



Eurochild

Putting children at
the heart of Europe

Annual Report 2017

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



Norah Gibbons,
President

Dear friends, supporters and colleagues,

Eurochild is passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of children. We know that lasting change requires a shift in public attitudes and better laws, policies and public spending choices. That's why, as a network, we focus on influencing people with power: power to lead public discourse and power to make decisions that will prioritise children's rights.

The vast majority of policies that impact children are not made at EU level. But the EU still yields extraordinary influence. It has financial power, creates peer

pressure across Member States and coordinates economic and fiscal policies.

2017 saw two important breakthroughs in the political rhetoric at EU level which, if properly followed through, can create a more favourable environment for investing in children.

The first is the European Pillar of Social Rights which was proclaimed by leaders of the Council, Parliament and Commission in November 2017. It sets 20 principles to drive upwards social convergence across the EU. Protecting children from poverty and promoting childcare is principle 11. The EU will monitor progress through the Semester and the Social Scoreboard. The second comes from the European Parliament. In his video address to our joint event with UNICEF on Universal Children's Day, President Tajani committed to organise an annual event in the Plenary together with children and carry out a stocktaking of the Parliament's efforts

to protect children's rights. In 2018 we need to ensure these commitments don't remain empty promises. For example, a big focus of ours is now on influencing the next EU budget.

What makes Eurochild stand out from the multiple voices influencing the EU's agenda? Firstly, it's our membership which spans 33 European countries and includes national coalitions of children's rights organisations in 18 of them. Secondly, it's our efforts to involve children and young people in a meaningful way in all our work. We are piloting National Eurochild Forums in three countries, and have established a Eurochild Children's Council to advise us on our next strategy and advocacy work. Our 2018 conference, taking place in Opatija Croatia on 29-31 October, involves children throughout the process of planning and delivery.

Members will soon adopt our new 3-year strategic plan (2019-2021) – the fruit of a participatory process involving members and children. We want to help end child poverty in Europe, end institutional care for all children, and get children's rights higher up the political agenda at all levels. Strengthening the advocacy capacity of our members, as well as children and young people themselves, is central to what we do. We look to the future with optimism knowing the foundations for a strong children's rights movement across Europe are now firmly in place.

Yours sincerely,

Norah Gibbons,
President

Jana Hainsworth,
Secretary General

A year in review for The representative children's rights network in Europe

Membership

165 

Number of members

33 

Number of countries
where Eurochild is
active

> 2,000

Number of child
rights organisations
represented by NPNs

60% 

Increase in readership
of members-only
newsletter (Info Flash)

Advocacy and Communications

8 

Number of
publications

24% 

Increase in
Twitter followers

15% 

Increase in
Facebook
followers

46 


Number of
high level
decision-
makers we
met

4,400

Number of
readers of our
newsletters

3 

Number of
awards or
nominations

5 

Videos produced:
> 2,000

Pairs of eyeballs!

Children's participation

Time spent working directly with
children

28 

Hours of online
meetings

86 

Hours of face to
face meetings

14

Number of
MEPs who met
with Eurochild
Children's
Council in a
single day

12 

Number of
Eurochild
Children's
Council
members

13 

Age of youngest
member of
Eurochild
Children's
Council



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Putting children at the heart of policymaking

Making economic policies work to end child poverty and invest in children

The word 'social' appeared many times in speeches of European leaders this year. Despite this increased attention to social concerns, the EU's economic policies offered fewer recommendations to EU Member States to reduce child poverty and promote children's well-being, as compared to previous years.

Eurochild monitors the European Semester, which is the EU's annual cycle of economic policy coordination, to assess whether its policies match the speeches. This becomes ever more crucial as the number of children growing up in poverty in Europe is not falling, despite increasing employment rates.

“I contacted the Slovenian representative and sent her the 2017 report. Today we had a skype meeting. She was very happy about our connection and she promised to do whatever she can to include the European Commission Recommendation on Investing in Children in the next reports. She will also contact our representatives in Brussels and tell them about our proposal.”

Sara Geiger Smole, Slovenian NGO Network ZIPOM.

24.8 million

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children in EU face poverty or social exclusion = 26.4% of population
(Eurostat, 2016)



Discover the situation of children's rights in 18 EU countries – Read the report

Investing in children in the era of social rights: 2017 Eurochild Report on the European Semester

<http://bit.ly/2017SemesterforEurochild>

The 2017 Eurochild report on the European Semester gave a prominent role to country profiles based on 22 members' inputs. The report features 18 country profiles, designed to inform European Commission officials working on the country-specific analysis, and support members' national advocacy.



Protecting children from poverty recognised in European Pillar of Social Rights

Eurochild's insistence that the European Commission prioritise efforts to tackle child poverty have paid off. 'Protection from child poverty' is one of the 20 principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, which is now the EU's reference framework for employment and social policy.

As the European Pillar of Social Rights becomes the framework for shaping proposals in the social policy field, Eurochild will continue to bring evidence and policy recommendations, promoting investment in children from a children's rights perspective.



One of the infographics produced to explain our demands for an EU #socialrights Pillar.

Supported by all EU institutions, the European Pillar of Social Rights has the weight and support to influence economic and social policies and guide the investment priorities of the EU. Along with our members, we contributed to the consultation preceding the adoption of this framework, and advocated for child poverty to be recognised as a key challenge to address through this new social agenda.

Having child poverty in such a key policy framework of the EU is an opportunity to push for the implementation of the 2013 *European Commission Recommendation on Investing in Children* which still offers solid EU policy guidance on fighting child poverty and promoting children's well-being.

“With the endorsement of the European Pillar of Social Rights, we expect economic policies to better reflect the real needs of people and society from now on. The 2018 Semester will be a first test. Levels of child poverty remain unacceptably high across the EU. Dedicating one of the 20 principles in the Pillar to protecting children from poverty and providing access to quality early childhood education and care is symbolic and important but now it is time for action.”

Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild



Jana Hainsworth meets Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven at Social Summit in Gothenburg, Sweden in November 2017



Jana Hainsworth shares a light moment with President of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė



EU spending on children's rights

Children make up one fifth of the population in Europe and have the greatest stake in its future. Yet, there is no explicit focus on them in the EU's spending plans, and funding programmes that impact children are not designed with their needs in mind.

EU funds have the potential to catalyse national reforms to better address poverty and other social challenges. In some countries, EU funds have supported reforms of child protection and welfare systems, contributing to end institutional care and to strengthen family support and community-based services. However, mistakes have been made and opportunities lost. It is important that the lessons learnt are integrated into the design of the next budget.

The next EU budget will start in 2021 but its preparations were already underway in 2017, both at the EU institutions and in Eurochild. By matching its financial resources to its priority areas, the EU will be able to increase its impact on national policies. **It is our mission to make sure that ending child poverty and deinstitutionalisation in Europe are prioritised and have specific resources allocated from the EU budget.**

Eurochild's position paper on investing in children through the post-2020 MFF offers suggestions on how EU spending can have maximum impact on Member States' efforts to reduce child poverty, to break the cycle of disadvantage and, ultimately, to build more inclusive and prosperous societies. *The Opening Doors for Europe's Children* Campaign also produced policy recommendations aimed at the next MFF, based on evidence of the impact of EU funds in the EU, enlargement and neighbouring countries for protection of children in alternative care.

We are raising our policy recommendations with key targets individually and collectively with partners, including with the EU Alliance for Investing in Children, European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based care and preparing our National Partner Networks (national coalitions of children's rights organisations) to discuss these recommendations with their governments.



[**Read all our recommendations for the EU's post-2020 Budget**](#)

Building momentum to open doors for Europe's institutionalised children

Eurochild advocates for child welfare and protection reforms to ensure that all children receive high quality, individualised care and support. In the current funding period (2014-2020), the transition from institutional to community-based care is an explicit priority of the EU's structural and investment funds.



National coordinators and international partners of the campaign meet in Brussels to accelerate change through joint action

Eurochild coordinates the Opening Doors for Europe's Children campaign in partnership with five international organisations and civil society across 16 European countries. We help national organisations monitor the use of EU funds and promote investment in family support services, as well as high quality alternative care.

Launched in 2013, the *Opening Doors Campaign* is the eyes and ears on the ground for children in alternative care.

The campaign conducts yearly analysis with experts from the field in each of the 16 countries. Despite the positive steps taken by the EU and national governments, the Opening Doors Country fact sheets 2017 revealed that a lot remains to be done. EU funds have often been used to build small group homes, which can still perpetuate an institutional culture. In addition, too little attention has been given to investment in

community-based services that can prevent children from entering in the care system. The 2017 country fact sheets show that **poverty, disability and ethnic origin are still underlying causes of children entering the care system.**

In 2018 and 2019, the EU institutions will be negotiating the next EU budget. Based on the lessons learnt, we aim to ensure that EU's role, funds and policies from 2021 are **maintained, strengthened and expanded** to support families and to end institutional care in Europe.

16



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number of countries where Opening Doors for Europe's Children advocates for ending institutional care

124



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civil society organisations work in campaign's national coalitions across Europe.



See key developments towards the child protection system reform across Europe in 2017
<http://www.bit.ly/OD2017review>

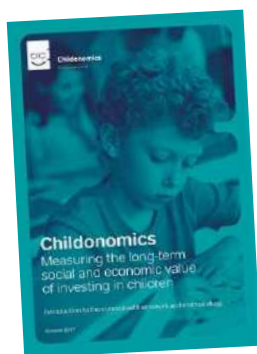
Measuring what matters



Childonomics

The Eurochild Network

Looked at from a long-term perspective, there is a strong economic case to be made for the realisation of children's rights. With 'Childonomics', we are steadily building the evidence base to support the economic argument. In 2017, we published the **conceptual framework** which aims to capture the full range of services that children and families can access that may impact on outcomes at individual, family, community and societal level. It offers a way of mapping services and programmes in any given national or sub-national setting.



The research team also developed a methodology which builds on elements of social return on investment methods and models for appraising economic return on investment. It has been tested in

Malta and Romania, selected by because both countries recently embarked on policy reforms, which emphasize the need to invest in prevention and early intervention.



Maria Herczog, Chief Scientific Advisor of Childonomics, presented the project at the International Foster Care Organisation 2017 World Conference in Malta

Malta

Malta's national children's policy launched for consultation in 2016 proposes 4 long-term goals and short-term outcomes.

MALTA'S NATIONAL CHILDREN'S POLICY GOALS

Long-term goals

- Have active and healthy generations
- Protect children and ensure an adequate living environment
- Grow-up to be independent and responsible adults
- Become active participants within their community and State

Short-term outcomes

- Children living an active and healthy lifestyle
- Children living in a safe and economically stable family environment
- Children achieving their maximum potential in education and later in future employment
- Children are respected and enabled to be active participants in their social surroundings

Romania

The government has set specific objectives aimed at breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty. It has adopted policies that aim to target social transfers and social services at particularly vulnerable geographic areas, communities and population groups including children and families, people with disabilities, children without parental care and Roma communities.

The measures should improve access to education, employment, housing and lead to better health outcomes.

The measures complement the National Strategy for the Promotion and Protection of Children's Rights 2014-2020, which focuses specifically on deinstitutionalisation and aims to reduce by 25% the number and rate of children entering the special protection system by 2020.

Bringing a children's rights perspective into policies and legislation

Protection and integration of refugee and migrant children in Europe

Eurochild produced a publication of 16 inspiring practices that show how child protection services can protect and help integration of refugee and migrant children in Europe. This publication, produced jointly with our member SOS Children's Villages International, offers solutions and promising examples from 12 countries. It was launched in the presence of officials from all levels of government, including the Mayor of Athens and experts from the field who work directly with children. This publication acts as a resource to support practitioners and help them advocate towards national policy makers.

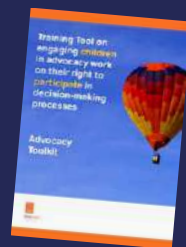


Jana Hainsworth speaks at launch of 'Let Children be Children' publication at the EU Committee of Regions, Brussels in November 2017

Practical tools

Eurochild produced a toolkit aimed at engaging young people in advocacy work themselves. The toolkit includes tools and methods to empower children to contribute to change in public decision-making. Produced for the Council of Europe, it is expected to be used by NGOs working with children and young people, including Eurochild members, as well as government officials at national, regional and local level, in light of commitments made under the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child.

Download the toolkit!



Helping European institutions embed children's participation

Eurochild was invited by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to involve children in the discussions on fundamental rights in Europe, with a specific focus on poverty and migration. We supported 17 children from 9 different EU countries to participate in this high level event. The children intervened during the panel debate giving statements and asking panellists pointed questions about what could be done to address issues related to migration and asylum, and poverty and social exclusion particularly from the children's perspective. Children's participation received strong support and recommendations were made to embed it in policy and decision-making.



Watch children offer their opinions on tackling challenges related to poverty and migration.



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Giving a voice to children and young people

“ An adult-child cooperation system would bring fresh new creative ideas from the children’s perspective and adults’ know-how about laws and finance. It would be a perfect balance: Each helps the other in a win-win situation.”

Sharon, 12, Malta and Junior, 17, Ireland ; Quote from EU Fundamental Rights Symposium 28 June 2017 Summary Report

How children's voices are strengthening the children's rights community

As a children's rights network we advocate for the right of the child to be heard in all decisions that affect them. Eurochild is therefore, developing child participation standards, which will embed children's participation into its working structures. Eurochild will support initiatives led by children and young people, as well as peer-to-peer work and involving children in research, service provision, community education (e.g. delivering sexual health education), and in advocacy. In this way, children themselves will be able to set the agenda.

In a span of less than 2 years, Eurochild has developed a strategy to realise this ambition and setup pilot forums for children to share their ideas and be an invaluable part of the children's rights community.



The Eurochild Children's Council held its first official meeting in November in Brussels

“I feel like my voice is actually being heard and is slowly but surely making a change in our world.”

Simonida, 15 years, Serbia

Connecting national to European

National Eurochild Forums

Children across Europe will be engaged in discussions to share their ideas and opinions through National Eurochild Forums which will be coordinated by experienced Eurochild members. Recognising the need to be representative of society itself, the Forums will include children from different backgrounds, with different experiences. Three National Eurochild Forums have now been piloted in Malta by President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, in Estonia by Estonian Union for Child Welfare and in Bulgaria by National Network for Children.

Eurochild Children's Council

The National Eurochild Forums will share their ideas and opinions with the Eurochild Children's Council, a voluntary group of 12 children aged 13-16 years from across Europe selected as ambassadors for Eurochild's child participation work. This group of children have already engaged in meetings at the European Parliament, as part of the *Europe We Want* event in November 2017.

With a two-year work plan, the Eurochild Children's Council is eager to bring children's ideas into Eurochild's work.

The children are supported by experienced professionals from Eurochild membership as part of the Child Participation Reference Group.

Meet the Eurochild Children's Council



The first Eurochild Children's Council is proud to be composed of 12 brilliant young people:

- Angelina, Ukraine, 15;
- Anna, Greece, 15;
- Arthur, Finland, 16;
- Dalia, Estonia, 15;
- Ilian, Bulgaria, 16;
- Jan, Croatia, 13;
- Kaja, Slovenia, 15;
- Konstantinos, Greece, 16;
- Sharon, Malta, 13;
- Simonida, Serbia, 15;
- Xabier, Spain, 16 years.

“Europe needs to strive to get closer to children. It needs to find new ways to get in touch with the reality of children coming from diverse backgrounds. No child is voiceless- it's just a matter of whether that child is given the chance to use that voice.”

Sharon, 13 years, Malta



Watch young people in the Eurochild Children's Council taking over! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ_JwdEv1ko

NOMINATED!



European Association Awards nominated the Eurochild Children's Council under the category: Most Innovative Development by an Association.



THE EUROPEAN
ASSOCIATION
AWARDS 2018

FINALIST
Most Innovative Development
by an Association

“The inclusion and engagement of children and young people in the annual General Assembly as co-creators and workshop participants is an innovative approach and rather powerful. Well done for a concrete and tangible, much needed outcome!”

Judging panel 2018

Universal Children's Day 2017

A breakthrough moment for children's participation

For several years Eurochild has organised events with children in the European Parliament. We have witnessed a growing recognition of children's participation and its value in promoting democracy and active citizenship. This year's event, organised around Universal Children's Day, brought an important breakthrough.

"The Europe We Want": On 20 November, Eurochild held an event at the European Parliament, with the newly formed Eurochild Children's Council, in partnership with UNICEF, hosted by the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights and under the auspices of European Parliament President Antonio Tajani.

In his video message President Tajani committed to an on-going process of consultation with children and an annual event in the EP Plenary with children to take stock of progress. This is a significant achievement for the children's rights community in terms of recognition and furthering children's participation in decision-making.

Eurochild will be working towards making such an event in 2018 participatory and meaningful for children and the parliamentarians.

"We want to empower children to have a say with decision-makers on the Europe they want. The Intergroup of Children Rights is committed to make their voice heard."

MEP **Anna Maria Corrazza Bildt**, Co-Chair of the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights



European Parliament President Tajani committed to an on-going process of consultation with children & an annual event in the European Parliament Plenary



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Strengthening the network



Members equipped to deliver change

This year we started preparing for a new Strategic Plan 2019-2021. We also lay the foundations for children's participation to be an integral part of how the network functions. As such, the 2017 General Assembly was a collaborative effort between members and children, working together to create a vision and plan for the future.

New coalitions join National Partner Network

Our National Partner Networks are the go-to membership based organisations. They provide a bridge between European and national advocacy which is so critical for advancing children's rights across Europe. This year, we appointed three new NPNs in Estonia, Latvia and England, totalling **21 NPNs which represent over 2,000 children's rights organisations in Europe.**

NPNs meet every six months to share, compare and learn from each other on how to best advance children's rights in their respective countries. A particular focus this year was the situation of children in migration and how to protect their rights. We brought in expertise from sister networks PICUM (the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants) and Missing Children Europe to learn about the latest developments at EU level and where to focus advocacy efforts.



National Partner Networks representatives meeting in Brussels in May

60%



increase in readership of members' newsletter!

Growing number of colleagues from member organisations subscribed to our fortnightly newsletter, the Info Flash, which offers news and opportunities for engagement.



Three members of the Child Participation Strategy Group at the 2017 General Assembly

Impact of Brexit on children

With Brexit negotiations underway, the National Partner Networks supported their UK and Irish children's rights counterparts in calling for children's voices to be heard in the process. We issued a collective statement and call to action on the impact of Brexit on children and young people on 19 June 2017. These demands were sent by Eurochild's UK and Irish members to negotiators on both sides. They also brought children to Brussels to discuss their concerns with European parliamentarians. The recommendations from these events have been recognized as bringing important and novel perspectives to the discussions on citizen's rights.

Building a bridge between European and national advocacy efforts

Eurochild wants to strengthen members' advocacy capacity and to help them leverage EU policies and funding to influence national policies. In 2017, Eurochild supported three events in Spain, Serbia and Germany.

Towards an effective implementation of community-based services in the system of child care

Pamplona, Spain – 23-24 November

FICE Spain (National Coordinator of Opening Doors for Europe's Children)

The Conference aimed at promoting an effective transition towards community-based services in children and youth care sector. The event brought together Spanish civil society and the national and regional governments to discuss new national legislation on deinstitutionalisation. Participants shared good practices linked to working with families, care-leavers, independent living, preventive services and youth participation. It opened discussions on how EU funds can and should be used in the future. Kamira S. Coop hosted the event with financial support from Eurochild and La Caixa Banking Foundation.

Investing in Children - Benefit for All Children

Belgrade, Serbia – 12 October

Network of Organizations for Children of Serbia (MODS)

The International Conference, attended by Serbian Ministers, called for public resources to be aligned with policies and legislation aimed at reducing poverty and social exclusion of children. The event was organised prior to presentation of a draft law on financial support to families with children, and allowed discussions between civil society and government representatives on practical approaches to investing in children.

“Investing in children is not only an investment in them [children] but also in increasing employability of their parents, primarily mothers, who through the more efficient provision of public services have, among other things, greater opportunities to enter the labour market and become economically stronger.”

Mirjana Čojbašić, State Secretary of the Serbian Ministry of Finance

Measuring Children's Rights: Why we need indicators?

Berlin, Germany – 21 June

The National Coalition Germany

(Network for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

In 2014, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child recommended that Germany develop indicators to measure implementation of children's rights. This event was able to showcase the experience from other countries, for example, Belgium where children's rights indicators have proved helpful in determining what data is missing and what questions remained unanswered. The National Coalition collected 100 questions from its members to assess the information needed to document the realisation of children's rights.

“It is especially important to look where things are not going well, otherwise we only cement the status quo.”

Geert Jorgensen, Eurochild Management Board member, Denmark.

Public recognition and awards

We are delighted to have received recognition from diverse quarters.

- Eurochild received an award for its 'Child Poverty Cycle' infographic from the EU Joint Research Centre, the European Commission's science and knowledge service for the use of facts in a clear and coherent manner.
- Société Générale Charity of the Year Eurochild received a nomination from the European Diversity Awards 2017.
- Most Innovative Development Eurochild Children's Council received a nomination from the European Association Awards 2018.

Eurochild has taken great efforts to expand its reach using online platforms. On Twitter, we have seen a growth of 1,080 followers and on Facebook, an increase of 731 followers in one year!

Our newsletters for members and for public have total readership of **4,400 people**, which includes varied audiences including children, professionals, policy makers, academics and decision makers at the highest levels.

We produced 7 infographics and visuals to simplify our policy messages and make our case by providing relevant facts on the European Pillar of Social Rights, European Semester, investing in children & the impact of the EU on children's lives.

Watch us in action!



Tweet of the year received 48 retweets!

Award-winning infographic on the cycle of child poverty.

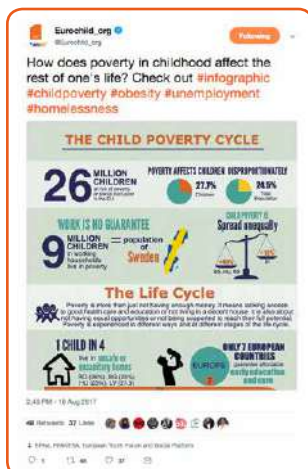
Facebook post of the year received 208 🍀 and 18 ❤️!

"What a great day it has been! Starting with children

and young people gathering views on the children's participation strategy followed by formal proceedings in which 3 new national partner networks were adopted, Sean O'Neil of Children in Wales joining the Management Board and so much more! Thanks to this diverse group!" #EurochildGA

- Eurochild Children's Council takes over [youtube.com/watch?v=wQ_JwdEv1ko](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ_JwdEv1ko)
- Opening Doors for Europe's Children - Phase II [youtube.com/watch?v=QK330_o7EUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QK330_o7EUE)
- Children's views on Migration [youtube.com/watch?v=A11XMKIdCvg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A11XMKIdCvg)
- Children's Views on Child Poverty and Social Exclusion [youtube.com/watch?v=nzKWIEbGh_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzKWIEbGh_g)
- Children's Participation Strategy endorsed by Eurochild General Assembly [youtube.com/watch?v=Yd19wgSiFwI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yd19wgSiFwI)

Total views: + 2000 views



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Governance & Team

Beyond 2018

To be continued on Day 2 of Eurochild members day ...



“Europe and the world is changing and Eurochild has had to adapt to the changing landscape to help ensure that children remain at the heart of Europe. I am delighted to be elected to the Board and would like to thank the membership for their support and encouragement.”

Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales, UK

Governance



General Assembly 2017

The Management Board is the democratically-elected governing body responsible for leadership and strategic direction, chaired by the President. Its members reflect the geographical spread of the membership, as well as the diversity of the types of organisations in membership. Since 2016 the Management Board has sub-committees to better guide the secretariat in HR/staffing, finances, fundraising and membership.

New Management Board Member

In April 2017, Sean O'Neill of Children in Wales, UK, took over from George Bogdanov of National Network for Children Bulgaria who completed two terms of three years in the Management Board. Sean has been involved with Eurochild since 2008, representing the network at various events.

The Eurochild network is grateful to George Bogdanov for his enormous contribution, vision and guidance as a board member over the last 6 years.

The 2017 Management Board



Ms Norah Gibbons,
Honorary Member,
Ireland - President



Ms Ljiljana Vasic,
Pomoc Deci, Serbia -
Treasurer



Ms Hanna Heinonen, Central
Union for Child
Welfare, Finland



Mr Otto Sestak, Hope and
Homes for Children,
Romania



Mr Sean O'Neill,
Children in Wales,
UK



Mr Geert Jorgensen,
Associate Member,
Denmark



Ms Dana Rusinova,
Coalition for
Children Slovakia,
Slovakia (May 2016 -
April 2017)



Mr George Bogdanov, National
Network for Children,
Bulgaria (June
2011- April 2017)

Team

Secretariat

The Secretariat in Brussels plays a crucial role in connecting policymakers with its members, organising events, supporting members and representing children's rights in various policy fora in and around Europe.

In 2017, the Staff comprised of:

Management, Membership and Finance

- **Jana Hainsworth**, Secretary General
- **Andrea Witt**, Head of Operations
- **Axelle Stainier**, Head of Finance
- **Andreia Dos Santos**, Membership and Events Assistant

Policy, Advocacy and Child Participation

- **Réka Tunyogi**, Head of Advocacy
- **Agata D'Addato**, Senior Policy Coordinator – Policy, Research and Practice
- **Mieke Schuurman**, Senior Policy and Advocacy Coordinator - Children's Rights and Child Participation
- **Tinna Ros Steinsdottir**, Child Participation Officer

Communications and Fundraising

- **Prerna Humpal**, Head of Communications
- **Davide Rambaldi**, Communications Assistant
- **Aracy Pires**, Partnerships and Grants Officer (from June 2017)

Opening Doors for Europe's Children campaign

- **Katerina Nanou**, Policy and Advocacy Officer and Campaign Coordinator
- **Tetiana Sykes**, Communications Coordinator
- **Zuzana Konradova**, Policy Advisor & Campaign Assistant (voluntary)

The Secretariat offers internship programmes to young people at the beginning of their career:

- **Flavia Colonnese**, Policy and Advocacy Intern (September 2016 - June 2017)
- **Salomé Guibreteau**, Policy and Advocacy Intern (September 2017 - March 2018)
- **Björn Höbling**, Administrative Intern (August - September 2017)



The Eurochild Management Board together with the Secretariat during the Away Day discussions on the new Strategic Plan

Accounts & Funding

Income Statement

Income	2015	2016	2017
Membership fees	65.735	62.285	61.685
EC EaSI grant	874.754	874.711	843.716
External co-funding & revenues for Individual and Joint Actions, and other project grants	257.021	481.469	420.033
Miscellaneous	493	5.174	5.837
Interests	2.974	0	0
Income total	1.200.977	1.423.639	1.331.271

Expenditure	2015	2016	2017
Operating expenses	513.167	645.373	548.148
Payroll	763.360	722.353	712.173
Financial charges	1.376	1.372	1.506
Expenditure total	1.277.904	1.369.098	1.261.827
Operating result	-76.927	54.541	69.444

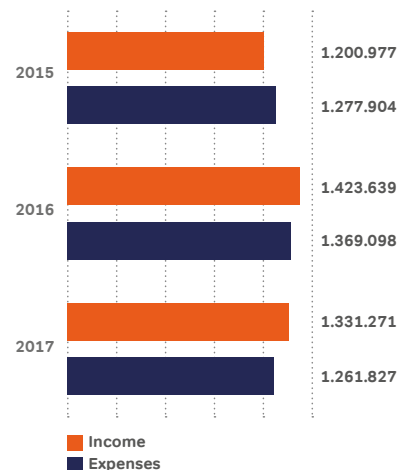
External Co-funding & project grants	2016	2017
Individual and Joint Actions contributing to work plan	46.437	15.315
Oak Foundation - Childonomics	124.735	187.562
Oak Foundation - Core Grant	231.972	137.130
Council of Europe	37.366	8.823
Hope & Homes for Children	29.167	50.012
Project Grants	11.792	21.191
	481.469	420.033

Balance Sheet

Assets	2015	2016	2017
Fixed assets	10.974	2.574	3.220
Trade accounts receivable	14.760	7.655	19.534
Other receivables	28.372	20.252	185.928
Receivable grants	217.062	202.504	168.059
Advances to partners for projects	0	0	0
Prepaid expenses	0	32.803	14.290
Accrued incomes	4.993	2.090	1.096
Cash & Bank	338.045	215.337	188.558
Assets total	614.206	483.215	580.685

Liabilities	2015	2016	2017
Equity (own funds)	-30.442	24.099	93.543
Grants	467.593	110.885	112.768
Fixed liabilities	0	0	0
Trade Account payables	92.948	192.224	58.600
Trade accruals	32.480	41.205	240.496
Other payables	6.047	42.548	7.688
Deferred Profit	0	2.458	2.395
Social liabilities	45.581	69.796	65.195
Liabilities total	614.206	483.215	580.685

Yearly comparison



Year end result:
€ 69.444

Meet the members

Eurochild has 165 members spanning 33 countries. 21 of these members are National Partner Networks, representing over 2,000 children's rights organisations in total.

Austria	
CONCORDIA Social Projects	www.concordia.or.at
National Coalition for the Implementation of the UN CRC - Austria	www.kinderhabenrechte.at
SOS Children's Villages International	www.sos-childrensvillages.org
Vorarlberger Kinderdorf GmbH	www.kinderdorf.cc
Individual members: Sharon Schneider	
Belgium	
Alliance for Childhood European Network Group	www.allianceforchildhood.eu
Child Rights Coalition Flanders	www.kinderrechtencoalitie.be
Diversity in Early Childhood Education and Training	www.decet.org
Don Bosco International	http://donboscointernational.eu/
Dyslexia International - Sharing expertise	www.dyslexia-international.org
European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Antroposophy - ELIANT	www.eliant.eu
European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education	www.ecswe.org
Kind en Gezin	www.kindengezin.be
Learning for Well-being Foundation (former Universal Education Foundation)	www.learningforwellbeing.org
Office of Birth and Childhood - ONE	www.one.be
PPS Social Integration, Anti-Poverty Policy, Social Economy and Federal Urban Policy	www.mi-is.be
The Open Door (La Porte Ouverte)	www.laporteuverte.eu/index.html
VBJK, Ressource and Research Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education	www.vbjk.be
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Bulgaria	
Cedar Foundation	www.cedarfoundation.org
For our Children Foundation	www.detebg.org
Know-how Centre for Alternative Care for Children, New Bulgarian University	http://www.knowhowcentre.nbu.bg
National Network for Children - Bulgaria	www.nmd.bg
Social Activities and Practices Institute	www.sapibg.org
Croatia	
Coordination of Associations for Children	-
Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Zagreb**	https://www.erf.unizg.hr/en
Ombudsman for Children - Croatia	www.dijete.hr
Society "Our Children" Opatija	www.dnd-opatija.hr
Union of Societies "Our Children" Croatia	www.savez-dnd.hr
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Cyprus	
Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence*	www.cscs.org.cy
Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children	http://pccpwc.org/
Czech Republic	
Defenders of Children's Rights - DCI	www.dci.cz
Czechia (former Defence for Children International)	
In the Interest of the Child, the Civic Association	www.vzd.cz
Velky vuz Sever**	http://www.velkyvuz-sever.cz
Vterina poté (Second After)	www.vterinapote.cz
Denmark	
Fairstart Foundation	www.fairstartfoundation.com
Joint Council for Child Issues (Børnesagens Fællesråd)	www.boernesagen.dk
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Estonia	
Estonian Union for Child Welfare	http://www.lastekaitseleht.ee/en/
Family for Each Child (Igaale Lapsele Pere)*	www.kasupered.ee
Finland	
Central Union for Child Welfare Finland	www.iskl.fi
Mannerheim League for Child Welfare	www.mll.fi
Pesäpuu Ry - Centre of Expertise in Child Welfare	www.pesapuu.fi
France	
Association Samuel Vincent	http://samuelvincent.fr/
Comité National de Solidarité Laïque	www.solidarite-laique.org
Fondation des Apprentis d'Auteuil	www.fondation-auteuil.org
Group SOS Youth	www.groupe-sos.org/jeunesse
Initiatives of Change France	http://fr.iofc.org/home
National Federation of Association for Child Protection - France	www.cnape.fr
Nexem**	www.nexem.fr
Secours Populaire Français	www.secourspopulaire.fr
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Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe	www.agj.de
Bavarian Youth Council	www.bjr.de
Children's Foundation Germany**	www.dkhw.de
German Association for Youth Protection	www.deutscher-jugendschutzverband.de
National Coalition Germany - Network for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	www.netzwerk-kinderrechte.de
Greece	
ERGO-LEARNING4LIFE	http://ergo.academy/
EYSEKT - ESF Actions Coordination and Monitoring Authority	www.esfhellas.gr/en/Pages/Default.aspx
Freedom Gate Greece	www.freedomgate.gr/index.php/en
Iliachtida - Hospitality Centre for Sick Children and Family	www.iliachtida.gr
Network for Children's Rights - Greece	www.ddp.org.gr
Prolepsis Institute	www.prolepsis.gr
Roots Research Center NGO	www.roots-research-center.gr
Society for the Development and Creative Occupation of Children	www.eadap.gr
The Smile of the Child	www.hamogelo.gr
Union of Women of Heraklion	www.kakopoiisi.gr/
Hungary	
Family, Child, Youth Association	www.csagy.hu/en/
Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights - Hungary	www.ajbh.hu/
Terre des Hommes Fondation Lausanne in Hungary	www.tdh-europe.org
Ireland	
Centre for Effective Services	www.effectiveservices.org
Children's Rights Alliance Ireland	www.childrensrighs.ie
Early Childhood Ireland*	www.earlychildhoodireland.ie
EPIC - Empowering People in Care**	www.epiconline.ie
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Cesvi**	https://www.cesvi.org
CIFA	www.cifaong.it
Associazione Amici dei Bambini	www.aibi.it
Fondazione L'Albero della Vita ONLUS	www.alberodellavita.org
Intermedia Social Innovation	www.intermediasocialinnovation.org
Istituto Degli Innocenti	www.istitutodeglinnocenti.it
Mission Bambini Foundation	www.missionbambini.org
Patrizio Paoletti Foundation for the development and communication	www.fondazionepatriziopaoletti.com

Kosovo	
Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection- KOMF	www.komfkosova.org/?lang=en
Latvia	
Latvian Child Welfare Network	www.bernulabklajiba.lv
Latvian Protect the Children	www.glabetbernus.lv
Lithuania	
Lithuanian Informal Coalition of Non-governmental Organisations for Child Rights	-
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Luxembourg	
Ombuds - Committee for the Rights of the Child	http://ork.lu/index.php/en/
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of	
First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi	www.childrensembassy.org.mk
Malta	
Foundation for Social Welfare Services	https://fsws.gov.mt
Office of the Commissioner for Children, Malta	www.tfal.org.mt
The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society	www.pfws.org.mt
Netherlands	
Bureau MUTANT*	www.mutant.nl
Children's International Press Centre Foundation**	www.childpresscentre.org/
Dutch Children's Rights Coalition, represented by Defence for Children International - The Netherlands	www.defenceforchildren.nl
EACH European Association for Children in Hospital	www.each-for-sick-children.org
International Child Development Initiatives	www.icdi.nl
International Step by Step Association (ISSA)*	www.issa.nl
Netherlands Youth Institute	www.nji.nl/
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Poland	
Child and Family Foundation	http://fdir.pl/index.php/pl
Department of Applied Sociology and Social Work - University of Lodz	www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl
Empowering Children Foundation (formerly Nobody's Children Foundation)	www.fdds.pl
Happy Kids Foundation**	www.happykids.org.pl
One World Association	www.jedenswiat.org
Polish Foster Care Coalition	www.koalicja.org
Portugal	
SOS Criança Department (Instituto de Apoio à Criança)**	http://www.iacrianca.pt/index.php/en/
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Federation of NGOs for Children - Romania	www.fonpc.ro
OvidiuRo*	www.ovid.ro
Ador Copiii Association - The Community of Adoptive Families	www.adorcopiii.ro
Heart of a Child Foundation	www.inimadecopil.ro
Hope and Homes for Children Romania	www.hhc.ro
Serbia	
Child Rights Centre	www.cpd.org.rs
Children and Youth Support Organisation - Pomoc Deci	www.pomocdec.org
European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth	www.youth-sport.net
Network of Organisations for Children of Serbia - MODS	www.zadecu.org
Slovakia	
Coalition for Children - Slovakia	www.koaliciapredeti.sk
Slovenia	
Legal-Informational Centre for NGOs - Slovenia**	http://pic.si/about/
Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth	www.zpms.si
Slovenian NGO Network ZIPOM	www.sredisce-zipom.si
Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia - Child Observatory*	www.irssv.si

Spain	
Federació d'Entitats d'Atenció i d'Educació a la Infància i l'Adolescència (FEDAIA)	www.fedaia.org
FICE Spain	http://fice-es.org
Fundación Montessori sin Fronteras	-
iCmedia	www.icmedianet.org
Plataforma de Organizaciones de Infancia	www.plataformadeinfancia.org
Research Team : Intervention - Faculty of Psychology and Education - Universidad de Deusto	www.deusto.es
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Active - Sobriety, Friendship, Peace	www.activeeurope.org
IOGT-NTOs Juniorförbund (JUNIS)	www.junis.org
Mälardalen Research Center*	www.malardalencrc.se
Örebro Regional Development Council	www.regionorebro.se
Social Services of Halmstad	www.halmstad.se
The Association for Promotion of Family Centers	www.familjecentraler.se
World Organisation for Early Childhood Education	www.worldomep.org
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Ariel Foundation International	http://arielfoundation.org
Children's Rights European Academic Network (previously ENMCR)	http://crean-network.org
International Association for Steiner/ Waldorf Early Childhood Education	www.iaswece.org
Turkey	
Hayat Sende Youth Academy Association**	http://hayatsende.org/
Ukraine	
International Charity Partnership for Every Child**	www.p4ec.org.ua
Hope and Homes for Children Ukraine	www.hopeandhomes.org.ua
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Child to Child	www.child-to-child.org
Children England*	www.childrenengland.org.uk
Children in Northern Ireland	www.ci-ni.org.uk
Children in Scotland	www.childreninScotland.org.uk
Children in Wales	www.childreninWales.org.uk
Children's Parliament Scotland**	www.childrensparliament.org.uk/
Children's Rights Alliance for England	www.crae.org.uk
Department of Applied Social Research, University of Bedfordshire	www.beds.ac.uk
European Children's Rights Unit - University of Liverpool	www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/
Health and Social Care Board	www.hscboard.hscni.net
Home-Start Worldwide	www.homestartworldwide.org
International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO)	www.ifco.info
Lifestart Foundation	www.lifestartfoundation.org
Middlesex University	www.mdx.ac.uk
Refugee Rights Europe**	http://refugeerights.org.uk
The Early Years Organisation	www.early-years.org
Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)	www.togetherscotland.org.uk
UNESCO Centre	www.unescocentre.ulster.ac.uk
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