



### **Building a child-friendly Europe: Turning the puzzle into a picture**

Conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015

Monaco, 20-21 November 2011

### **Call for Expressions of Interest**

In April 2006, all Council of Europe partners gathered in Monaco at a high level conference to discuss children's rights. The over 300 participants called for a political commitment, a platform and a process which could guarantee that progress is made and that children's rights remain in the political agenda in the years to come. The first result of the "Monaco process" was the launching of the Council of Europe programme "Building a Europe for and with children".

Five years later, much progress has been achieved by the Council of Europe and its partners. The protection of children's rights has been improved in important policy areas such as justice, new media and migration. Effective action has been taken to combat all forms of violence against children. Most of the suggestions made by children participating in the 2006 conference have materialised in successful action. Since 2006, children have been part and parcel of this process and participated in innovative ways in the Council of Europe's work.

Despite the progress achieved, many challenges remain and new threats to children's rights have emerged. With its present 2009-2011 strategy coming to an end, the Council of Europe is currently preparing a new Council of Europe strategy on the rights of the child for the years 2012-2015, which it aims to discuss with the key stakeholders at the strategy conference.

#### **The objectives of the conference are:**

1. To assess the progress achieved since the launching of the Programme "Building a Europe for and with Children" in Monaco in 2006;
2. To discuss the priority axes of the new Council of Europe Strategy on the rights of the child and propose actions to be taken by the Organisation, its member states and other partners to put into practice the rich body of standards developed by the Council of Europe in the past years.

Participants: The conference will gather around 200 participants including representatives from governments, international organisations, NGO's, private enterprises, professional networks, parliamentarians, ombudspersons as well as children and young people.

**I wish to attend as a member of:**

a national delegation (country).....

an intergovernmental organisation (name).....

an NGO (name).....

a professional network (name).....

an enterprise (name).....

other (please explain).....

**Your personal data:**

Last name: .....First name: .....

Function:.....

Address:.....

Country: .....

Tel.: .....Mobile phone: .....

Fax:.....

E-mail: .....

Website.....

**Working languages:**      English      French

**Your motivation to attend:**

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**Which workshop would you like to attend?**

Making children the masters of the game: children's rights in the new media environment

Empowering children through learning: democratic citizenship and human rights education

Children's rights start at home: strong families for strong children

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**Please send this form by 15 July to the organising team of the conference.**

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Please note that in view of the limited capacity of the venue you are advised to send your expression of interest as soon as possible.