



# 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting of NGOs Children's Rights Coalitions in Europe

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# ChildONEurope

## European Network of National Observatories on Childhood

**Web site: [www.childoneurope.org](http://www.childoneurope.org)**

Officially set up on **24 January 2003**, after two years of preparatory works in the context of the Intergovernmental Group *L'Europe de l'Enfance*



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# L'Europe de l'Enfance

## **Background:**

EU had no specific competence in children's issues but many EU policies and legislations have an impact on children

## **Aim:**

- Ministers and/or high-level government officials need to meet and exchange strategies, viewpoints and best practices on children's issues in the context of EU policies and the UN CRC.
  - Introduction of mainstreaming of children's policies and the rights of the child in all policies of the EU.
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# L'Europe de l'Enfance (II)

## *Powers and procedures*

Informal meetings on a regular basis for EU-ministers and/or high-level officials holding responsibility for childhood policies organized by the Country holding the Presidency

No binding declarations

## *Relation with ChildONEurope*

L'Europe de l'Enfance maintains information exchange with ChildONEurope, may ask and give suggestions to ChildONEurope on the activities undertaken and the subjects dealt



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# Membership

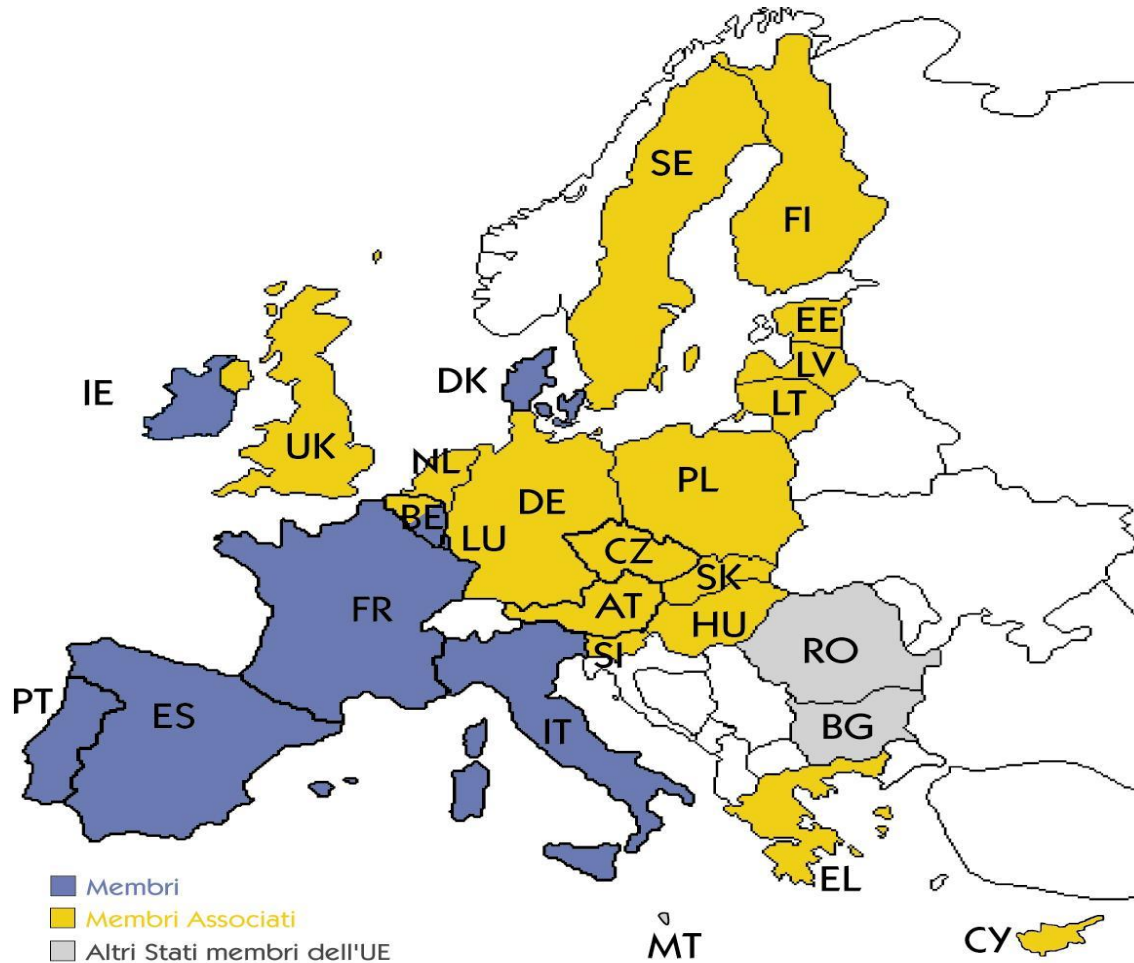
**Members:** Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain

**Associated Members:** Austria, Check Republic, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, the Netherlands and United Kingdom

**In the process of:** Bulgaria

**Not yet decided:** Malta and Romania

# Membership





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# Powers and procedures

## Assembly of Network Members

- decision-making body
- composed by the Network Member States
- EU States that are not part of the Network are admitted in the capacity of observers

## Secretariat

- role which enables it to make proposals and it has technical-scientific, logistic, documentary and communication support functions
  - functions assigned to the Italian National Childhood and Adolescence Documentation and Analysis Centre
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# Aims

**exchange of knowledge** and information on laws, policies, programmes, statistics, studies, research, best practices regarding childhood and adolescence

**exchange** of knowledge on **methodology and indicators** in order to obtain comparability of information

**comparative analysis** on specific subjects

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# Activities

- **Research and dissemination**
  - **Assemblies and Seminars**
  - **Documentation and communication**
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# Subjects of research (I)

## Early Childhood Education and Care Services

- Seminar on early childhood education and care (ECEC) services and promotion of social inclusion, Florence, 28 January 2010
- Integrated analysis of EU studies on ECEC services on the basis of the ChildONEurope review, commissioned by the Belgian Presidency of the EU (2010), the integrated review has the intention to provide policy makers and governmental representatives with concise indications regarding, from a qualitative point of view, the main challenges that European governments face today when setting up effective ECEC services and integrated policies.



# Subjects of research (II)

## Child Well-being Indicators

- European Seminar on Child Well-being Indicators, Florence, 29 January 2009

## Child Participation

- European Seminar "Towards A Culture Of Child Participation", Florence, 31 January 2008
- Review consists of the following actions:
  - (1) investigation and evaluation of the relevance of participation in the national law and policy systems;
  - (2) analysis of the different methodological approaches used in specific projects, defined as "case stories".



# Subjects of research (III)

## National and international Adoption

Comparative report addressing the need for knowledge and information sharing on legislation, data and practices on issues like: typologies of adoption, criteria for the suitability of singles and couples wishing to adopt, prerequisites for the declaration of the status of adoptability, operational protocols, post adoption services (2006).

- Guidelines on post adoption services January 2007

## Management of the demand for international adoption

Main areas of analysis: steps of the procedure in European receiving countries and sending countries; cooperation between sending and receiving countries; countries' strategies to manage the demand in international adoption

Comparative Report on International adoption in the European Union awarded to the Istituto degli Innocenti of Florence by the European Union Parliament (Contract notice 2008/S 20-024926).



# Subjects of survey (IV)

## Comparative survey on child abuse

Aimed at finding common instruments to compare experiences and approaches to the collection of data in this area in all the States that are part of the Network (2007) and focusing on qualitative and quantitative data and the description of national systems aimed at the monitoring of the phenomenon

- European Seminar "Monitoring Systems of Child Abuse: which kind of data for monitoring?", Florence, 18 January 2007
- Guidelines on Data Collection and Monitoring Systems on Child Abuse (June 2009)



# Subjects of research (V)

## CRC Committee's concluding observations on the last EU Countries' reports (in up-dating process)

On the occasion of its Semester of EU Presidency of 2006, Austria entrusted the ChildONEurope Secretariat with the mandate of carrying out a survey on the Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the last national reports discussed by the 25 EU Member Countries, 2 EU Accession Countries (Bulgaria and Romania) and 2 Candidate Countries (Croatia and Turkey).



# Subjects of research (VI)

**National Systems of Children's Legal Representation** entrusted by the Slovenian Government in occasion of the Semester of the EU Presidency (2008). Focused on the comparing the national experiences and practices on children's legal representation undertaken at the national level

## **Family mediation**

Survey on international and national legislation, statistics and questionnaires to family mediators, training centres, lawyers and judges commissioned by the Luxembourg EU Presidency (2005)

## **Unaccompanied foreign children**

Seminar of 4 December 2003 on best practices on national policies and programmes on welcome, integration and family reunification



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# Communication and promotion

**Reports:** on-line and printed publications

**Website:** ChildONEurope activities and information on European childhood organizations and events

**CD-Rom** containing all reports and collected documentation

**Brochures**

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### European Network of National Observatories on Childhood

ChildONEurope - the European Network of National Observatories on Childhood - is a technical-scientific body born in 2003 in the framework of the Permanent Intergovernmental Group "L'Europe de l'Enfance". The **partners** of ChildONEurope consist of the representatives of National Observatories and National Ministries in charge of policies for children, whereas L'Europe de l'Enfance is composed only by the Ministerial representatives.

ChildONEurope aims to create a forum for discussion and exchange of knowledge and best practices on children's policies, mainly through research and study activities. [More...](#)



Permanent Intergovernmental Group

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### 8 - 10 September 2010 Antwerp (Belgium)


High Level Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group  
L'Europe de l'Enfance

[>>website](#)

### ChildONEurope News


#### 11 June 2010

ChildONEurope Assembly Florence  
Florence, Istituto degli Innocenti

 [Program](#) (76 Kb)

#### 28 January 2010

Seminar on early childhood education and care (ECEC) services and promotion of social inclusion  
Florence, Istituto degli Innocenti

 [Program](#) (87 Kb)

### News

#### 3 - 5 November 2010, Örebro Castle, Sweden

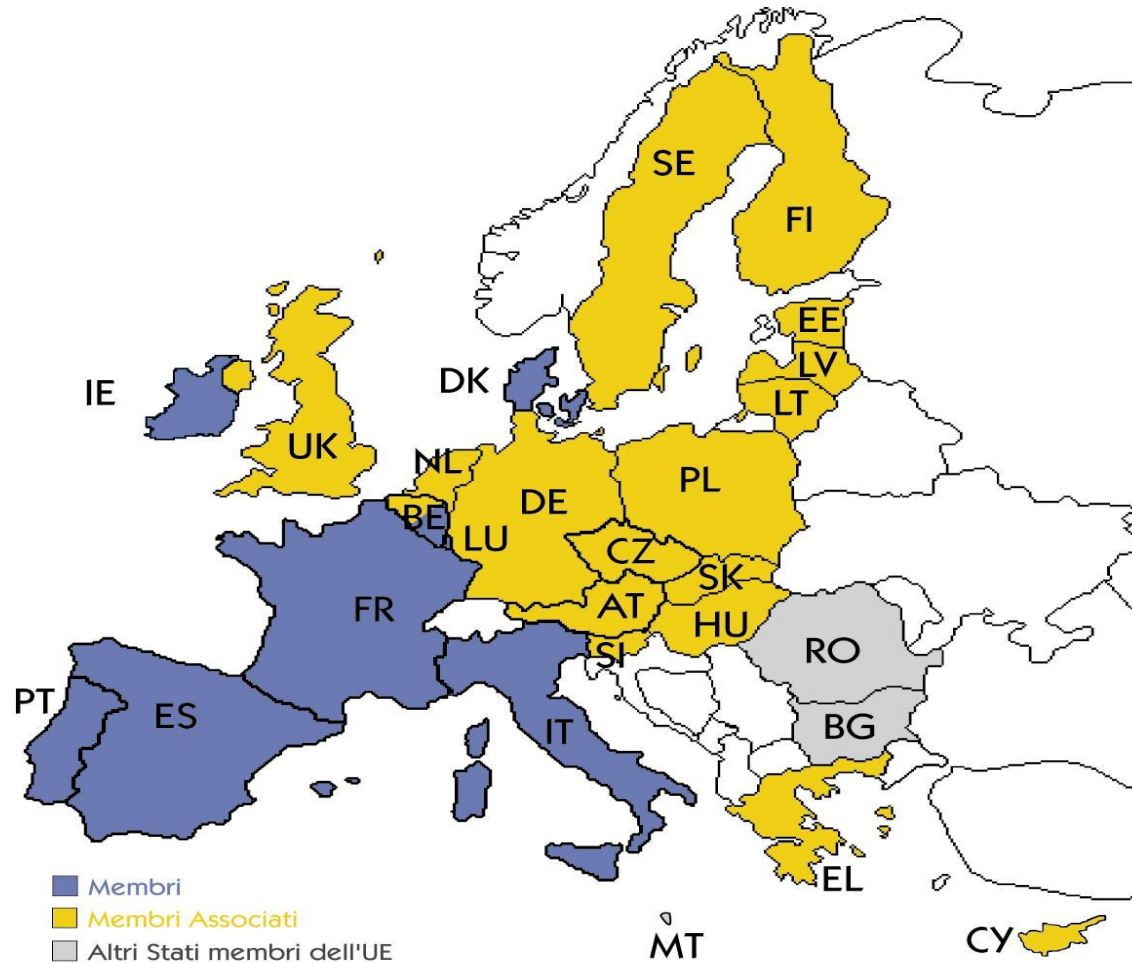
The 7th Annual Conference 2010 Eurochild's will focus on the issue of child poverty so to understand which could be the best strategies to end the problem.

[For more information](#)

#### 27 - 29 October 2010, Florence, Italy

5th Edition: Child in the City 2010 organized by the Child in the City Foundation and the European Network of

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