/europe\\_2020\\_deliver](http://bit.ly/europe_2020_deliver)

<sup>16</sup> [http://bit.ly/children\\_priority](http://bit.ly/children_priority)

<sup>17</sup> [http://bit.ly/europe\\_2020\\_for\\_children](http://bit.ly/europe_2020_for_children)

<sup>18</sup> [http://bit.ly/EU\\_Alliance\\_Toolkit](http://bit.ly/EU_Alliance_Toolkit)

# Why an Opening Doors campaign?

From institutional dependency to family and community-based care

The Opening Doors campaign operates at EU level and in 12 countries across Europe

## 12 countries

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Estonia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Moldova
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Ukraine

### About the Opening Doors campaign

Across Europe hundreds of thousands of children are growing up in institutional care where their physical, cognitive and emotional development is severely damaged. The consequences are devastating for children;

families can be destroyed, creating a heavy cost to society in the long term. This can be prevented if the right services are in place to support vulnerable families and provide quality alternative care for children.



- **The Opening Doors campaign is coordinated by 2 organisations: Eurochild and Hope & Homes for Children.**
- **The campaign connects over 80 organisations across Europe with decision makers in Brussels to ensure the end of institutional care.**
- **We call on the EU and national governments to prioritise the transition from institutional to family and community-based care.**
- **Ending institutional care for children in Europe is possible and within our reach. Let's put the best interests of the child at the heart of Europe's child protection systems.**

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## 1.14 Strengthening Families. Ending institutional care.



Our campaign 'Opening Doors for Europe's Children' is active in 12 European countries and aims to ensure full commitment from the EU and national governments to transition from institutional to family-based care – a process also known as deinstitutionalisation (DI). In Bosnia Herzegovina, as a direct result of our collective advocacy, 1.5 million Euros of IPA funds (Instrument for Pre-Accession) have been earmarked for DI over the next three years.

At Eurochild Annual Conference in Romania Codrin Scutaru, State Secretary Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly re-stated the Government of Romania's commitment to complete Romania's DI strategy by 2020; a proof of that has been the decision of the Government to prohibit the institutionalisation of children under 3 years.

In Ukraine a total of 28 civil society organisations representing 22 regions of Ukraine accepted to work in partnership with our National Coordinator to achieve DI in the country. Approximately 80,000 children are locked up in institutions in Ukraine, the vast majority could live in a family environment.

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### a) Europe: our advocacy pays off

On an EU level, ending institutional care is now a priority. This was highlighted by László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (2008-2014) in an interview with Eurochild : "Deinstitutionalisation has to be reinforced: we have to make sure that EU financial instruments which serve these purposes are implemented with quality and with concrete monitoring of the changes."

After the European Parliament delivered a landmark decision on the European Structural Funds, 325 billion Euros were secured to invest in cohesion policy in the period 2014-2020. Explicit references to deinstitutionalisation are now included in the Regulations on the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Fund.

# A complaints mechanism for children – key to them accessing their rights

Too often children lack the advice and support they need to access justice. Frequently they are forced to act through their parents, denied legal aid or their views are not taken into account in court. The Third Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (OP3CRC) helps children to seek justice when their rights have been violated, and countries to develop their legal systems to better protect children's rights.

A side event on OP3CRC was organised as part of the 2014 Annual Day on the Rights of the Child (13 March) which focused on access to justice.

The OP3CRC entered into force in April last year. Since then, the Committee on the Rights of the Child is able to hear complaints from children, groups of children or their representatives against any State that has ratified the Protocol.

The Committee is also able to launch investigations into grave or systematic violations of children's rights and States can bring complaints against each other, once they have accepted this procedure.

To celebrate the entry into force, the Ratify OP3 Coalition co-hosted an event in New York together with the nine countries which had ratified the Protocol to that date (Albania, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Gabón, Germany, Montenegro, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Thailand).

In 2014, four new countries ratified the OP3CRC: Belgium, Ireland, Monaco and Andorra, making a total number of 14 states. An additional 32 countries have signed the Protocol, signaling their support and intention to ratify.

## About Ratify OP3CRC

Ratify OP3CRC – International Coalition for the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OPCRC) - is a coalition of international, regional and national non-governmental organisations and networks, human rights institutions and other non-governmental bodies which are committed to achieve rapid ratification and entry into force of the OPCRC on a Communications Procedure (OP3CRC).

The coalition's mission is to raise awareness about the OP3CRC; disseminate information, tools and ideas to enable interested partners to engage in the ratification campaign; and pursue the rapid entry into force of the OP3CRC.

Eurochild is one of the 12 organisations on the steering committee set up to guide the international coalition pushing for the ratification and implementation of the OP3CRC. Child Rights Connect (formerly the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child) has played a leading role in the drafting, adoption and ratification of OP3CRC. On its website visitors can find information on the Protocol and the Ratify OP3CRC campaign, as well as leaflets, advocacy toolkits and the Protocol translated into different languages.

**Ratify**  
**OP3 CRC**

# Better investment in the rights of the child – A UN Priority



Eurochild's active role in pushing for adoption of the European Commission Recommendation Investing in Children positions our network as a key contributor to the United Nations work in this field.

In 2014 the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights consulted stakeholders to help prepare its report on "Towards a better investment in the rights of the child", to frame discussions at the March 2015 session of the Human Rights Council.

UN's report considers the different stages – of the budget process – preparation, allocation, spending and monitoring – and provides a framework for a human rights-based approach to budgeting. It includes examples of good practices and a number of recommendations to ensure that adequate resources are devoted to the realisation of the rights of children in all countries, regardless of the income level of the State.

Eurochild made two submissions<sup>20</sup> to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The first is based on our work in areas covered by the European Commission Recommendation Investing in Children: breaking the cycle of disadvantage, notably on access to affordable quality services and children's right to participate. The second was written in partnership with Hope and Homes for Children and SOS Children's Villages and specifically focuses on the transition from institutional to community-level services and family-based care.

UNCRC Committee member Jorge Cardona is rapporteur for the upcoming General Comment on Article 4 of the UNCRC referring to the requirement that State Parties undertake measures to implement economic, social and cultural rights "to the maximum extent of their available resources". Professor Cardona gave an opening address to our conference on the theme of 'Better Public Spending'.

<sup>20</sup> [http://bit.ly/submission\\_UNOHCHR](http://bit.ly/submission_UNOHCHR)

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## **Making the economic case for investing in prevention and quality alternative care**

With support from the OAK Foundation, Eurochild has embarked on a project to develop a framework from which to measure, calculate and communicate the social return on investing in preventative and quality alternative care services, to support the deinstitutionalisation process across Europe.

The evaluation of the costs of different types and quality of care and their impact on children will provide economic evidence which is complementary of the human rights argument.

**Building a  
community  
of professionals  
that integrate  
children's rights  
and well-being into  
their daily work**



A group of Eurochild founders  
10 years later! (from left to right)  
Judith Sanson, Sally Williams, Anne  
Williams, Ene Tomberg, Ninetta  
Kazantzis, Catriona Williams

Our inaugural General Assembly in Brussels took place on 19 March 2004 with 13 organisations previously cooperating in the European Forum for Child Welfare (which was dissolved in 2003). Catriona Williams (Children in Wales) was nominated as President, Ninetta Kazantzis (Pan Cyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Cyprus) as Treasurer and Ene Tomberg (Estonian Union for Child Welfare) as Secretary. The meeting foresaw creation of a secretariat with three staff (mainly part-time).

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In 10 years, the Eurochild secretariat has grown to a total of 13 staff persons who manage Europe's leading child rights network comprising 170 members from across 35 countries. For the occasion Eurochild created a 10 Year celebratory logo and a brand new website.

Over the years Eurochild has become a network internationally recognised for its work in promoting children's rights and well-being. The European Commission recently renewed a 4-year strategic partnership - recognizing our important role in securing the 2013 Recommendation 'Investing in Children' and now in supporting its implementation across EU member states. The list of our other strategic partners is long and prestigious. Our joint campaign with Hope and Homes for Children on 'Opening Doors for Europe's Children' has achieved important steps to ending institutional care in Europe. With UNICEF and 13 other child rights organisations we contributed to the creation of the first Child Rights Intergroup in the European Parliament.

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## Evolution of Eurochild

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## Enabling exchange and learning among members

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Eurochild is a member-driven network. Our Thematic working groups aim to facilitate exchange of experience between members and ensure that our work is rooted in practice and research. In 2014 three thematic working groups were actively focusing on: Family and Parenting Support (FPS), Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and Children in Alternative Care (CiAC).

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## 2.1 Family and Parenting Support



Eurochild Annual Conference served as platform for our members to exchange experiences and knowledge on family and parenting support.

In May 2014, Eurochild contributed to an expert consultation on family and parenting support (FPS) organised by UNICEF Innocenti. Mary Daly, Professor of Sociology and Social Policy at Oxford University, led the study, which aimed to bring greater conceptual understanding of FPS, its impact on children and families and what data and evidence is, and should be, available to prove that impact.

In the framework of Eurochild's 2014 Annual Conference, held in November in Bucharest, the FPS group organised the workshop 'Helping parenting to help children – why this should be a priority for the public sector'. It aimed to identify services related to family and parenting support worthy of being promoted and how to engage the interest of national and European decision makers, including the European Commission.

We contributed to a Peer Review hosted in Italy on innovative practices with marginalised families in mid-December. The region of Veneto and the University of Padua presented the Italian Programme of Intervention for Prevention of Institutionalism, which offers support to children and parents, based on their needs, provides families with professional care, and also informal help in the family on day-to-day issues.

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## 2.2 Early years education and care

The Greek EU Presidency and the European Commission organised on 19-20 June a conference on quality of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) where Eurochild issued a statement welcoming the increasing political visibility of early childhood at EU level and the proposals for a quality framework for ECEC.

This framework is fruit of years of Eurochild advocacy work to focus on quality and shifting away from a narrow understanding of ECEC as a service to working parents. In our statement<sup>1</sup>, we highlighted that early childhood must be understood as a public responsibility and a public good; and that evaluation and research need to focus on children's real outcomes in the present and in the future.

The ECEC group organised a workshop during the second day of Eurochild's 2014 Annual Conference. Within the overall conference context this workshop looked at the (two-way) linkages between the recent EU policy developments, especially the European Quality Framework and the Investing in Children Recommendation, and developments at a national and local level.

This TWG participated in a Peer Review organised by National Network for Children (NNC) in Bulgaria, under the title 'Exchange and cooperation for better welfare of children', focused on early years interventions that may counter early school leaving. Participants in the Peer Review were drawn from a call launched amongst TWG members, with five projects selected.

Two EYEC members (The Early years organisation and NNC) submitted case studies for the Advocacy work package developed

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<sup>1</sup> [http://bit.ly/statement\\_ECEC\\_2014](http://bit.ly/statement_ECEC_2014)

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by the EU-funded DRIVERS research project on the social determinants of health inequalities, in which early years was a major component.

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## 2.3 Children in Alternative Care

The Thematic Working Group on Children in Alternative Care (CiAC) focuses on the interlinkages between poverty, social exclusion and children who are in, at risk of going into, or leaving alternative care. It explores the synergy between child protection policies and anti-poverty/social inclusion strategies to give direction to policy recommendations at EU and Member State level.

The group disseminates examples of good practices relevant to children in alternative care.



**'Quality intervention for children in alternative care: respect child rights now and save public spending in the future' was the title of the workshop organised by CiAC working group at Eurochild's 2014 Annual Conference. As inspiration for the roundtable debate, the workshop presented a video prepared by LOS - Private Social Services (Denmark) with interviews with three young people on their experience with after care.**

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# Better Public Spending

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Eurochild's Annual Conference 2014 starts from the assumption that public spending must be for the public good. We believe there is no more effective way of building more cohesive and resilient communities than investing in children and families, particularly the most vulnerable.

The conference, entitled “Children First: Better Public Spending for Better Outcomes for Children and Families” (26-28 November), addressed three cross-cutting themes critical in public spending choices: evaluation methodologies, social return on investment and public-private partnership. With an overall focus on how to tackle child poverty in Europe, particular attention is given to public spending on children in alternative care, early years, family and parenting support, and child and youth participation.

### 3.1 The European context

Corina Crețu, newly appointed European Commissioner for Regional Policy intervened on the final day of our conference. She took a clear stand against institutional care saying that institutions are damaging to children and that “it is definitely time to take action” and she confirmed availability of “30 billion Euros of funds available to fight poverty and social exclusion”.

The Commissioner praised the work of civil society organisations, “The work done by organisations like Eurochild and Hope and Homes for Children is invaluable”, she said.

### Conference Organisers

The event – co-organised by Eurochild and Hope and Homes for Children Romania – was attended by child rights experts, researchers, government officials, different civil society organisations and young people.

Twitter: #EurochildConf

Video: [http://bit.ly/AnnualConference14\\_video](http://bit.ly/AnnualConference14_video)



Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy



# Enabling exchange and learning among members

## 4.1 Alternatives to Custody for Young Offenders



The number of children deprived of their liberty throughout Europe is a growing concern, despite the multiple negative effects of detention on children and the guidance contained in UN standards and European recommendations.

The international project 'Alternatives to Custody for Young Offenders - Developing Intensive and Remand Fostering Programmes', presented on 2 December its findings and recommendations regarding fostering for young people in conflict with the law based on an analysis of the arrangements in place and promising practices in the 28 Member States.

The outcomes presented reflected significant differences across countries and varying levels of development. However all project partners recognised the potential of specialist foster care as one of the components of achieving more child-friendly justice systems.

### The Alternatives to Custody for Young Offenders project

Alternatives to Custody for Young Offenders, a 2-year international project coordinated by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), aimed to promote the wider use of high quality foster care, as an important alternative to custodial and institutional measures for young people in conflict with the law.

Starting in January 2013, the partners, including Eurochild, have carried out an extensive research-based programme of study, and mutual learning, in all 28 EU Member States, devoting special attention to Hungary, Bulgaria, Italy and the United Kingdom. The project was a co-financed programme under the European Commission's 'Daphne III' child-friendly justice initiative.

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## 4.2 ESRC Seminar series

The European Children's Rights Unit (University of Liverpool) and the Department of Politics and International Relations (University of Southampton), in collaboration with Eurochild organised in 2014 four of the seven seminars included in the series "European Responses to Global Children's Rights Issues: Exchanging Knowledge and Building Capacity".

The seminars provided a unique platform for critical discussion and interdisciplinary exchange relating to the role of the European institutions in shaping children's rights. They gathered stakeholders and civil society organisations from across Europe to discuss child-friendly justice, violence against children, the role of children as consumers and children's rights in the global economic crisis. All seminars were attended and received contributions from children and young people.

Three more seminars will take place in 2015 on child migration, child labour, and a final event in Brussels presenting key findings from the series and future directions to maintain the network in the future.



The first seminar in the series "European Responses to Global Children's Rights Issues: Exchanging Knowledge and Building Capacity" focused on child-friendly justice



At the seminar on Children as consumers, a group of young people gave their point of view on alcohol, tobacco and fast food marketing.

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## 4.3 DRIVERS

Eurochild is an active partner of DRIVERS, a three-year research project funded by the European Union's 7th Framework Programme. It aims to promote health equity through policy and practice in early childhood development, employment & working conditions, and income & social protection.



The research is being undertaken by a consortium including leading research centres and organisations representing the public health sector, civil society and businesses. Collectively they contribute to case studies and apply participatory approaches to ensure that outcomes are grounded in socio-economic realities. EuroHealthNet co-ordinates the project and leads on advocacy and dissemination.

In preparation of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual European Public Health (EPH) Conference entitled "Mind the gap: Reducing inequalities in health and health care" in Glasgow, Scotland (November 2014). Eurochild joined through DRIVERS a series of pre-conference sessions, during which project partners presented key findings of the project and

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discussed the role of effective advocacy in realising health equity goals. DRIVERS presented a review of early childhood interventions in several European countries conducted over the last two decades with the aim of addressing health and early development.

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## 4.4 Together Old and Young

Together Old and Young (TOY) launched in 2014 its report “Reweaving the Tapestry of the Generations: an Intergenerational Learning Tour through Europe” in eight languages. The report gives an insight into the kinds of activities young children and older people did together in seven European countries.

In July, the project presented its Training Manual for Intergenerational Learning Initiatives, intended for anyone who wants to organise a training workshop about intergenerational learning involving young children and older people.

The International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI) hosted the International TOY Conference: ‘Senior Citizens and Young Children Building Age-Friendly Communities in Europe’, which took place in Leiden Netherlands in October 2014. The conference provided an opportunity to present the experiences and learning arising from the TOY Project and focused on looking toward sustainability and new opportunities to promote intergenerational contact across Europe.



### About TOY

Together Old and Young (TOY) has the purpose of creating new possibilities for senior citizens and young children to learn and have fun together. It is a project funded by the European Commission as part of the Grundtvig Lifelong Learning Programme, started in November 2012 and ended in December 2014.

The TOY project researched how older people (over 55 years) and young children (8 years and younger) can benefit by learning with each other and from each other. Throughout its two years of activity, TOY brought together knowledge and experience from the worlds of older care and active ageing, senior volunteering, early childhood care and education and community development.

More on TOY available online:  
<http://www.toyproject.net/>



**Giving a voice  
to children and  
young people**

# Eurochild at CATS Conference

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Children as Actors for Transforming Society (CATS) is a yearly conference where children, young people and adults work together in mutual respect towards a more just, inclusive and sustainable society.



Children on stage at the CATS Conference 2014.

Eurochild is committed to helping children and young people's advocacy on participation. That is why Eurochild joined Children as Actors for Transforming Society (CATS) Conference 2014 with six children's delegations (from Cyprus, Malta, Sweden, UK, Croatia and Italy), 28 children and young people in total.

The children's delegations contributed to the plenary assembly, showcasing projects on child participation in their countries. They also co-organised and led workshops with staff from Eurochild and its members on child rights and video making to raise awareness on the issue.

In November 2014, CATS 2014 child participants sent a Children's Declaration of Rights presented to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The declaration called on governments to secure children's rights to protection, expression and participation.



## About CATS conference

Every year adults, children and young people from all over the world meet at a castle in the Swiss mountains, to showcase children's projects on child participation in front of a global community of advocates fighting for the rights and well-being of children around the world.

CATS is a powerful learning experience for all ages where:

- Children develop their expertise as advocates, so they can go back to their own communities with will power and skills to make a positive difference.
- Adults are equipped with cutting edge ideas and practices on children's participation that enable them to work in meaningful partnership with children to bring about change.

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Hear Our Voices! is a project featuring child participation and aimed at ensuring children with intellectual disabilities are treated as experts in matters related to their own lives, and that their views are taken into account.

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This project was designed based on the results of the EU-financed project “Children’s rights for all!” which analysed the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) from the perspective of children with intellectual disabilities.

Based on comparative qualitative and quantitative research undertaken by 22 National Experts, results showed that provisions on the right to participate for children are particularly poor and do not provide the necessary support and adaptations to vulnerable children, like for example for children with intellectual disabilities.

Hear Our Voices was carried out in partnership with Inclusion Europe, Cedar Foundation, Quip and Down Syndrome and with the collaboration of Lumos in Bulgaria.

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## Leo’s Participatory Experience



**In September Leo from Spain (first from the right), together with other youngsters with and without disabilities, shared his experience to two UN committee members: the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

**During the event, the young people shared their work through words and videos.**

## **Reference Group on participatory methods for the inclusion of all children**

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Eurochild promotes a society where children are treated as experts in matters related to their own lives, and where their views are taken into account. The views and experiences of children and young people are reflected in our policy work through their direct involvement in its activities.

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The Reference Group on participatory methods for the inclusion of all children, looks at participatory methods for the inclusion of all children with a specific focus on children and young people that are particularly vulnerable or marginalised.

‘Invest in children! We are the future’ was one of the messages resulting from the pilot consultation with children ahead of the forthcoming UNCRC Committee General Comment on Public Spending to realise children’s rights. Eurochild’s reference group on participation contributed to this document by calling on members to organise consultations with children and young people. A survey was also disseminated in order to gather children and young people’s views on how governments spend money.

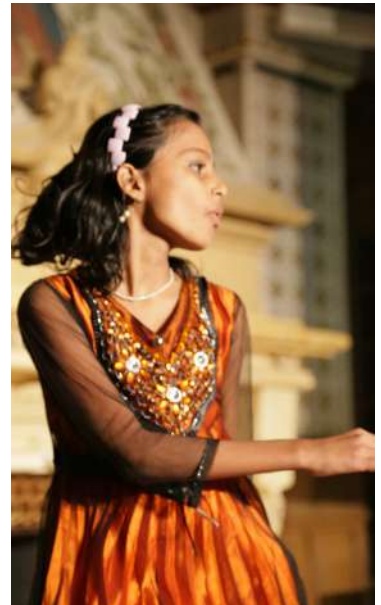
Ivan Tancabel, a 16 years old Member of the Children’s City Council Opatija in Croatia, opened the Eurochild Annual Conference in Bucharest. He highlighted the importance of children and young people’s views and opinions in policy-making and investment. He stressed that their participation can benefit both children and the society as a whole. “Children’s participation benefits whole community. Children’s participation increases the awareness of citizens and the entire community on children’s views and needs. It strengthens democracy and encourages the development of civil society, and increases trust between children and adults,” he said.

A workshop on child and youth participation was also organised at Eurochild Annual Conference. It aimed to identify ways to improve the participation of children in public spending decision-making and implementation processes.



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CATS Conference 2014,  
Caux, Switzerland

**Developing the  
Eurochild network  
in order to deliver  
a powerful force  
for change**

## 1.1 Membership

Eurochild's General Assembly 2014 approved nine new members. Eurochild has a total of 170 members, of which 127 are full members, 42 associate members and 1 honorary member. Two organisations were subsequently approved by the Management Board, awaiting endorsement by the General Assembly in April 2015.

Eurochild covers 34 countries across Europe, including all EU Members States. Non-EU countries include Canada, Iceland, FYR of Macedonia, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine.



Eurochild General  
Assembly 2014

## 1.2 National Partner Networks



The 2012 General Assembly adopted a new membership typology, including a category for National Partner Networks (NPNs). NPNs are assessed according to their capacity to act as the representative, legitimate voice of the children's rights sector in their country. 16 were appointed in 2013, and 1 in 2014 (Austria). NPNs meet twice a year and play a critical role in Eurochild in relation to informing our advocacy and bringing our collective messages to national governments. In 2014, Eurochild's 17 NPNs collectively represented some 1,892 organisations across Europe.

Country	Name	Nr. of members
Austria	Netzwerk Kinderrechte	62
Belgium	Kinderrechtencoalitie	26
Bulgaria	National Network for Children	124
Croatia	Coordination of Associations for Children	29
Cyprus	PCCPWC	48
Denmark	Joint Council for Child Issues	18
Finland	Central Union for Child Welfare	128
France	CNAPE	100
Germany	AGJ	100
Ireland	Children's Rights Alliance	100
Romania	NGOs Federation for Children	78
Serbia	MODS	97
The Netherlands	Dutch Children's Rights Coalition	82
UK - England	Children England	100
UK - Northern Ireland	Children in Northern Ireland	160
UK - Scotland	Children in Scotland	400
UK - Wales	Children in Wales	240
<b>Total number of organisations</b>		<b>1892</b>

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## 1.3 Eurochild working groups

Three thematic working groups are membership led and focused on early childhood education and care, family and parenting support, and children in alternative care. Their activities are described in Section 2 of this report.

Reference or expert groups are composed of both members and external experts and are set up on request of the management board. The Group on Participatory Methods for the inclusion of all children builds on the experience of Eurochild's thematic working group on child and youth participation (2008-2011). It comprises experts from academia and practice and supports Eurochild in mainstreaming child participation across all of its areas of work.

The reference group on the 'Learning for Well-being' (L4WB) framework was set up after General Assembly discussions in 2013 and was chaired jointly with Universal Education Foundation.

It met twice in 2014 and examined different policy interventions from a L4WB perspective which promotes integrated practice. The group also discussed the L4WB Charter which was printed and distributed in 2014.

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## 1.4 Communications and Campaigns

The Eurochild website ([www.eurochild.org](http://www.eurochild.org)) is a window to our policy work, partnerships, projects and publications. In mid-2014 we developed a brand new website with improved features for our users: more images, increased readability, a blog and a news feed that allows to search items and select them by tag. Statistics show an increase in page views and in the number of new visitors. In 2014 we obtained an increase of 7% in average session duration and an increase of 5% in page views.

The power and influence of Eurochild's social media presence is on the rise. As of December 2014, we had 2,183 likes on the Eurochild Facebook page (+800) and 2,080 followers on Twitter, an increase of 600 in one year. We regularly upload new videos throughout the year on YouTube, this brought an increase in channel subscribers (70) and more than 139,000 views.<sup>1</sup>

Eurochild's weekly Info Flash is sent out every Friday to Eurochild members and includes news from the Secretariat, EU policy and programmes and member news, events and projects. Our external newsletter is the monthly e-News Bulletin, which includes the highlights of the month. Last year, we produced 44 Info Flashes and 11 e-News Bulletins. Our e-mailing list grew to 4,553 recipients.

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<sup>1</sup> Eurochild on Facebook ([http://bit.ly/Eurochild\\_Facebook](http://bit.ly/Eurochild_Facebook)), Twitter ([http://bit.ly/Eurochild\\_Twitter](http://bit.ly/Eurochild_Twitter)) and YouTube ([http://bit.ly/Eurochild\\_YouTube](http://bit.ly/Eurochild_YouTube))

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## 1.5 Strategic partnerships

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Hope & Homes for Children



In 2014, Eurochild intensified its strategic partnership with Hope and Homes for Children through the 'Opening Doors for Europe's Children' campaign. In the first phase of the campaign, which will run until mid-2015, we supported deinstitutionalisation activities and programmes across 12 European countries.

Eurochild's collaboration with the Universal Education Foundation resulted in the creation of the reference group on Learning for Well-being last year. This group ensured membership involvement and engagement in the L4WB Charter, which articulates a vision for children's well-being.

Eurochild signed its agreement with DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission for 2015 Work Programme. Next year we aim to reinforce our efforts to communicate with members, support more exchange and networking, promote our work externally and strengthen our membership.

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## 1.6 External alliances and networks

Working in partnership is a core value of Eurochild. We seek external alliances to enhance our impact on the lives of children and young people.

Eurochild is a member of the Social Platform - the largest platform of European rights and value-based NGOs working in the social sector. In 2014, Eurochild Secretary General Jana Hainsworth continued her work as member of the management committee.

We are also member of the European Anti-Poverty Network – which in addition to its national networks of anti-poverty NGOs and grassroots groups, has several more specialised European organisations in membership.

Eurochild reinforced its active role in the European Expert Group on the transition from institutional to community-based care – a coalition of organisations united by the mission of promoting person-centred, individualised, quality and empowering models of services and formal and informal care.

Mafalda Leal, Senior Policy Coordinator, participated as steering committee member in the international coalition Ratify OP3CRC pushing for the ratification and implementation of the Third Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (OP3CRC).

Through the Child Rights Manifesto campaign we cooperated with several international and European child rights organisations and UNICEF-EU office at Brussels level. Our advocacy efforts resulted in the creation of an Intergroup on Children's Rights at the European Parliament.

## 2.1 Management Board

Members of the Management Board are elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years. The Management Board is responsible for the overall strategic development of the organisation, which it puts to the General Assembly for approval. During the General Assembly in June 2014, Management Board members Hanna Heinonen (Central Union for Child Welfare - Finland) and George Bogdanov (National Network for Children - Bulgaria) were re-elected for a second term of 3 years.

The 2014 Management Board comprises:



**Maria Herczog**  
Family Child Youth  
Association,  
Hungary, President



**Pauline Leeson**  
Children in  
Northern Ireland,  
UK, Treasurer



**Otto Sestak**  
Hope and Homes  
for Children,  
Romania



**Kelig Puyet**  
SOS Children's  
Villages  
International



**Ivano Abbruzzi**  
Albero della Vita,  
Italy



**George Bogdanov**  
National Network  
for Children,  
Bulgaria



**Hanna Heinonen**  
Central Union for  
Child Welfare,  
Finland

## 2.2 Eurochild Secretariat

In 2014, the Eurochild Brussels secretariat employed the following staff members:

- Secretary General: Jana Hainsworth
- Senior Policy Coordinator – Children’s Rights and Child Participation: Mafalda Leal
- Senior Policy Coordinator – Policy, Research and Practice: Agata D’Addato (maternity leave until April 2014)
- EU Alliance Coordinator & Campaign Coordinator: Mariana Giraldi (January-June 2014)
- Senior Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator: Aagje Ieven (from June 2014)
- Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator: Michela Costa (until April 2014)
- Advocacy and Parliamentary Officer: Reka Tunyogi
- Policy and Events Assistant: Andrea Witt
- Information and Communications Officer: Björn Becker
- Communications and Campaigns Assistant: Federico Lanzo
- Membership and Marketing Officer: Marie Dubit
- Finance & Office Manager: Monique Kesteloot
- Financial & Administrative Assistant: Manon Jacobs (From April 2014)

**The Secretariat hosts trainees on a regular basis to support the policy and information and communication work.**

- Policy Interns: Alva Finn (February 2014 – August 2014) and Greta Mackonyte (September 2014 – March 2015)
- Event Intern: Cristina Negoiescu (Helping with the organisation of Eurochild Annual Conference)
- Communications Intern: Nerea Rial

## 2.3 Capacity building of Secretariat staff

From September 2013 to September 2014, Eurochild secretariat received organisation coaching from Marc God<sup>2</sup>. With the support of Marc, the team integrated new processes, working styles and structures, to become more performant and professional. Eurochild Secretary General Jana Hainsworth participated as a fellow in a new pilot initiative of the funders group ‘Elevate Children’ called Without Violence ([www.withoutviolence.org](http://www.withoutviolence.org)).

**The Without Violence Fellowship programme aims at building the communication and advocacy capacity of organisations’ leaders working to prevent violence against children, so that they can inspire deeper and more sustained engagement on the issue. As part of the Fellowship the Without Violence team also supported Eurochild in improving its communications on social media and supporting a re-branding exercise to be finalised in 2015.**

<sup>2</sup> [www.damarque.com](http://www.damarque.com)

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## 2.4 Acknowledgments

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## Austria

**National Partner Networks**

National Coalition for the  
Implementation of the UN CRC Austria  
(full member)

- [www.kinderhabenrechte.at](http://www.kinderhabenrechte.at)

**International organisations**

SOS Children's Villages International  
(full member)

- [www.sos-childrevillages.org](http://www.sos-childrevillages.org)

**National organisations**

Vorarlberger Kinderdorf GmbH  
(full member)

- [www.kinderdorf.cc](http://www.kinderdorf.cc)

**Individuals**

Ms Sharon Schneider  
(associate member)

## Belgium

**National Partner Networks**

Child Rights Coalition Flanders  
(associate member)

- [www.kinderrechtencoalitie.be](http://www.kinderrechtencoalitie.be)

**International organisations**

Alliance for Childhood European  
Network Group (associate member)

- [www.allianceforchildhood.eu](http://www.allianceforchildhood.eu)

Diversity in Early Childhood Education  
and Training (full member)

- [www.decet.org](http://www.decet.org)

Dyslexia International - Sharing  
expertise (full member)

- [www.dyslexia-international.org](http://www.dyslexia-international.org)

European Alliance of Initiatives for  
Applied Antroposophy (full member)

- [www.eliant.eu](http://www.eliant.eu)

European Council for Steiner Waldorf  
Education (full member)

- [www.ecswe.org](http://www.ecswe.org)

Universal Education Foundation  
(full member)

- [www.learningforwellbeing.org](http://www.learningforwellbeing.org)

**Public/statutory bodies**

Kind en Gezin (associate member) -  
[www.kindengezin.be](http://www.kindengezin.be)

Office of Birth and Childhood - ONE  
(associate member)

- [www.one.be](http://www.one.be)

PPS Social Integration, Anti-Poverty  
Policy, Social Economy and Federal  
Urban Policy (associate member)

- [www.mi-is.be](http://www.mi-is.be)

**Academic and research institutions**

Expoo - Flemish Expertise Centre on  
Parenting Support (full member)

- [www.expoo.be](http://www.expoo.be)

VBJK, Ressource and Research  
Centre for Early Childhood Care and  
Education (full member)

- [www.vbjk.be](http://www.vbjk.be)

**Individuals**

Mr Alessandro Negro  
(associate member)

Mr Fred Deven (associate member)

**Honorary members**

Mr Eugene Verhellen  
(honorary member)

## Bulgaria

### National Partner Networks

National Network for Children Association (full member)

- [www.nmd.bg](http://www.nmd.bg)

### National organisations

Animus Association Foundation (full member)

- [www.animusassociation.org](http://www.animusassociation.org)

Cedar Foundation (full member)

- [www.cedarfoundation.org](http://www.cedarfoundation.org)

For our Children (full member)

- [www.detebg.org](http://www.detebg.org)

Karin Dom Foundation (full member)

- [www.karindom.org](http://www.karindom.org)

Our Premature Children Foundation (associate member)

- [www.premature-bg.com](http://www.premature-bg.com)

Social Activities and Practices

Institute (full member)

- [www.sapibg.org](http://www.sapibg.org)

### Academic and research institutions

Know-how Centre for Alternative Care for Children, New Bulgarian University (full member)

- [knowhowcentre.nbu.bg/](http://knowhowcentre.nbu.bg/)

## Canada

### Individuals

Ms Roxana Carmen Girip (associate member)

## Croatia

### National Partner Networks

Coordination of Associations for Children (full member)

- [www.kud.hr](http://www.kud.hr)

### National organisations

Society „Our Children“ Opatija (full member)

- [www.dnd-opatija.hr](http://www.dnd-opatija.hr)

Union of Societies “Our Children” Croatia (full member)

- [www.savez-dnd.hr](http://www.savez-dnd.hr)

## Cyprus

### National Partner Networks

Pancyprrian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children (full member) - [pccpwc.org](http://pccpwc.org)

### Academic and research institutions

Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence (full member) - [www.cscs.org.cy](http://www.cscs.org.cy)

## Czech Republic

### National organisations

In the Interest of the Child, the Civic Association (full member) - [www.vzd.cz](http://www.vzd.cz)

### Individuals

Ms Lucie Sanderova (associate member)

## Denmark

### National Partner Networks

Joint Council for Child Issues (Børnesagens Faellesrad) (full member) - [www.boernesagen.dk](http://www.boernesagen.dk)

### National organisations

Family and Evidence Center Denmark (full member)

- [www.fec-dk.dk](http://www.fec-dk.dk)

LOS – Private social services

(full member) - [www.los.dk](http://www.los.dk)

## Estonia

### National organisations

Child Advocacy Chamber (associate member)

Estonian Union for Child Welfare (full member)

- [www.lastekaitseliit.ee](http://www.lastekaitseliit.ee)

Family for Each Child (full member)

- [www.kasupered.ee](http://www.kasupered.ee)

## Finland

### National Partner Networks

Central Union for Child Welfare Finland (full member)

- [www.lskl.fi](http://www.lskl.fi)

### National organisations

Mannerheim League for Child Welfare (full member)

- [www.mll.fi](http://www.mll.fi)

Pesäpuu Ry - Centre of Expertise in Child Welfare

(full member) - [www.pesapuu.fi](http://www.pesapuu.fi)

### Individuals

Ms Leena Andonov (associate member)

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## France

### National Partner Networks

National Federation of Association for Child Protection

- France (full member) - [www.cnape.fr](http://www.cnape.fr)

### National organisations

Association Exhalessence

(associate member)

Association for Equal Chances Nord

Pas de Calais (full member)

Association Samuel Vincent

(full member)

Comité National de Solidarité Laïque

(full member)

- [www.solidarite-laique.org](http://www.solidarite-laique.org)

Fondation des Apprentis d'Auteuil  
(full member)

- [www.fondation-auteuil.org](http://www.fondation-auteuil.org)

Group SOS Youth (full member)

- [www.groupe-sos.org/jeunesse](http://www.groupe-sos.org/jeunesse)

### Individuals

Mr John Bennet (associate member)

Mr Philippe Roux (associate member)

Mrs Anne Williams (associate  
member)

Mrs Eve Soyez (associate member)

Ms Mariama Diallo

(associate member)

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## FYR of Macedonia

### National organisations

First Children's Embassy

in the World - Megjashi

(full member)

- [www.childrensembassy.org.mk](http://www.childrensembassy.org.mk)

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## Germany

### National Partner Networks

Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und  
Jugendhilfe

(full member) - [www.agj.de](http://www.agj.de)

### International organisations

European Network of Masters in  
Children's Rights

(full member) - [www.enmcr.net](http://www.enmcr.net)

European Non-Governmental Sports

Organisation Youth (full member) -

[www.engso.com](http://www.engso.com)

### National organisations

Journeys, distance, adventure (full  
member)

- [www.fahrten-ferne-abenteuer.de](http://www.fahrten-ferne-abenteuer.de)

### Child- and Youth-led organisations

German Association for Youth  
Protection (full member)

- [www.djv-web.de](http://www.djv-web.de)

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## Greece

### National organisations

Freedom Gate Greece

(associate member)

Iliachtida - Association for Children  
and Family (full member)

- [www.iliachtida.gr](http://www.iliachtida.gr)

Network for Children's Rights

(full member) - [www.ddp.org.gr](http://www.ddp.org.gr)

Roots Research Center NGO  
(full member)

- [www.roots-research-center.gr](http://www.roots-research-center.gr)

The Smile of the Child (full member)

- [www.hamogelo.gr](http://www.hamogelo.gr)

Therapeutic Riding Association of  
Greece (full member)

- [www.trag.gr](http://www.trag.gr)

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## Hungary

### National organisations

Family, Child, Youth Association  
(full member)

- [www.csagyi.hu](http://www.csagyi.hu)

Former State Fostered Children's  
Association (full member)

- [www.vagoe.hu](http://www.vagoe.hu)

National Association of Large Families  
(full member)

- [www.noeh.hu](http://www.noeh.hu)

### Public/statutory bodies

Office of the Commissioner for  
Fundamental Rights,

Dr. Laszlo Szekeley (associate member)

- [www.obh.hu](http://www.obh.hu)

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## Iceland

### Academic and research institutions

Centre for Children

and Family Research

(associate member) - [www.rbf.is](http://www.rbf.is)

## Ireland

### National Partner Networks

Children's Rights Alliance Ireland  
(full member) - [www.childrensrights.ie](http://www.childrensrights.ie)

### National organisations

Centre for Effective Services  
(full member) - [www.effectiveservices.org](http://www.effectiveservices.org)  
One Family (full member)  
- [www.onefamily.ie](http://www.onefamily.ie)

Start Strong (full member)

- [www.startstrong.ie](http://www.startstrong.ie)

### Individuals

Mr Hugh Frazer (associate member)  
Mr Seamus Mannion  
(associate member)

## Italy

### National organisations

Amici dei Bambini (full member)  
- [www.aibi.it](http://www.aibi.it)  
CIFA (associate member)  
- [www.cifaong.it](http://www.cifaong.it)  
Fondazione L'Albero della Vita ONLUS  
(full member)  
- [www.alberodellavita.org](http://www.alberodellavita.org)

Intermedia Social Innovation

(full member)  
- [www.inter mediasocialinnovation.org](http://www.inter mediasocialinnovation.org)  
Istituto Degli Innocenti (full member)  
- [www.istitutodeglinnocenti.it](http://www.istitutodeglinnocenti.it)  
Patrizio Paoletti Foundation for the  
development and communication  
(full member)  
- [www.fondazionepatriziopaoletti.com](http://www.fondazionepatriziopaoletti.com)

## Latvia

### National organisations

Children's Forum of Latvia  
(full member)  
- [www.bernuforums.lv/](http://www.bernuforums.lv/)

## Lithuania

### National organisations

Human Rights monitoring institute  
(full member)  
- [www.hrmi.lt](http://www.hrmi.lt)  
Lithuanian Informal Coalition  
of Non-governmental Organisations  
for Child Rights

(candidate associate member)

- [www.bevaikunamu.lt](http://www.bevaikunamu.lt)  
Save the Children Lithuania (full  
member) - [www.gelbvaik.lt](http://www.gelbvaik.lt)

### Individuals

Mr Dainius Puras (associate member)

## Luxembourg

### Public/statutory bodies

Ombuds - Comité for the Rights of the  
Child (full member) - [www.ork.lu](http://www.ork.lu)

## Malta

### Public/statutory bodies

Foundation for Social  
Welfare Services (full member)  
- [www.appogg.gov.mt](http://www.appogg.gov.mt)

Maltese Commissioner for Children  
(full member)

- [www.tfal.org.mt](http://www.tfal.org.mt)

## Poland

### National organisations

ITAKA Foundation Centre for Missing  
People (full member)  
- [www.zaginieni.pf](http://www.zaginieni.pf)  
Nobody's Children Foundation  
(full member) - [www.fdn.pl](http://www.fdn.pl)  
One World Association (full member)  
- [www.jedenswiat.org](http://www.jedenswiat.org)  
Our Home Association (full member)  
- [www.towarzystwonaszdom.pl](http://www.towarzystwonaszdom.pl)

Polish Foster Care Coalition

(full member) - [www.koalicja.org](http://www.koalicja.org)  
**Academic and research institutions**  
Department of Applied Sociology  
and Social Work - University of Lodz  
(associate member)  
- [www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl](http://www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl)

## Portugal

### National organisations

CEBI - Foundation to Communitarian  
Development (full member)  
- [www.fcebi.org](http://www.fcebi.org)

### Individuals

Mr Sergio Araújo (associate member)

<b>Romania</b>	<p><b>National Partner Networks</b> Federation of NGOs Romania (full member) - <a href="http://www.fonpc.ro">www.fonpc.ro</a></p> <p><b>National organisations</b> Ador Copiii Association - Community of Adoptive Families (candidate full member)</p>	<p>- <a href="http://www.adorcopiii.ro">www.adorcopiii.ro</a> Hope and Homes for Children Romania (full member) - <a href="http://www.hhc.ro">www.hhc.ro</a> OvidiuRo (full member) - <a href="http://www.ovid.ro">www.ovid.ro</a></p> <p><b>Individuals</b> Ms Anna Muntean (associate member)</p>
<b>Russia</b>	<p><b>National organisations</b> Charity Foundation for Support of Youth Initiatives</p>	<p>“My Generation” (full member) - <a href="http://www.moe-pokolenie.ru">www.moe-pokolenie.ru</a></p>
<b>Serbia</b>	<p><b>National Partner Networks</b> Network of Organisations for Children of Serbia - MODS (associate member) - <a href="http://www.zadecu.org">www.zadecu.org</a></p> <p><b>National organisations</b> Association for Development of Children and Youth</p>	<p>- OPEN CLUB (full member) - <a href="http://www.oknis.org.rs">www.oknis.org.rs</a> Child Rights Center (full member) - <a href="http://www.cpd.org.rs">www.cpd.org.rs</a> Children and Youth Support Organisation - Pomoc Deci (full member) - <a href="http://www.pomocdeci.org">www.pomocdeci.org</a></p>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<p><b>National organisations</b> Coalition for Children - Slovakia (associate member)</p>	<p>National Centre for Equal Opportunities (full member) - <a href="http://www.ncrp.sk">www.ncrp.sk</a></p>
<b>Slovenia</b>	<p><b>National organisations</b> Association for Children and Parents SEZAM (full member) - <a href="http://www.zdrufenje-sezam.si">www.zdrufenje-sezam.si</a></p>	<p><b>Academic and research institutions</b> Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia - Child Observatory (full member) - <a href="http://www.irssv.si">www.irssv.si</a></p>
<b>Spain</b>	<p><b>National organisations</b> Federació d'Entitats d'Atenció a la Infància i a l'Adolescència (FEDAIA) (full member) - <a href="http://www.fedaia.org">www.fedaia.org</a> Fundación Montessori sin Fronteras (associate member)</p>	<p>Services to People ENCIS (full member) - <a href="http://www.encis.coop">www.encis.coop</a></p> <p><b>Academic and research institutions</b> Research Team : Intervention - Faculty of Psychology and Education - Universidad de Deusto (full member) - <a href="http://www.deusto.es">www.deusto.es</a></p>
<b>Sweden</b>	<p><b>International organisations</b> International Association for Steiner/ Waldorf Early Childhood Education (full member) - <a href="http://www.iaswece.org">www.iaswece.org</a> World Organisation for Early Childhood Education (full member) - <a href="http://www.worldomep.org">www.worldomep.org</a></p> <p><b>National organisations</b> JUNIS (full member) - <a href="http://www.junis.org">www.junis.org</a> Swedish Remarkable Parent's NGO, Single Parents Association (full member) - <a href="http://www.makalosa.org">www.makalosa.org</a></p>	<p>The Association for Promotion of Family Centers (full member) - <a href="http://www.familjecentraler.se">www.familjecentraler.se</a></p> <p><b>Public/statutory bodies</b> Örebro Regional Development Council (full member) - <a href="http://www.regionorebro.se">www.regionorebro.se</a></p> <p><b>Academic and research institutions</b> ICU- I see You Interest in Children, Youth and their Understandings (full member) - <a href="http://www.mdh.se">www.mdh.se</a></p> <p><b>Child- and Youth-led organisations</b> Active - Sobriety, Friendship, Peace (full member) - <a href="http://www.activeeurope.org">www.activeeurope.org</a></p>

## The Netherlands

### National Partner Networks

Dutch Children's Rights Coalition,  
represented by Defence for Children  
International - The Netherlands  
(full member)  
- [www.defenceforchildren.nl](http://www.defenceforchildren.nl)

### International organisations

Child Helpline International  
(full member)  
- [www.childhelplineinternational.org](http://www.childhelplineinternational.org)  
EACH European Association for  
Children in Hospital (full member)  
- [www.each-for-sick-children.org/](http://www.each-for-sick-children.org/)  
International Child Development  
Initiatives (full member)  
- [www.icdi.nl](http://www.icdi.nl)

International Step by Step Association  
(ISSA) (full member) - [www.issa.nl](http://www.issa.nl)

### National organisations

Bureau Mutant (full member)  
- [www.mutant.nl](http://www.mutant.nl)  
Eigen Kracht Centrale  
(associate member)  
- [www.eigen-kracht.nl](http://www.eigen-kracht.nl)  
Netherlands Youth Institute  
(full member) - [www.nji.nl](http://www.nji.nl)

### Individuals

Mr John Vijghen (associate member)  
Ms Mieke Schuurman  
(associate member)

## Ukraine

### National organisations

Hope and Homes for Children Ukraine  
(full member) - [www.hopeandhomes.org.ua](http://www.hopeandhomes.org.ua)

## United Kingdom

### National Partner Networks

Children England (full member)  
- [www.childrenengland.org.uk](http://www.childrenengland.org.uk)  
Children in Northern Ireland  
(full member) - [www.ci-ni.org.uk](http://www.ci-ni.org.uk)  
Children in Scotland (full member)  
- [www.childreninscotland.org.uk](http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk)  
Children in Wales (full member)  
- [www.childreninwales.org.uk](http://www.childreninwales.org.uk)

### International organisations

Core Assets Ltd (full member)  
- [www.coreassets.com](http://www.coreassets.com)  
European Child Safety Alliance  
(full member)  
- [www.childsafetyeurope.org](http://www.childsafetyeurope.org)  
Home-Start Worldwide (full member)  
- [www.homestartworldwide.org](http://www.homestartworldwide.org)  
International Foster Care Organisation  
(full member) - [www.ifco.info](http://www.ifco.info)

### National organisations

Absolute Return for Kids (full member)  
- [www.arkonline.org](http://www.arkonline.org)  
British Association for Adoption and  
Fostering (full member)  
- [www.baaf.org.uk](http://www.baaf.org.uk)  
Children and Families Across Borders  
(full member) - [www.cfab.org.uk](http://www.cfab.org.uk)  
Children's Rights Alliance for England  
(full member) - [www.crae.org.uk](http://www.crae.org.uk)  
Child-to-Child (full member)  
- [www.child-to-child.org](http://www.child-to-child.org)  
Daybreak Family Group Conferences  
(full member)  
- [www.daybreakfgc.org.uk](http://www.daybreakfgc.org.uk)  
Fara Foundation (full member)  
- [www.faracharity.org](http://www.faracharity.org)  
Lifestart Foundation (full member)  
- [www.lifestartfoundation.org](http://www.lifestartfoundation.org)  
Parenting NI (full member)  
- [www.pachelp.org](http://www.pachelp.org)  
Teens and Toddlers (full member)  
- [www.teensandtoddlers.org.uk](http://www.teensandtoddlers.org.uk)

The Early Years Organisation  
(full member) - [www.early-years.org](http://www.early-years.org)  
Together (Scottish Alliance for  
Children's Rights) (full member)  
- [www.togetherscotland.org.uk](http://www.togetherscotland.org.uk)

### Public/statutory bodies

Health and Social Care Board  
(full member)  
- [www.hscboard.hscni.net](http://www.hscboard.hscni.net)

### Academic and research institutions

Department of Applied Social  
Research, University of Bedfordshire,  
(full member) - [www.beds.ac.uk](http://www.beds.ac.uk)  
European Children's Rights Unit  
(full member) - [www.liv.ac.uk/law/  
research/european-childrens-rights-  
unit/about](http://www.liv.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/about)  
Institute for the Study of Children  
Families and Social Issues.  
(full member) - [www.iscfsi.bbk.ac.uk](http://www.iscfsi.bbk.ac.uk)  
The Centre for Children and Young  
People's Participation, School of  
Social Work, University of Central  
Lancashire (full member)  
- [www.uclan.ac.uk/cypp](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/cypp)  
UNESCO Centre (full member)  
- [www.unescocentre.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.unescocentre.ulster.ac.uk)

### Individuals

Professor Sir Albert Aynsley-Green  
(associate member)  
Mr John Fitzgerald  
(associate member)  
Mr John H. Mc Kendrick  
(associate member)  
Mr Mathias Urban  
(associate member)  
Mr Peter Johnstone  
(associate member)  
Ms Malgorzata Kmita  
(associate member)  
Ms Sarah Milan (associate member)

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in April 2015

Date	Type	Title
08.01.14	News	Alternatives to custody for young offenders (Project's presentation)
10.01.14	Events	Seminar: European Progress in Achieving Child Friendly Justice
10.01.14	Videos	Video from Valuing Young People's Participation (AC2013)
11.01.14	Events	CRAG organises pre-election debate on Child Rights Champion Manifesto
14.01.14	Press Release	Children can now seek justice through the United Nations
30.01.14	News	OD news: A historic breakthrough in the EU's legislative landscape
30.01.14	News	Transition from institutional to community-based care: EEG welcomes new regulations in European Structural Funds
04.02.14	Events	Seminar: European Progress in Achieving Child Friendly Justice
06.02.14	News	OD news: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Minister restates commitment to deinstitutionalisation
12.02.14	News	Policy Steering Group kicks off European Parliament Elections Campaign
12.02.14	Events	Mainstreaming Children's Rights in the EU (Launch of Moving Forward)
12.02.14	Docs	Mainstreaming Children's Rights in EU Legislation, Policy and Budget - Lessons from Practice (Discussion Paper)
14.02.14	News	OD news: A national strategy in Poland for DI?
19.02.14	Press Release	European networks unite for Europe's Children (Anniversary of the 'Investing in Children Recommendation' and Launch of the Alliance for Investing in Children)
21.02.14	Videos	Investing in Children Recommendation - a year on
21.02.14	News	DI: Deinstitutionalisation considered priority after the Investing in Children Recommendation
21.02.14	News	TOY launches report in eight languages
21.02.14	Videos	Mainstreaming Children's Rights - Eurochild and Unicef publication launch
07.03.14	Press Release	No Inclusive Growth with Increasing Child Poverty
12.03.14	Docs	Country-Specific Recommendations for 2014

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14.03.14	Docs	Lithuanian EU Presidency Scorecard
28.03.14	Docs	AC2013 Report published
28.03.14	Events	OP3 side event at Human Rights Council
01.04.14	Events	Opening Doors Campaign Meeting
04.04.14	News	Eurochild attends EU Roma Summit
04.04.14	News	Eurochild signs petition for Roma Dignity
07.04.14	Press Release	New EU Alliance calls for a Social and Sustainable Europe
10.04.14	News	Calling for investment in better care for children
14.04.14	News	Protocol enabling children to complain to UN enters into force
17.04.14	Docs	Eurochild priorities for the Italian Presidency
22.04.14	News	OD news: Contributing to the Human Rights Dialogue with Moldova
27.04.14	Events	7th NGO European Regional Meeting stressed importance of Children's Rights Coalitions
29.04.14	Videos	Opening Doors for Europe's Children - Ending institutional care in Europe
05.05.14	News	Alliance News: Working Paper on the Mapping of Activities and priorities on child poverty and child well-being
09.05.14	Events	„Investing in Children“ - Consultation Meeting in Greece
28.05.14	Events	Seminar on European Responses to Violence against Children
30.05.14	News	Eurochild contributes to an expert consultation on family and parenting support (FPS) organised by UNICEF Innocenti.
30.05.14	News	Belgium ratifies OP3CRC!
05.06.14	Events	Investing in Children and young people: A priority for the European Union
05.06.14	News	OD news: Enlargement Package and Progress Report Consultations: Serbia & Bosnia and Herzegovina
12.06.14	News	Alliance News: Spanish Alliance for Investing in Children holds interactive workshop
17.06.14	Press Release	Will Europe2020 deliver for Children?
18.06.14	Docs	New version of Toolkit on Use of EU Funds for the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care
19.06.14	Docs	Eurochild statement on Early Childhood Education and Care
19.06.14	Events	Conference on quality of Early Childhood Education and Care (presentation of statement on ECEC)
20.06.14	News	OD news: Local NGOs join Opening Doors campaign in Ukraine
25.06.14	Docs	Greek EU Presidency Scorecard
26.06.14	News	Eurochild General Assembly 2014 (10 Years' Anniversary)
04.07.14	Docs	Eurochild Response to the consultation - EU guidance on integrated child protection systems
10.07.14	News	UK Alliance responds to European Commission's Country Specific Recommendations

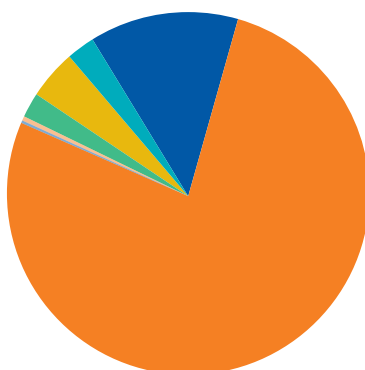
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11.07.14	News	Together Old & Young Toolkit is available online
25.07.14	Events	Together Old and Young (TOY) International Conference 2014
26.07.14	Events	CATS conference
28.07.14	News	Deinstitutionalisation: EU Funding secured in Bosnia and Herzegovina
09.09.14	News	Open Letter by CRAG: Realising the Rights of Every Child Everywhere
15.09.14	Events	Seminar: Protecting and Valuing Children as Consumers – European Perspectives
18.09.14	News	Leading NGOs send letter to new Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs
18.09.14	News	Romania commits to ending institutional care for children under three
19.09.14	Docs	Assessment of the fourth EC Report on the application of the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights
19.09.14	News	Eurochild joins call for Global study on Children deprived of their liberty
23.09.14	Docs	The 2014 National Reform Programmes (NRP) and National Social Reports (NSR) from a Child Poverty and Well-being perspective
24.09.14	Events	Roundtable Discussion: Championing Children's Rights in the European Parliament
24.09.14	Press Release	Mobilising Civil Society across Europe for Children's Rights
25.09.14	Press Release	Voices of Disability Echo Around the World
25.09.14	News	Ireland, Monaco and Andorra ratify OP3 CRC
25.09.14	News	Political groups propose Intergroup on children's rights at European Parliament
26.09.14	News	Eurochild National Partner Network Group met in Brussels this week
26.09.14	Events	Hear our Voices: "Our Journey from Exclusion to Inclusion"
26.09.14	Events	Learning for Well-Being reference group meet in Brussels
26.09.14	News	A call to action: governments to ratify OP3 CRC by 20 November
26.09.14	News	EU Alliance for Investing in Children sends questions to the Commissioner-designate
29.09.14	News	Greek consultation meeting on Investing in Children: Conclusions and recommendations out
01.10.14	Press Release	Voices of Disability: The World Listens
01.10.14	News	CATS Conference 2014 report is now online
02.10.14	Docs	Eurochild views on the revision of the Commission's Impact Assessment guidelines
03.10.14	News	Eurochild attends conference on Roma inclusion
06.10.14	Docs	Making the case for investing in children: a child-rights integrated approach to fight child poverty and promote children's well - being
06.10.14	Docs	Towards a stronger economic evidence base to support child protection reform: from institutions to family based care and community level services

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08.10.14	News	OD News: Opening Doors contributes to UNOHCHR report on children's rights investment
13.10.14	News	OD News: Screening Report on Serbia puts institutionalisation of most vulnerable children under spotlight
14.10.14	Docs	OD: Deinstitutionalisation and Quality Alternative Care – Lessons learned and the way forward
15.10.14	Docs	OD: Deinstitutionalisation Myth Buster
17.10.14	Videos	Child poverty figures on the rise. Commissioner Andor: "Member States must invest in children"
25.10.14	Events	TOY Conference: Senior Citizens and Young Children Building Age-Friendly Communities
27.10.14	News	OD News: Yearly NGO assessment of National Reform Programmes says DI is a "key challenge"
27.10.14	Docs	Semester Alliance report: Let's make the European Semester: Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive
31.10.14	Events	TOY final conference
04.11.14	Docs	Eurochild's response to the Europe 2020 mid-term review questionnaire
04.11.14	Docs	Eurochild's Position Paper on the Europe 2020 mid-term review
05.11.14	News	EU Alliance: Make children a number one priority in Europe's political vision on Europe 2020
10.11.14	Events	Seminar: Children's Rights and the Global Economic Crisis
13.11.14	News	EU Alliance: A Europe 2020 for children
13.11.14	Press Release	Children demand right to full active participation in society
20.11.14	Events	Invest in Children: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage!
20.11.14	News	OD News: Young person with disability addresses EU authorities at UNCRC celebrations and condemns institutional care for children
20.11.14	News	EU Alliance celebrates 25 years of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
21.11.14	News	EU Alliance organises side event at EPAP convention
25.11.14	Press Release	Ending systematic violations of children's rights in Greece – a way forward
26.11.14	Events	Children First: Better Public Spending for Better Outcomes for Children & Families
26.11.14	Press Release	Corina Cretu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy attending Eurochild's 11th Annual Conference
28.11.14	News	Commissioner Crețu confirms funds for poverty and social exclusion (AC2014)
30.11.14	News	EU Alliance publishes EPAP side event report
02.12.14	Events	Final Conference of "Alternatives to Custody for Young Offenders"
03.12.14	News	OD News: On International Day of Persons with Disability Opening Doors campaign calls for more inclusive societies
03.12.14	News	European Parliament expresses will to establish children's rights intergroup
05.12.14	News	Eurochild's reaction to the 2015 Annual Growth Survey (AGS) adopted by the European Commission on 28 November

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09.12.14	News	Ask children what they think about how governments spend money!
09.12.14	News	Greek civil society organisations respond to Secretary General of Welfare
09.12.14	Press Release	Dismantling barriers to community-living
10.12.14	Events	From institutional care to life in the community: How can the EU promote family-based care and independent living?
11.12.14	News	New intergroup on children's rights at the European Parliament
11.12.14	Events	EEG debate: Breaking the barriers to de-institutionalisation: calling for strong EU commitment
15.12.14	Videos	Better Public Spending for Children and Families - Eurochild Annual Conference 2014
16.12.14	Events	UK Conference: Investing in Children Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage
16.12.14	News	OD News: Artists join campaign against institutional care in Ukraine
18.12.14	News	OD News: Deinstitutionalization under the spotlight at European Parliament – Discussing the way forward
19.12.14	News	Eurochild contributes to Peer Review on innovative practices with marginalised families
23.12.14	News	Mariya Gabriel MEP welcomes Bulgarian family to the European Parliament

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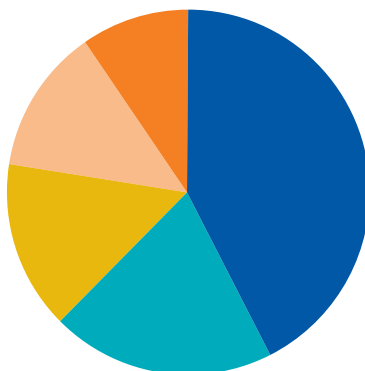
## Income



Grants	€1.229.048
Co-funding*	€201.257
Membership fees	€62.554
Donations	€27.783
Conference fees	€33.055
Various	€4.057
Interest	€933

**€ 1.558.688**

## Expenses



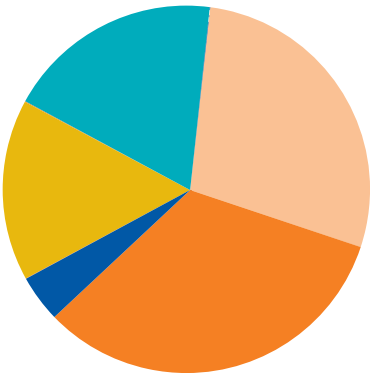
Staff	€660.271
Travel & Subsistence	€312.944
Services	€229.625
Experts	€199.410
Overhead	€150.646

**€ 1.552.898**

**Year result:**

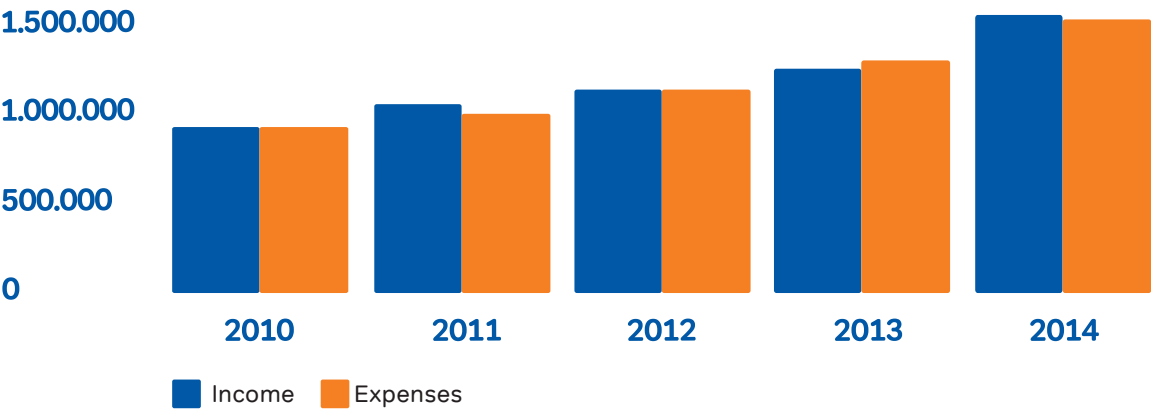
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Co-funding\*



Hope & Homes for Children UK	€73.749
OAK Foundation Strengthening child rights advocacy & networks	€52.963
Partner contributions to the Alliance on Investing in Children	€40.092
OAK Foundation Social return on investment	€27.593
Universal Education Foundation	€6.860

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# Eurochild at a glance

## Our vision



A society where every child grows up happy, healthy, confident & respected as an individual in their own right.

## Our challenge



1 in 4 children at risk of poverty

Approximately 1 million children in Europe growing up in institutional care

Few children have a say in decisions that affect their lives

No comparative data on children's emotional well-being - key to their successful development

## Our theory of change



Empowering local actors closest to children, youth, families & communities

Building knowledge & sharing what works

Contributing to a strong normative framework & public investment

Holding governments to account in implementation of normative framework

## Our network >170 members



17 national partner networks

National / sub-national organisations

International organizations / networks

Academic & research bodies

Public & statutory bodies

Child & youth led organizations

Individual experts

## Network of networks



National partner networks represent > 1800 individual organisations working with & for children. Working for implementation of the UNCRC

Opening Doors Campaign  
12 national coordinators  
80 organisations connected with decision makers  
Aimed to end institutional care and strengthen families

EU Alliance for Investing in Children  
24 organisations join to end child poverty  
Advocating for implementation of EU recommendations

## Impact on children



National coalitions work with governments to promote awareness & implementation of UNCRC

EU money released for closure of institutions & investment in community-level services & family-based care

Adoption of 3 pillar approach to tackling child poverty & promoting child well-being: access to resources, access to quality services, child participation



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