



# Council of Europe - Child Rights Division

**“Strengthening National Child Participation Frameworks and Action  
in Europe”**

**CP4Europe**



# Council of Europe and Child Participation

- Under former [Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2016-2021\)](#) and current [Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2022-2027\)](#), Child Participation is one of core Council of Europe's objectives.
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2012\)2](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18.
- Strong experience of the Council of Europe in Child Participation and development of a model based on the [Child Participation Assessment Tool \(CPAT\)](#)
- CPAT rolled out in 10 countries + 3 partner countries under the CP4Europe Project.



# CP4Europe Project



- Joint Council of Europe and European Union (DG JUST) Project.
- From April 1st, 2021, to June 30th, 2023.
- Objective: To assess and strengthen child participation mechanisms and practice at national and local levels.
- Five partner countries: Czech Republic, Iceland, Finland, Portugal and Slovenia.



## CP4Europe Actors and Partners

- Five partner countries placed at different moments on the timeline reaching from assessment to strategy/action plan development to implementation – Finland and Slovenia already rolled-out CPAT.
- Key actors: Child Advisory Team composed of children from partner countries.
- Adults targeted: political and administrative decision-makers at various levels and professionals working with children.
- Experts supporting the design and development of deliverables.



# CP4Europe Key Deliverables Developed

- [Handbook on children's participation for professionals working with and for children](#)

The Handbook was drafted in English and translated in Finnish, Portuguese and Slovenian. Czech is being finalized.

- National reports of the project partners on the Implementation of the Child Participation Assessment Tool
- Guidelines for developing a National Children's Strategy
- Guidelines for decision makers to enhance child participation
- Child-friendly Child Participation Campaign Package



# CP4Europe Key Deliverables In-Progress

- Child-friendly CPAT
- CPAT outcome indicators
- Guidelines to involve children in decision making process
- Child Participation capacity building materials
- CP4Europe web-platform



# CP4Europe Evaluation and Final Conference

- Final external evaluation to assess the relevance, added-value, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the CP4Europe project.
- Final conference early June in Strasbourg – designed and led by children.

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# CP4Europe – Questions & Answers





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