

DELIVERING FOR CHILDREN: TOWARDS THE EU STRATEGY ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

13th European Forum on the Rights of the Child

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29-30 September – 1 October 2020

29 September – day 1

- 8:45 – 9:00 On-line check-in
- 9:00 – 9:20 **Welcome & Introduction**
- Ali Al-Jaberi & Akhrat Selevani – moderators
 - Barbara Nolan, Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights Policy, European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers
- 09:20 – 9:30 Ice-breaker
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Children’s participation to the political and democratic life in the EU**
- Opening remarks, Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice**
- Conversation between the Commissioner and two children** about the political priorities of the European Commission.
- 10:00 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:20 **High-level session 1: *Why do we need a strategy on the rights of the child?***
Conversation moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi & Akhrat Selevani
- Dubravka Šuica - Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography
 - Dr. Franziska Giffey - Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany (tbc)
 - Lucilia Gago - Prosecutor-General, Portugal
 - Saskia Bricmont – Member of the European Parliament, Co-chair of the Intergroup on children’s rights
 - Marija Pejčinović Burić - Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Q&A (chat)*
- 11:20 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 **Parallel workshops sessions - Ongoing EU initiatives on the rights of the child**

Each workshop will combine interventions and discussion in smaller groups. The topics chosen below reflect some of the overarching pillars of the strategy.

Workshop 1: Combating violence against children

Workshop 2: Inclusive societies

Workshop 3: Inclusive education

Workshop 4: Child friendly justice

12:30 – 12:45 The best of the day and see you tomorrow

30 September – day 2

8:45 – 9:00 On-line check-in

9:00 – 9:10 **Introduction to day 2**, Valeria Setti, European Commission Coordinator on the Rights of the Child

9:10 – 9:20 Yesterday's highlights and take-aways

9:20 – 9:30 **Keynote speech: Ewa Kopacz, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Coordinator on children's rights**

09:30 – 10:45 **High-level session 2: *What can we learn from COVID-19 – children's rights in emergency situations***, Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi & Akhrat Selevani

- Najat Maalla M'jid, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Michael O'Flaherty - Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Representative of Joining Forces alliance
- #CovidUnder19, a child's perspective
- Representative of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) (tbc)

10:45– 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 **Parallel workshops sessions – Children at the centre**

Workshop 1: Combating violence against children

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Workshop 3: Inclusive education

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12:00 – 12:15 The best of the day and see you tomorrow

01 October – day 3

- 8:45 – 9:00 On-line check-in
- 9:00 – 9:10 **How can we take this forward: introduction to day 3**, Emmanuel Crabit, Director for Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- 09:10 – 9:20 **Presentation of recommendations for the upcoming EU strategy on the rights of the Child**, by the Child Rights Action Group and UNICEF
- 9:20 – 10:20 **Parallel workshops sessions – Your ideas for the Strategy**

The main objective of today's workshops is to identify concrete suggestions for the strategy.

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- 10:20 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:45 **High-level session 3: *Delivering for children: what are the needs and how can we get it right?*** Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi & Akhrat Selevani
- Adrien Taquet - State Secretary for Solidarity and Health, France (tbc)
 - Charlotte Petri-Gornitzka – Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF
 - Velina Todorova, Member of the Committee on the rights of the child
 - Judith Blake, Leader of Leeds City Council and Chair of the Eurocities working group on children's rights
 - Representative of Leeds' children and youth council
- 11:45 – 12:00 The best of the Forum and introduction to the last speakers.
Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi & Akhrat Selevani
- 12:00 – 12:10 **Taking this forward – hearing from children**
- 12:10 – 12:20 **Towards an EU strategy on the rights of the child - Conclusive remarks by Vice President Dubravka Šuica**