

Annex to the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child

# **EU AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS**





#### LEGAL NOTICE

This document has been prepared for the European Commission however it reflects the views only of the authors, and the European Commission is not liable for any consequence stemming from the reuse of this publication. More information on the European Union is available on the Internet (http://www.europa.eu).

Print ISBN 978-92-76-37239-4 doi:10.2838/586902 DS-02-21-576-EN-C

PDF ISBN 978-92-76-37237-0 doi:10.2838/807951 DS-02-21-576-EN-N

Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2023

© European Union, 2023

The reuse policy of European Commission documents is implemented by the Commission Decision 2011/833/EU of 12 December 2011 on the reuse of Commission documents (OJ L 330, 14.12.2011, p. 39). Except otherwise noted, the reuse of this document is authorised under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (CC-BY 4.0) licence (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). This means that reuse is allowed provided appropriate credit is given and any changes are indicated.

For any use or reproduction of elements that are not owned by the European Union, permission may need to be sought directly from the respective rightholders.

 $\hbox{cover: $\mathbb{O}$Gettyimages: iStock / Getty Images Plus UnitoneVector}\\$ 

# ANNEX 1 RIGHTS OF THE CHILD — EU AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

This Annex presents in detail the relevant rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the goals and targets of the UN Sustainable Development Goals protected and promoted by the different strands of the EU Strategy on the rights of the child.

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (¹)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
INTRODUCTION	Art. 24: The rights of the child Art. 24.2: Best interests of the child Art. 24.1.1: Right of the child to protection and care  Art. 20: Equality before the law Art. 21: Non-discrimination Art. 23: Equality between women and men Art. 26: Integration of persons with disabilities  Art. 2: Right to life	Art. 1: Definition of the child  General principles:  • Art. 2: Non-discrimination  • Art. 3: Best interests of the child  • Art. 6: The right to life, survival and development  Art. 23: Children with disabilities and measures taken to ensure their dignity, self-reliance and active participation in the community, through access to all kinds of services, transportation and institutions, and in particular to education and cultural activities  Art. 7 UNCRPD: Children with disabilities	SDG 10: Reduce inequality Target 10.3: Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies, and action in this regard  Target 10.2: Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status  SDG 5: Gender equality Target 5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere  Target 5.c: Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels
		Art. 30: Children belonging to a minority or an indigenous group;  General measures of implementation  • Art. 4: Implementation of the Convention  • Art. 4: International cooperation  • Art. 44.6: Make UNCRC reports available to the public	SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals Target 17.2. Implement all development assistance commitments Target 17.3. Mobilise financial resources for developing countries

<sup>(1)</sup> The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union applies to Member States only when they are implementing European Union law.

<sup>(2)</sup> The EU is party to the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). Relevant Articles of this Convention are also mentioned in this column.

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
CHILD PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND DEMOCRATIC LIFE	Art. 24.1: Right of the child to express his/her views  Art. 10: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion  Art. 12: Freedom of assembly and of association  Art. 22: Cultural, religious and linguistic diversity	Art. 12: Respect for the views of the child  Art. 7.3 UNCRPD: Right of children with disabilities to express their views  Art. 13: Freedom of expression and the right to seek, receive and impart information  Art. 14: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion  Art. 15: Freedom of association and of peaceful assembly  Art. 42: Knowledge of rights	SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions Target 16.7: Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels  Target 16.10: Ensure public access to information (), in accordance with national legislation and international agreements  SDG 4: Quality education Target 4.7: Ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (¹)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION	Art. 7: Respect for private and family life Art. 9: Right to marry and right to found a family (in relation to their parents) Art. 24.3: Right of the child to maintain on a regular basis a personal relationship and direct contact with parents  Art. 33: Protection of family and professional life Art. 34: Social security and social assistance  Art. 32: Protection of young people at work  Art. 36: Access to services of general economic interest Art. 38: Consumer protection	Art. 5: Family environment and parental guidance in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child Art. 18: Parents' common responsibilities, assistance to parents and provision of childcare services  Article 23 UNCRPD - Respect for home and the family  Art. 26 and Art. 18.3: Social security and childcare services and facilities Art. 27.1-3: Standard of living and measures taken, including material assistance and support programmes with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing, to ensure children's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development, and to reduce poverty and inequality  Children in street situations;	SDG 1: End poverty Target 1.1: Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day Target 1.2: Reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions Target 1.3: Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable Target 1.5: Build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.  SDG 7: Energy Target 7.1: Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services  SDG 11: Sustainable cities Target 11.1: Ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums Target 11.2: Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, () children () Target 11.7: By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children ().  Target 8.b: By 2020, develop and operationalise a global strategy for youth employment

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
HEALTH	Art. 3: Right to integrity of the person  Art. 35: Health care  Art. 37: Environmental protection	Art. 6.2: Survival and development Art. 24: Health and health services, in particular primary health care Art. 33: Efforts to address the most prevalent health challenges, to promote the physical and mental health and well-being of children and to prevent and deal with communicable and noncommunicable diseases; Art. 33: Reproductive health rights of adolescents and measures to promote a healthy lifestyle; Art. 33: Measures to protect children from substance abuse	SDG 2: End hunger Target 2.1: End hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round Target 2.2: End all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating women.  SDG 3: Healthy lives Target 3.1: Reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births Target 3.2: End preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births Target 3.7: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes Target 3.8: Achieve universal health coverage () access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
(HEALTH)			SDG 5: Gender equality  Target 5.6: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences.
			SDG 6: Water and sanitation  Target 6.1: Achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all  Target 6.2: Achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations  Target 6.b: Support and strengthen the participation of local communities for improving water and sanitation management
			SDG 13: Climate change  Target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning  Target 13.b: Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (¹)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
EDUCATION	Art. 14: Right to education	Art. 28: The right to education, including vocational training and guidance Art. 29: The aims of education with reference also to the quality of education; Art. 30: Cultural rights of children belonging to indigenous and minority groups Education on human rights and civic education; Art. 24 UNCRPD: Education  Art. 31: Rest, play, leisure, recreation and cultural and artistic activities	SDG 4: Quality education Target 4.1: Ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes Target 4.2: Ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education Target 4.4: Substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship Target 4.5: Eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations Target 4.6: Ensure that all youth () achieve literacy and numeracy  SDG 8: Economic growth and decent work Target 8.5: Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value Target 8.6: By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (¹)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND CHILD PROTECTION	Art. 1: Human dignity Art. 3: Right to integrity of the person Art. 24.1: Right of the child to protection and care  Art. 4: Prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Art. 19: Abuse and neglect Art. 9: Separation from parents Art. 20: Children deprived of a family environment Art. 25: Periodic review of placement  Art. 24.3: Measures to prohibit and eliminate all forms of harmful practices, including, but not limited to, female genital mutilation and early and forced marriages  Art. 34: Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse  Art. 37.a and Art. 28.2: The right not to be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, including corporal punishment  Art. 39: Measures to promote the physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration of child victims The availability of helplines for children  Art. 22: Children outside their country of origin seeking refugee protection, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, internally displaced children, migrant children and children affected by migration;	SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions Target 16.2: End abuse, exploitations, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children  SDG 5: Gender equality Target 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation Target 5.3: Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
(COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND CHILD PROTECTION)	Art. 5: Prohibition of Slavery / Forced Labour  Art. 32.1: Prohibition of child labour	Children in situations of exploitation, including measures for their physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration:  • Art. 32: Economic exploitation, including child labour with specific reference to applicable minimum ages;  • Art. 33: Use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances  • Art. 34: Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse  • Art. 35: Sale, trafficking and abduction  • Art. 36: Other forms of exploitation  • Child victims and witnesses of crimes:  • Art. 39: Physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration  • The training activities developed for all professionals involved () in the field of juvenile justice, including the Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime  • Art. 38: Children in armed conflicts  Follow-up to the Optional Protocol to the UNCRC I and II on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict  Article 16 UNCRPD: Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse	Target 8.7: Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
CHILD-FRIENDLY JUSTICE	Art. 24.1.2: Right of the child to express his/her views  Art. 24.3: Right of the child to maintain on a regular basis a personal relationship and direct contact with parents  Art. 18: Right to asylum  Art. 19: Protection in the event of removal, expulsion or extradition  Article 43: European Ombudsman  Art. 45: Freedom of movement and of residence  Art. 46: Diplomatic and consular protection  Art. 47: Right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial  Article 48: Presumption of innocence and right of defence  Art. 49: Principles of legality and proportionality of criminal offences and penalties	Art. 7: Birth registration, name and nationality Art. 8: Preservation of identity Art. 9: Separation from parents Art. 10: Family reunification  Art. 11: Illicit transfer and non-return; Measures to ensure the protection of children with incarcerated parents and children living in prison with their mothers. Art. 27.4: Recovery of maintenance for the child Art. 21: Adoption (national and intercountry)  Article 23 UNCRPD - Respect for home and the family  Children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crimes and juvenile justice:  Art. 40: The administration of juvenile justice, the existence of specialized and separate courts and the applicable minimum age of criminal responsibility  Art. 37.b-d: Children deprived of their liberty and measures to ensure that any arrest, detention or imprisonment of a child shall be used as measures of last resort and for the shortest amount of time and that legal and other assistance is promptly provided  Art. 37.a: The sentencing of children, in particular the prohibition of capital punishment and life imprisonment and the existence of alternative sanctions based on a restorative approach  Art. 39: Physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration	SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions Target 16.3: Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all Target 16.9: Provide legal identity for all, including birth registration Target 16.10: () Protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements  SDG 10: Reduce inequality 10.7 Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.

EU strategy on the rights of the child	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1)	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (²)	UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SOCIETY	Art. 8: Protection of personal data Art. 11: Freedom of expression and information	Art. 16: Protection of privacy and protection of image Art. 17: Access to information from a diversity of sources and protection from material harmful to a child's well-being	SDG 9: Resilient infrastructure/innovation  Target 9.c: Significantly increase access to ICT and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020
GLOBAL DIMENSION	_	rter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, the UN Convent re also relevant for all actions included in the Global a	ion on the Rights of the Child and the goals and targets of the limension section of the strategy.

# Getting in touch with the EU

#### In person

All over the European Union there are hundreds of Europe Direct information centres. You can find the address of the centre nearest you at: <a href="https://europa.eu/european-union/contact\_en">https://europa.eu/european-union/contact\_en</a>

### On the phone or by email

Europe Direct is a service that answers your questions about the European Union. You can contact this service:

- by freephone: 00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11 (certain operators may charge for these calls),
- at the following standard number: +32 22999696 or
- by email via: <a href="https://europa.eu/european-union/contact\_en">https://europa.eu/european-union/contact\_en</a>

# Finding information about the EU

#### Online

Information about the European Union in all the official languages of the EU is available on the Europa website at: <a href="https://europa.eu/european-union/index\_en">https://europa.eu/european-union/index\_en</a>

# **EU publications**

You can download or order free and priced EU publications at: <a href="https://publications.europa.eu/en/">https://publications.europa.eu/en/</a> publications. Multiple copies of free publications may be obtained by contacting Europe Direct or your local information centre (see <a href="https://europa.eu/european-union/contact\_en">https://europa.eu/european-union/contact\_en</a>).

#### EU law and related documents

For access to legal information from the EU, including all EU law since 1952 in all the official language versions, go to EUR-Lex at: <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu">http://eur-lex.europa.eu</a>

## Open data from the EU

The EU Open Data Portal (<a href="http://data.europa.eu/euodp/en">http://data.europa.eu/euodp/en</a>) provides access to datasets from the EU. Data can be downloaded and reused for free, for both commercial and non-commercial purposes. From the EU. Data can be downloaded and reused for free, both for commercial and non-commercial purposes.



Cover by DG.JUST Design by SG.A5