

Eurochild Member Day Sessions

10 May 2022 10:00 – 16:15 CEST

11 May 2022 14:00 – 16:30 CEST

Member Days programme

In the **Plenary**, we will reflect together on the context Eurochild is working in to protect and promote children's rights in Europe. Later, we will be joined by European Commission Vice-President on Democracy and Demography, Dubravka Šuica for a short Q&A.

During the **Members' Time Session**, the Secretariat will present Eurochild's draft **network's strategic framework** that will guide our collective work in the upcoming three years, up until 2025. Members will have the opportunity to reflect and discuss how this framework can support and address their priorities in plenary and break-out groups.

In the **Learning Sessions**, members will have the opportunity to reflect and discuss on Eurochild's emerging thematic priorities: protecting children's rights in the digital world and supporting children fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

The **Closing Session** will give the opportunity for all participants of these two-day event to meet again all together, hear a bit about sessions they might have missed, and give their feedback before switching off.

Plenary

Tuesday 10 May 2022, 10:00 – 12:15 CEST

The room will be open from 9:45.

There will be a short comfort break at 10:50 before welcoming Vice-President Šuica.

Scene setting 10:00-10:50

The war in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on children, including grave violations of children's rights. In addition children across Europe have been negatively impacted by the pandemic and poverty levels are on the rise. In the opening session, the Eurochild President & Secretary General will reflect on the external and internal context for Eurochild's work to protect & promote children's rights in Europe. It will build on what members' have shared during the 'open space for solidarity' sessions as well as via other collaborative spaces offered by the network. Members will have the opportunity to reflect on, question, or confirm what they hear, as well as to contribute to a draft statement that will be shared in advance.

Dialogue with the EC 11:00-11:45

At 11:00 CEST we will be joined by the **European Commission Vice-President on Democracy and Demography, Dubravka Šuica**. After a short statement from the European Commission, members will have the opportunity to bring questions or raise issues and concerns that need to be brought to the EU's attention and addressed in particular through the implementation of the EU's strategy on the rights of the child and taking account of the impact of the war in Ukraine on children across Europe.

Give space to the Eurochild community 11:45-12:15

Introduce a tool to allow members to exchange information on projects they are engaged in & brief sharing.

Facilitators:

Katharina Moser, Moderator

Speakers:

Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, Eurochild's President

Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild's Secretary General

Dubravka Šuica, European Commission Vice-President on Democracy and Demography



Members' Time Session

Tuesday 10 May 2022, 13:45 – 16:15 CEST

The room will be open from 13:30.

The session includes plenary & break-out groups, with comfort breaks.

Shaping Eurochild's future – discussions on strategic framework

In this session, the Secretariat will present Eurochild's draft **network's strategic framework** that will guide our collective work in the upcoming three years, up until 2025. This document explains the proposed four overarching goals and objectives, as well as our theory of change and decision-making framework.

Members will have the opportunity to reflect and discuss how this framework can support and address their priorities in plenary and break-out groups. These discussions will inform the final strategic framework & implementation plan for adoption by members at the Extraordinary General Assembly in November.

Resources:

[Eurochild Strategic Framework 2022-25](#)

Facilitators:

Katharina Moser, Moderator

Speakers:

Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General Eurochild



Shaping Eurochild's Future – Parallel Sessions on Emerging Thematic Priorities

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 14:00 – 16:00 CEST

The room will open at 13:30.

Parallel session 1: Protecting children's rights in the digital world

Childhood today is lived online and offline seamlessly and simultaneously. In the EU, **one in five users of digital services is a child, but the digital world was built on the premise that online, everyone is equal, meaning that everyone is treated as an adult.** This leaves children to explore the online world without the rights and protections to which they are due. Instead, the digital world should be a place where children's rights are embedded and upheld by design and default.

During the workshop, "Protecting Children's Rights in the Digital World", we will introduce some of the wide variety of emerging risks for children online and how these risks are coded into the online world.

We will also talk through the important opportunities for legislation and regulation to bring their online rights and protections up to par with those they enjoy in their offline lives. In parallel, we will identify opportunities where the Eurochild membership can have an impact for children.

The final part of the workshop will **present a Child Online Safety Toolkit** designed to guide legislators to implement international standards on child online protection - including the Sustainable Development Goals, UN Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, and UNCRC General Comment No. 25 on children's rights in the digital environment.

The toolkit presentation will be followed by a discussion on how this can be implemented at the national level, with opportunities to share experiences, best practise, and ideas for advocacy.

Speakers:

5 Rights Foundation

Eurochild Secretariat – Sarah Abitbol, Mieke Schuurman



Parallel session 2: Children on the move - how can we support children fleeing Ukraine?

The invasion of Ukraine is devastating the lives of the country's 7.5 million children. Over 2.5 million of them have fled Ukraine, some with their families, their wider community, with strangers, and others all by themselves. Countries across Europe, particularly in the neighbouring region, are doing their utmost through concerted civil society and citizen-led initiatives, and official government bodies, to ensure the rights and protection of these children. Eurochild members are at the forefront of these efforts.

In this workshop, we will be joined by [Child Circle](#), a centre of expertise on EU child rights and child protection policy, with a focus on children in migration and child victims of violence. Child Circle has been collaborating with Eurochild and UNICEF ECARO on a discussion paper highlighting priority issues that face unaccompanied and separated children fleeing Ukraine and arriving in the EU.

The paper is connected to an urgent mapping Eurochild has carried out with UNICEF on the legal and policy frameworks for children deprived of parental care and/or unaccompanied and separated children arriving

from Ukraine. This builds on our work with DataCare, evidencing and advocating the need for more robust and integrated data collection systems for some of Europe's most vulnerable children.

The mapping and discussion paper informs our efforts to push for strengthening integrated child protection systems across Europe. Eurochild's members have been integral in helping us complete this rapid review.

In the first half of this workshop, we will hear from Child Circle on their discussion paper and the key areas of concern it raises.

In the second part, the Eurochild Secretariat and members will collectively reflect on these developments and consider what Eurochild can do as a network to support children in migration displaced by the invasion of Ukraine in the immediate and longer-term through our new Strategic Framework.

Speakers:

Child Circle – Rebecca O'Donnell, Jyothi Kanics and Nadine Finch

Eurochild Secretariat – Jana Hainsworth, Ally Dunhill, Zuzana Konradova and Ciaran O'Donnell



Closing Session

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 16:15 – 17:00 CEST

We will close our meetings with a short recap of what has happened, a bit of celebration, a bit of evaluation, and some words of acknowledgement and farewell. We hope you will join us to mark the end of these two days of annual gathering of Eurochild.