

TIME	LOCATION	MAX PAX	SESSION TITLE	SPEAKERS			GENERAL INFORMATION	TECHNICALITIES
				NAME	TITLE/POSITION	ORGANISATION		
SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2024 AFTERNOON – OPENING CEREMONY								
16-17	Irish college	All	Official Welcome	Benjamin Dalle Ilana Ivanova (TBC) Dubravka Sulca (TBC) Marie-Cécile Rouillon (TBC) Tobias Fliesenkemper	Flemish Minister of Brussels, Youth, Media and Poverty Reduction Commissioner on Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth Vice President European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child Head of Department Directorate of Democratic Participation	Flemish Government European Commission European Commission European Commission Council of Europe	Opening ceremony	Introduction by the facilitator
17-17.30	Irish college	All	Follow-up of the Spanish EU Presidency: presentation of the outcome of the European child participation meeting	Lucía Losoviz	Directora General de Derechos de la Infancia y de la Adolescencia	Ministerio de Derechos Sociales y Agenda 2030	End of September 2023, a European child participation meeting took place in Alcalá de Henares (Spain) under the Spanish EU Presidency. DG Losoviz will present the outcome of this child participation meeting, including the recommendations to the Spanish and future presidencies of the Council of the European Union made by the children who participated in the meeting ("Raising Our Voices").	Introduction by the facilitator Presentation (PPT) incl. video material from child participants
17.30-18	Irish college	All	Building on the comparative analysis of child & youth policies at EU, CoE & UN levels: presentation and evaluation of the State of the Art document on the European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's rights	Cristina Bacalco	Researcher on Adolescents, Youth, Policies & Human Rights	Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR)	Various policy agendas on children, youth and children's rights have been adopted at the European and international level. The State of the Art report offers an inventory of the main policies of the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations in which children and youth are the focus and that are aimed at influencing government policies. Cristina Bacalco will present the State-of-the-Art report of 2023 and the evolution since the 2010 Belgian EU Presidency.	Introduction by the facilitator Presentation (PPT)
Apero & diner								
MONDAY MORNING 22ND JANUARY 2024 - PLENARY SESSIONS								
9-9.30	Faculty Club	All	Setting the scene	Jana Hainsworth Spyros Papadatos Matteo Bartolini Ana Morgado Dan Moxon	Consultant EU Affairs, Civil Society, Systems Change Secretary General / Chairperson and Bureau Member of the Advisory Council on Youth Facilitator Intercultural Educator Freelance Consultant / Trainer / Facilitator in the field of youth Director	Rural Youth Europe / Council of Europe Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna People, Dialogue and Change	Introduction and explanation of the event context, roadmap and expected outcomes Presentation of the team	
9.30-10.30	Faculty Club	All	Coordination and cooperation between the European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child and the EU Youth Coordinator	Marie-Cécile Rouillon Biliana Sirakova Jan Vanhee	European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child EU Youth Coordinator European and International Youth Policy advisor / EU Youth affairs attaché / Chair of the Youth Working Party & Coordinator of the Belgian EU presidency on Youth Affairs	European Commission European Commission Representation of Flanders to the EU / Department Culture, Youth and Media	Session on youth and children's right mainstreaming Marie-Cécile Rouillon, who was appointed as the Coordinator for the Rights of the Child within the European Commission, coordinates work among all the departments of the Commission to make sure that the rights of the child are properly considered in all relevant policies and actions. The European Commission has nominated Mrs. Biliana Sirakova as the EU Youth Coordinator, with the objective of enhancing cross-sectoral cooperation, as well as knowledge development and exchange on youth issues within the European Commission's expertise.	Conversational style, guided by a facilitator
Coffee break								
11-12.30	Faculty Club	All	Taking a deep-dive into the participation instruments: experiences and state of play of the EU child participation platform, the EU Youth Dialogue and the CoE of involving children & young people in policy dialogue	Marie-Cécile Rouillon Nicholas Kujala Spyros Papadatos Cristina Bacalco	European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child Board member and political representative Secretary General Rural Youth Europe - Chairperson and Bureau Member of the Advisory Council on Youth Researcher on Adolescents, Youth, Policies & Human Rights	European Commission European Youth Forum Rural Youth Europe / Council of Europe Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR)	The EU Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child will give a presentation and state of play on the EU Child Participation Platform: the EU Child Participation Platform is still quite new. What has happened so far? What lessons have been learned? What are the plans for the future? The European Youth Forum will give a presentation and state of play on the EU Youth Dialogue: The EU Youth Dialogue has a much longer history and has a lot of different tools that have been tried and tested. What's its current state-of-play? What are the key lessons learned? The presentations are followed by a debate. Cristina Bacalco will join the discussion to reflect on parallels in the CoE's experience of	Each presentation of 20' max allowing 10' for Q&A. The presentations are followed by a debate & discussion of 30' moderated by the lead facilitator together with Spyros Papadatos
Lunch								
MONDAY AFTERNOON 22ND JANUARY 2024- BREAKOUT SESSIONS								
14-15.30 1A	Faculty Club	35	Integrating child & youth policies at a national level - Belgium (Flemish community), Germany and Ireland	Linda O'Sullivan Dorien De Vries Ann-Kathrin Fischer Colleague Ann-Kathrin Fischer	Child Rights Policy Unit Beleidsmedewerker Vlaams Jeugd- en kinderrechtenbeleid Aandachtsambtenaar armoede Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth European and International Youth Policy - Berlin	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth - Dublin Departement Cultuur, Jeugd en Media Afdeling Kennis en Beleid – Team Internationaal en Transversaal Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth European and International Youth Policy - Berlin	Case studies of Belgium (Flemish Community), Germany and Ireland	3 presentations of 20' each followed by Q&A - followed by a brainstorm session in the afternoon with the same break-out group
14-15.30 1B	Faculty Club	35	Integrating child & youth policies at a national level - Austria, Luxembourg & Norway/Denmark (TBC)	Carola Meier Alina Seel Joan Weber Norway/Denmark TBC.	Austrian Federal Chancellery Directorate General VI – Family and Youth Department VI/6 – Family Law Policy and Children's Rights Austrian Federal Chancellery Directorate General VI – Family and Youth Department VI/6 – Family Law Policy and Children's Rights Le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse Direction générale du secteur de la jeunesse – Service de la jeunesse	Austrian Federal Chancellery Directorate General VI – Family and Youth Department VI/6 – Family Law Policy and Children's Rights Austrian Federal Chancellery Directorate General VI – Family and Youth Department VI/6 – Family Law Policy and Children's Rights Le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse Direction générale du secteur de la jeunesse – Service de la jeunesse	Case studies of Austria, Luxembourg and Norway/Denmark (TBC)	3 presentations of 20' each followed by Q&A - followed by the same break-out group
14-15.30 1C	Faculty Club	35	What research tells us about EU child & youth policies & the potential for greater synergies	Dr. Frederike Hofmann-van de Poll Dr. Howard Williamson Chiara Carla Montà Slađjana Petkovic Giulia Salvetti	Senior Researcher Professor of European Youth Policy PHD, Researcher Senior consultant researcher Senior European and UN Youth Expert Youth and Education Officer at UNEP Youth Officer at UN Brussels	German Youth Institute Munich University of South Wales University of Milano-Bicocca, "Riccardo Massa" Department of Human Sciences for Education EU-CoE Youth Partnership UNEP / UN Brussels	Dr. Hofmann-van de Poll & Dr. Williamson will present the study: "European Youth Strategies - A reflection & analysis" Dr. Carla Montà will present the study: "Child Participation – An analysis of international & European policies on children's rights"	2 presentations of 30' each followed by Q&A - followed by the same break-out group
14-15.30			Monitoring implementation of EU child & youth				How are we measuring the implementation of EU's child rights and youth strategies? We will hear from experts responsible for monitoring frameworks in the youth sector from the EU, OECD & UN.	

16-17-30 1D	Faculty Club	20	Monitoring implementation of EU child & youth policies	Pietro Gagliardi	Policy Analyst	Public Governance Directorate OECD	Sladjana Petkovic: EU Dashboard of Indicators in the Youth Field Giulia Salvetti: Youth Scorecard 2030 Pietro Gagliardi: OECD work on youth empowerment	3 x 20' Presentations followed by Q&A
Coffee break								
16-17-30 2A	Faculty Club	35	Brainstorming & sharing of experience on integrated child & youth policies at a national level	Linda O'Sullivan	Child Rights Policy Unit	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth - Dublin	Brainstorm session: What are the pros & cons of more integrated child and youth policy at national level? What different approaches to integration of child and youth policy exist across the EU? What are their strengths and weaknesses? Identify up to 4 key recommendations for EU Member States and the EU	Session with the same breakout group 4 tables each with max. 8 participants Each presenter & the facilitator host a table discussion. 5' intro, 55' facilitated discussion, 30' feedback & discussion.
				Dorien De Vries	Beleidsmedewerker Vlaams Jeugd- en kinderrechtenbeleid Aandachtsambenaar armoede	Departement Cultuur, Jeugd en Media Afdeling Kennis en Beleid – Team Jeugd		
				Ann-Kathrin Fischer		Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth European and International Youth Policy - Berlin		
				Nina Priebsch		Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth European and International Youth Policy - Berlin		
16-17-30 2B	Faculty Club	35	Brainstorming & sharing of experience on integrated child & youth policies at a national level	Carola Meier		Austrian Federal Chancellery	Brainstorm session: What are the pros & cons of more integrated child and youth policy at national level? What different approaches to integration of child and youth policy exist across the EU? What are their strengths and weaknesses? Identify up to 4 key recommendations for EU Member States and the EU	Session with the same breakout group 4 tables each with max. 8 participants Each presenter & the facilitator host a table discussion. 5' intro, 55' facilitated discussion, 30' feedback & discussion.
				Alina Seel	Head of Department	Austrian Federal Chancellery Directorate General VI – Family and Youth Department VI/6 – Family Law Policy and Children's Rights		
				Joan Weber		Le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse Direction générale du secteur de la Jeunesse – Service de la Jeunesse		
				Norway/Denmark TBC				
16-17-30 2C	Faculty Club	35	Brainstorming & sharing of experience on integrated child & youth policies	Dr. Frederike Hofmann-van de Poll	Senior Researcher	German Youth Institute Münich	Brainstorm session: What are the pros & cons of more integrated child and youth policy at national level? What different approaches to integration of child and youth policy exist across the EU? What are their strengths and weaknesses? Identify up to 4 key recommendations for EU Member States and the EU	Session with the same breakout groups 4 tables each with max. 8 participants Each presenter & the facilitator host a table discussion. 5' intro, 55' facilitated discussion, 30' feedback & discussion.
				Dr. Howard Williamson	Professor of European Youth Policy	University of South Wales		
				Chiara Carla Montà	PhD, Researcher	University of Milano-Bicocca, "Riccardo Massa" Department of Human Sciences for Education		
				Cristina Bacalo	Researcher on Adolescents, Youth, Policies & Human Rights	Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR)		
16-17-30 2D	Faculty Club	20	Institutionalising child and youth participation in EU agenda-setting	Karen Van Laethem	Senior Public Affairs Officer	UNICEF Belgium	The EU Youth Dialogue has established mechanisms for youth engagement which influences the design and implementation of youth policies. Systematic and meaningful children's participation is still in its infancy. What makes child participation meaningful in high-level events? What has the experience been so far in involving children in EU Presidencies? What worked and didn't work and what lessons are there for the future? UNICEF Belgium – principles of meaningful child and youth participation UNICEF Spain – experience of the European child participation meeting in Alcalá de Henares UNICEF Romania – "The Europe Kids Want" (TBC)	3 x presentations of 15' (PPT) followed by a discussion UNICEF Belgium – principles of meaningful child and youth participation UNICEF Spain – experience of the European child participation meeting in Alcalá de Henares UNICEF Romania – "The Europe Kids Want" (TBC)
				Adriana Negueruela Macias	Técnica de Políticas de Infancia UNICEF	UNICEF España		
				UNICEF Romania (TBC)		UNICEF Romania		
Free time 17.30-18.30 Diner 18.30-21.00								
TUESDAY MORNING 23rd JANUARY - BREAKOUT SESSIONS								
9-10-30 3A	Faculty Club	35	When & how to involve children and youth in public decision-making?	Simon Truuant	Inhoudelijk stafmedewerker & Projectverantwoordelijke NieuwsWijshoezen!	Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten (Keki)	The Belgian Children's rights knowledge centre Keki will present their tool "The participation circle", intended for the (Flemish) policy officers on why, when & how to engage children in a meaningful way in public decision-making.	Workshop
				Marta Kujon	Assistant policy officer, rights of the child team	European Commission		
9-10-30 3B	Faculty Club	20	Minimum age policies & associated challenges	Dr. Ally Dunhill	Director of Policy, Advocacy and Communications	Eurochild	After a short introduction, discussion should tease out what lessons can be drawn for EU child and youth policies? What is the scope for convergence across the EU on minimum age policies?	The session will start with introductory statements of 5' from 3 experts, followed by a debate.
				Dr. Nina Ferencic (TBC)	Senior Regional Adviser on Adolescent Health, Development and Participation	UNICEF Europe & Central Asia office		
				Alina Seel	Head of Department	Austrian Federal Chancellery Directorate General VI – Family and Youth Department VI/6 – Family Law Policy and Children's Rights		
9-10-30 3C	Faculty Club	35	Mental health support for refugee & migrant children & young people	Helen Mason/colleague	Director of Operations	Child Helpline International	This break-out session will consist of 4 short presentations of different practices responding to the mental health needs of children and young people. The presentations will be followed by a discussion, reflecting on the mental health of refugee and migrant populations, as well as the implementation of the EU's youth and child rights strategies' goals around mental health and safety.	4 short presentations (max. 15'), followed by a debate of 30'
				Sibille Declercq	Director	AWEL		
				Jolien Potemans	Team Leader Quality and Advocacy	SOS Kinderdorpen		
9-10-30 3D	Faculty Club	35	Ombuds for Children: reflections on child & youth mental health & access to services	Sarah Meys	Beleidsadviseur Kinderarmoede, sociale beleid, media, mobiliteit, milieu, gezondheid, cultuur	Kinderrechtencommissariaat	A representative from the ombuds for children from the Flemish Community of Belgium will discuss what she is observing within her own constituency regarding mental health needs, the role of social media, and the role of schools.	This session will be in a conversational style, guided by a facilitator, starting with a brief introduction (no PPT necessary). The specific guiding questions for this session will be developed by the facilitator.
Coffee break								
11-12-00 4A	Faculty Club	35	Inclusive communities through active participation	Mieke Schuurman	Director of Child Rights & Capacity Building	Eurochild	The Malta Foundation will present how they have involved children and young people in the design and creation of safe open spaces in the community, in particular reaching out to vulnerable communities and children at risk of marginalisation. Eurochild will present how their participation work is reaching the most marginalised groups of children and youth. It will draw on member's experience of children/youth participating in decisions on public spaces. SOS Children's Villages International will present the "Together" project that aims to contribute to better embedding children's rights in the responses to crisis situations across the EU, by empowering children and young people living in vulnerable family situations and in alternative care to participate meaningfully in decisions and solutions at local, regional and national level on all matters affecting them.	3 x presentations of 15' (focus on participation in public spaces), followed by a discussion of 15' The expert participants should think about their key message to child & youth policy makers about the importance of public space & participation.
				Name Speaker TBC		Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society		
				Name Speaker TBC		SOS Children's Villages International		
11-12-00 4B	Faculty Club	35	Child and youth participation in urban planning	Mona Meilenberg	Child Rights Advocacy Head of Child Friendly Community and City Development	UNICEF Switzerland and Liechtenstein	How do we make and maintain child- and youth friendly public spaces and sustain meaningful and inclusive child and youth participation over time? Participants will learn from the experience in Switzerland, the city of Vienna and Budapest.	3 presentations of 15' each followed by Q&A
				Bettina Schwarzmayr		WIENXTRA-Pädagogik		
				Dr. Maria Hertzog	Chair	Family, Child, Youth Association		
11-12-00 4C	Faculty Club	20	Ensuring children's and youth health & safety in public spaces	Sander Van Thomme	Director Policy & Social Change	Universiteit Gent	Public spaces play a crucial role in the lives of children and young people. Children themselves highlighted the safety of public spaces as one of their primary concerns (ES Presidency). The speakers will introduce three projects: - Sander Van Thomme - JOB rapport - Plan International Belgium - project 'safer cities' - Jes Brussels - girls and public space The introductions will be followed by a debate on how to ensure youth and children's safety.	Introductory statements of 5-10' (no PPT required) followed by a conversation. Questions will be developed with the facilitator. The expert participants should think about their key message to child & youth policy makers about the importance of public space, mental health & participation.
				Roméo Matas		Plan International Belgium		
				Name Speaker TBC		Jes Brussels		

11-12.00 4D	Faculty Club	35	Child-Friendly cities label – presentation and good practice in Leuven	Katelline Wouters	Stad Leuven	Jeugdconsulent Jeugdruimte	<p>Bataljong will present the child friendly city label, that has its origins in the international Child Friendly Cities movement, started by the UN and UNICEF. Every two years, a jury awards the label to cities and municipalities that demonstrate that they have a long-term ambition to work on making their policy child-friendly.</p> <p>A representative of the city of Leuven (our host city) will speak about its journey to become a child-friendly city and how this has influenced its infrastructure and public spaces.</p>	Presentation (PPT) and good practice in Leuven
				Imke Pichal	Coördinatie kindvriendelijke steden en gemeenten	Bataljong		
Coffee break								
TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY - CLOSING PLENARY								
12.15-13.15	Faculty Club	All	Reflections from the seminar Rapporteur and official closing statements	Dan Moxon	Director	People, Dialogue and Change	Closing session	
				Benjamin Dalle	Flemish Minister of Brussels, Youth, Media and poverty reduction	Department Culture, Youth and Media		
				Iliana Ivanova (TBC)	Commissioner on Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth	European Commission		
				Dubravka Sulca (TBC)	Vice President	European Commission		
Lunch								