



Eurochild

Putting children at
the heart of Europe

Eurochild's work on the European Semester

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Semester Alliance Capacity Building

Agenda

- (1) How Eurochild works with the European Semester
- (2) How, when and with who does Eurochild engage with in the EU institutions and with which concrete purpose and objective
- (3) How Eurochild engages with and build capacity of member organisations



How Eurochild works with the European Semester

Eurochild's overall advocacy objective is to put the rights and well-being of children at the heart of EU policy making. It has the specific aim to influence the European Semester cycles, as a key driver of EU policy coordination and national policy reform.

- **Provide an EU-wide civil society insight on the extent to which the Semester process is addressing child poverty (Recommendation on Investing in Children) and supporting the protection and promotion of children's rights at the local level;**
- **Provide members with alternative country-specific recommendations to equip members to influence the European Semester;**
- **Empower membership to advocate using the European Semester**



Eurochild engagement with EU institutions

How, when and with who does Eurochild engage with in the EU institutions and with which concrete purpose and objective

(1) EP: EMPL Committee and Intergroup on Children's Rights

(2) EC: DG EAC, DG EMPL, DG JUST, DG ECFIN.

(3) Permanent Representations and EU Presidencies.

- **To use the European Semester as a vehicle to hold Member States to account in their implementation of the Recommendation on Investing in Children**
- **To strengthen the European Semester so that it is an effective democratic, social and sustainable mechanism to implement Europe 2020 targets.**

Eurochild engagement with member organisations

- Annual survey (Jul)
- Development of Annual Report (Sep-Oct)
- Meetings with National Partner Networks (twice yearly)
- Alliance for Investing in Children: Dublin event 2013
- Alliance for Investing in Children: Advocacy Toolkit
- Options for further capacity building: Webinars, MS seminars.

