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promoting the welfare and rights
of children and young people

pour la promotion du bien-être et
des droits des enfants et des jeunes

**THE EUROPEAN NETWORK
PROMOTING THE WELFARE
AND RIGHTS OF CHILDREN
IN EUROPE**

Our aims

Promote the rights and well-being of children and young people
by influencing policy at European level
and strengthening members' capacity to
influence policy at national levels



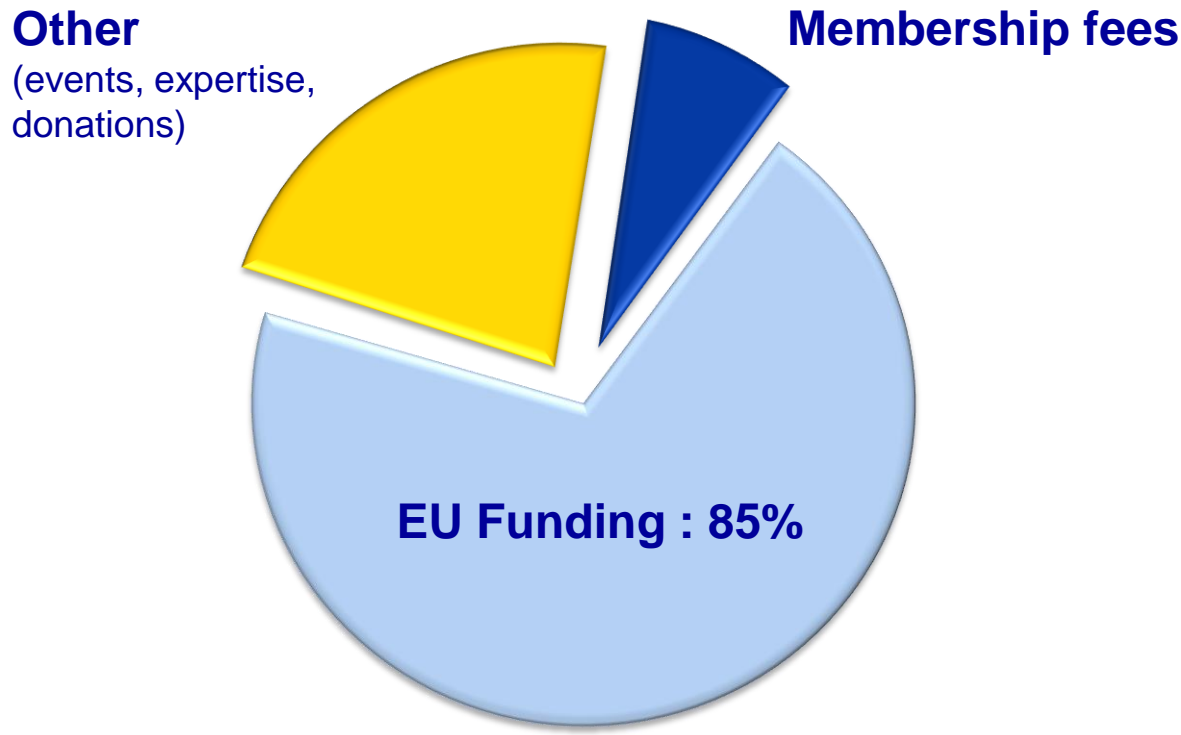
Empower children and young people to
participate

Support the implementation
of the **United Nations
Convention on the Rights
of the Child (UNCRC)**

Our members

- **91 full members**
- 26 associate and honorary members
- from **27 European and 8 non-EU countries**
- The only Europe-wide network that brings together:
 - **National umbrella organisations**
 - **European networks**
 - **Local, regional & national organisations**
 - **Statutory bodies**
 - **Researchers & academic institutions**

Our funding



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1. European Advocacy

Eurochild monitors & influences EU policy development in the following areas:-

- ➔ Children's rights
- ➔ Poverty & social exclusion
- ➔ Health & health inequalities – particularly children's mental health
- ➔ Education – particularly early years education & care & early school leaving
- ➔ Demographic change & family policies
- ➔ Anti-discrimination – age discrimination

Some of our recent work & successes are....

Recent lobby work on children's right

- ➔ **Position paper on the EU child rights strategy** (May 2010) circulated to *L'Europe de l'Enfance* (member state network) & all Children's ombudsmen
- ➔ Response to the **public consultation of EC** (August 2010)
- ➔ **Meetings with Reding's cabinet** & DG Justice (children's rights unit)
- ➔ Presentation in the **Child Rights Forum on children's participation** (14th October 2010)

Recent lobby work on children's right

Strong commitment with European Union (Belgian presidency)

towards a Recommendation on
child poverty & well-being with a
strong reference to the UNCRC.

Eurochild co-organized
the European Conference
WHO CARES
1st -2nd September 2010



Call for an EU Recommendation on
Child Poverty and Child Well-being
June 2010

Belgian Presidency of the European Union

Background Paper to the EU Presidency Conference:
Child Poverty and Child Well-Being

2-3 September 2010



Connection with Euronet activities

Eurochild and Euronet shared the same office in Brussels and worked very closely in the past.

Joint work included:

- ➔ **Joint event in the European Parliament on mainstreaming children's rights**
- ➔ **Joint position paper on child impact assessments**
- ➔ **Joint manifesto for the European Parliament elections 2009 on children's rights**
- ➔ **Joint membership of the European Economic & Social Committee**

2. Networking and strengthening members capacity

Eurochild strengthens member's capacity and encourages networking by :

- ➔ **Stimulating the exchange of good practice** amongst our members through our Thematic Working groups and Members Exchange Seminars on:
 - ✓ **Parenting support**
 - ✓ **Participation**
 - ✓ **Early years care**
 - ✓ **Children in alternative care**
- ➔ **Organising training and study tours** that allow members to evaluate how other practitioners work and learn from their good practice
- ➔ **Supporting the national advocacy of its members:** Eurochild issues papers and policy briefings to support advocacy work at national level

3. Information

- ➔ **Our weekly info-flash** provides information to members on the latest development at EU-level
- ➔ We inform the larger public of the necessity of promoting child well-being through **our monthly e-bulletin.**
- ➔ **Our website** is a useful resource for latest developments at EU level and update on our activities
- ➔ We issue **publications** on the outcomes of our seminars, events and researches, spreading the statements made on these occasions.
- ➔ We produce **videos** to allow children to express themselves on their lives in poverty

4. Participation

Eurochild is committed to **promote the participation of children in the political and democratic life of the EU.**

Eurochild involves children :

- ➔ **Through its events at the European Parliament** that allow children to have their voices heard
- ➔ **Through its membership** that includes peer-led groups of children and young people, like the Finnish Children's Parliament Association.

Valuing Children's Potential



How children's participation contributes to fighting poverty and social exclusion

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To bring about change for children in Europe

By joining Eurochild,
you will strengthen our network and
**reinforce work to bring change
for children in Europe.**

**Our strength is directly linked to the size of our
network and the experience of our members.**

Your experience and expertise will be enhanced at
European level.

Add-value to your own activities

- ➔ **Learning from each other**, share good practice and strengthen your capacity
- ➔ Information about **funding information** and calls for proposals
- ➔ Information about **initiatives and events** that impact on the implementation of children's rights
- ➔ You will **participate in our events at reduced cost**: sponsorship often available for travel and accommodation
- ➔ You will be invited to **represent Eurochild at external events** (travel expenses covered by Eurochild)

How to join Eurochild

To apply for membership, please visit our website www.eurochild.org and find the application form included in the « join us » packs.

You can directly contact our Membership Officer **Marie Dubit** in our office in Brussels.

The screenshot shows the Eurochild website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact us, Sitemap, and Other Languages. The main header features the Eurochild logo and the tagline 'promoting the welfare and rights of children and young people'. Below the header is a yellow navigation bar with categories: Who we are, News, Events, Policy Section, Publications, Useful links, and Members room. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- ABOUT EUROCHILD:** A brief description of Eurochild as a network of organizations working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people.
- MEMBERSHIP:** Information about current membership (121 members in 35 European countries) and a link to the membership application section.
- HIGHLIGHTS:** A list of recent news items, including 'How children's participation contributes to fighting poverty and social exclusion', 'An End to Universal Child Benefits in the United Kingdom', 'A comment on the ongoing Rome debate', and 'Latvian Minister for Welfare Uldis Augulis signed Eurochild's petition to put an end to child poverty'.
- EVENTS:** A list of upcoming events, such as 'Eurochild's 7th Annual Conference 2010' and 'Members' Exchange Seminar 2010 in Tallinn'.
- PUBLICATIONS:** A link to view all publications, with a recent entry 'New Eurochild publication on Child Participation'.
- NEWS FEEDS AND UPDATES:** A section for subscribing to the free bi-monthly News Bulletin, with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.
- END CHILD POVERTY NOW!:** A campaign section for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, featuring a cartoon character and a call to action to sign the petition.

**Thank you
for your attention and
we look forward to
welcome you soon as
member!**

