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Children's rights
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Annual Theme CRSE

A holistic
approach to
empower
children

The Right to be informed : access to rights

The right to participate

The right to education

Child appropriate information

Discrimination

Protected from violence



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The issues raised:

Misunderstandings

Taboos

Misconceptions

Privacy

Children's rights, PARENTS and their
perceived rights

The Council of Europe brings some of the
solutions in the form of legislation and practical
tools



What is the reality of sex and sexuality education

Narrow

To date the education has been mainly focused on :

Early pregnancy

HIV

Sexually transmitted diseases

“Beware of”

We have to focus on the “need to know” and it has to be age appropriate



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The European Convention of Human Rights
Article 1, Protocol 1

“No person shall be denied the right to education. In the exercise of any functions which it assumes in relation to education and to teaching, the State shall respect the right of parents to ensure such education and teaching in conformity with their own religious and philosophical convictions.”

[KJELDEN, BUSK MADSEN AND PEDERSEN v. DENMARK \(1976\)](#)

[JIMENEZ ALONSO ET JIMENEZ MERINO v. SPAIN \(2000\)](#)

[DOJAN and Others v. Germany \(2011\)](#)





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The Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual abuse Article 6 on Prevention

*“take the necessary legislative or other measures to ensure that children, during primary and secondary education, receive information on the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, as well on the **means to protect themselves**, adopted to their evolving capacities. In this context it is recommended that this information be provided in **collaboration with parents** and where appropriate shall be given within a more general context of **information on sexuality** with special attention on to risks related to online information and communication technology”.*





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Article 9 on Participation of Children

Article 9 – Participation of children (...)

1 Each Party shall encourage the participation of children, according to their evolving capacity, in the development and the implementation of state policies, programmes or others initiatives concerning the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

67. ...including action plans, to combat the sexual exploitation and abuse of children must of necessity be informed by children's own views and experiences in accordance with their evolving capacity





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**1st round: The protection of children against sexual
abuse in the circle of trust (2014-2017)**

- 1. Criminal law framework**
- 2. Strategies**

**2nd round: Protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs
(06/17- ongoing)**



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Tell someone you trust

Make use of your
Lanzarote Convention Rights



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The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)

Digital parenting, sextortion, sexting, sex chatting, grooming and revenge porn



18 NOVEMBER

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of Children against
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and Sexual Abuse

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The Council of Europe's training and capacity building programme for education professionals – the Pestalozzi Programme

**Teaching Controversial issues
Education for Democratic Citizenship**



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**The Council of Europe Convention on Action Against
Trafficking in Human Beings**

Article 6 – Measures to discourage the demand

**The Council of Europe Convention on preventing
and combating violence against women and
domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)**

Article 14 – Education, Paragraph 1

**The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human
Rights**

**Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Committee on Children
Resolution on Over-sexualisation**



The arsenal of
Global
instruments
Providing
opportunities for
countries to act
and to link the
dots...



**Ending all forms of violence
against children by 2030:**
The Council of Europe's contribution
to the 2030 Agenda and the
Sustainable Development Goals

Information Note – July 2017

Building a Europe
for and with children

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Achievements in 2016 to 2017

Thematic exchange on violence against children in the light of the SDGs during the first meeting of the CAHENF

- About half of the member states have strategies on violence against children that are holistic and comprehensive
- None of the strategies make the link to the SDGs



Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2016-2021

Five pillars

- Equal opportunities
- Participation
- Freedom from violence
- Child friendly justice
- Children's Rights in the Digital environment

A new intergovernmental committee: CAHENF

Follows and supports Agenda 2030



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The Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child **CAHENF**





**Council of Europe
Action Plan on
Protecting Refugee
and Migrant Children
in Europe (2017-2019)**

Achievements in 2016 - 2017

Children's rights in the context of migration

New standards/guidelines:

- **Children's Rights and safeguards in the context of Migration**
 - **Age assessment**
 - **Guardianship**
- **Accommodation and Reception**
- **On monitoring places of detention**
- **Alternatives to detention**

Monitoring mechanisms

- **Lanzarote Committee**
- **Anti-trafficking Committee**
- **Commissioner for Human Rights**
- **COE SRS SG Migration**



Achievements in 2016 – 2017

Digital agenda

Children's Rights in the Digital environment

CAHENF IT : Government Policy Guidelines to respect, protect and promote children's rights in the digital environment
Involvement of children in the standard setting

Internet Literacy Handbook
Digital citizenship education and competence indicators : Handbook

PACE Focus on Children and the internet

Children with disabilities and their digital lives, risks and opportunities



Achievements in 2016 – 2017

Sexual violence

Lanzarote Committee

Interpretative opinion affirming the applicability of the LC to sexual offences against children facilitated through ICTs;

2nd Monitoring Round

Protecting children against the criminal exploitation of child self-generated sexual content (sexually explicit images and videos)

Declaration of the LC regarding the registering of web addresses advertising sexual abuse



Achievements in 2016 – 2017 Child participation

Child participation

Promotion of the Recommendation

Involving children in Council of Europe work

Roma children : discrimination

Children with disabilities

Children in the digital agenda

Three new countries involved in using the Child participation Assessment Tool (Bulgaria, Italy, Latvia)

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