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Council of Europe Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment

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protect and fulfil the
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Building a Europe
for and with children



- Maximising opportunities,
minimising risks
- Guidelines adopted by the
Committee of Ministers in June
2018

How did we create the Guidelines?

Gap analysis and good practices

Consultation with children

Civil society throughout the process

Business sector

Parliamentarians

Group of Experts / CAHENF

Adopted by all 47 Member States of the COE

Fundamental principles

Best interests
of the child

Duty to
engage other
stakeholders

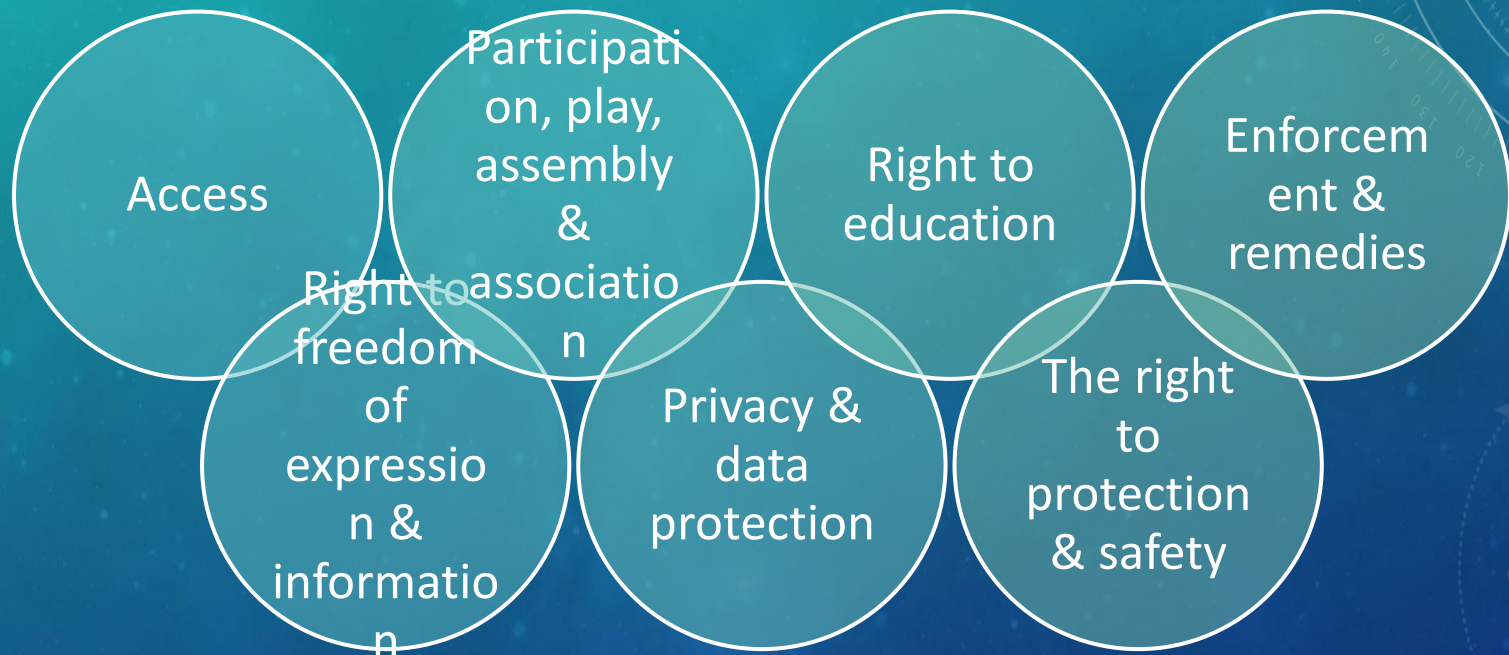
Evolving
capacities

Right to non-
discriminatio
n

Right to be
heard



Operational principles/measures



The Guidelines and Ombudspersons



“ States should, where appropriate, also provide children and/or their parents or legal representatives with non-judicial mechanisms, administrative or other means to seek remedy, such as through ombudspersons for children and other national human rights institutions and data-protection authorities ”

Paragraph 70, Guidelines

Provision of remedies

“

States should engage all relevant stakeholders, such as ombudspersons for children and other independent human rights institutions (...) in the design, drafting, implementation and evaluation of a national strategy or action plan.

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Paragraph 84, Guidelines

Engagement at all stages

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States and other relevant stakeholders should actively engage children to participate meaningfully in devising, implementing and evaluating legislation, policies, mechanisms, practices, technologies and resources (...)

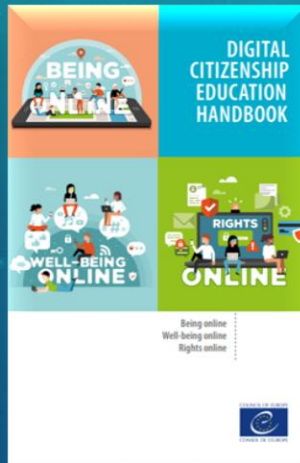
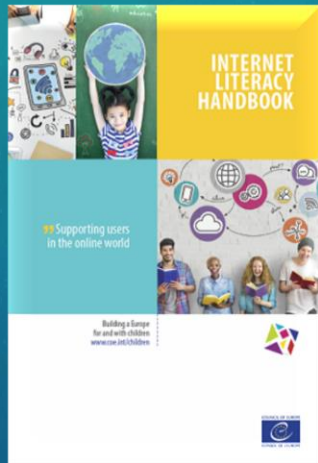
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Paragraph 7, Guidelines

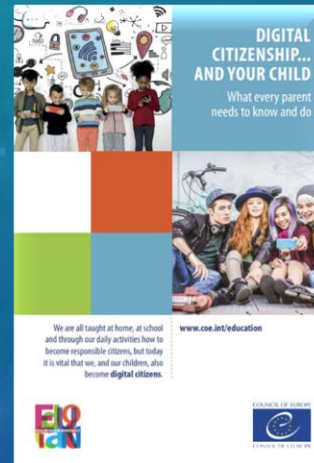
Listening to children

Awareness-raising and education

For children...



...caregivers & other stakeholders



Co-operation

Monitoring
work



Lanzarote
Committee



GRETA



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What more can the Council of Europe do?

Promoting the
Guidelines

Tools and
standards

Strengthening
partnerships

Engagement
with children

Monitoring
work

Evaluating
progress

Conference on Redefining power: Strengthening the rights of the child

The power of...

...Collaboration

...Inclusion

...Media

...Speaking up against violence

...Data

...Family relations

...Support

...Technology

Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child: looking to the future



18 NOVEMBER

European Day
on the Protection
of Children against
Sexual Exploitation
and Sexual Abuse

