

CALL TO ACTION

5 Key Themes presented by children from

EU Children's Participation Platform





Intergenerational Fairness

- Some adults blame children, and tell them off in a way that is hurtful. We want a change in the mentality in society: adult role models have to stop negative talking and bullying of others and stop blaming victims.
- The EU should organise events and campaigns where children and adults meet and discuss different topics.
- The EU should give more support to organisations that give children opportunities to express their opinions and participate in traditionally adult spaces such as local and national decision making, EU conferences, public discussions and other.
- Children and adults should work together against hate. Popularise the anti-hate speech for all by running campaigns in social media with publicly known persons with influence, valuing migrant children and LGBTQ+



Wellbeing in schools



- To get EU funding, the municipalities in member countries should be required to **make mental health care accessible at schools**. A lot of kids need help from professionals like teachers and/or psychologists and school counselors.
- Support members states to make sure that schools are renovated where needed and so that environments are not depressing, ensuring that children feel good. Since all children are by law going to school they should be **safe spaces**
- Children must be educated on their rights, so they know how to act when they are not respected. We want the EU to recommend all **members states to have this topic in the school curriculum**



Working together against hate

- **Make Erasmus bigger.** Have a bigger budget and make it more inclusive, so that more countries, schools and children can participate. This promotes that we understand each other better and creates less hate and learn more about cultures of other countries.
- The EU should **support schools so that children can learn more European languages** and also learn about the cultures in other European countries.
- Organise events to **support friendship between different minority groups**
- An **exchange on letters between children** from different EU countries organised by the EU.
- The **EU Children's Participation Platform** is important. It helps children meet and understand each other so it is a way to combat hate
- EU should **fund projects against hate.**



Online safety



- The EU should encourage **awareness raising** about what to do about cyberbullying, and also make sure governments get informed about online problems.
- **Teach teachers to teach children how to be safe.** Include in the bubble of what we learn - how to have private accounts, have healthy screen habits, how to work with information, and to think critically.
- Find ways to **use AI to recognize and prevent cyberbullying and find ways to use AI to help children with cyberbullying.**
- **Find ways to punish the companies for allowing children aged under 13 years to make social media accounts** by definite laws connected to governments.



Climate

- More funding should be **invested in research** to continue to evidence climate change and the impacts.
- Create more **spaces for pollinators** in our neighborhoods and around schools. These creatures are essential for climate protection.
- **Provide education** for all people (every generation) about the climate including how different aspects are connected.
- Change **labelling** so that people know **what really made their food** e.g. This was made by bees.
- Fund **better public transport** so people do not need to use their cars.
- **Climate change and war** are connected. This needs to be recognised when making decisions.