

CHILD-UP: What's in it for NGOs and civil society bodies?

CHILD-UP (Children Hybrid Integration: Learning Dialogue as a way of Upgrading Policies of Participation) aims at having a relevant impact on advocacy, research and protection activities conducted by child protection agencies, NGOs and other related bodies all over the world. While its main focus area could be geographically identified in the European region, the project's mission of developing a central role for the child in his/her own process of cultural "hybridization" aspires to being applied on a global scale in the upcoming future.

Developing a field research...

Intent on developing an analysis that is deeply based on the different educational stakeholders' perspectives, the project initially collects data from European schools, focusing on elements such as good practices, integration standards and children's involvement in cultural integration activities. These research aspects are adequately filtered through several "vulnerability factors" affecting children's education, such as gender, country of origin, language skills, family composition, period of residence and health. In this way, CHILD-UP aims at offering an **evidence-based view** of the most pressing, non-judicial needs of the different European educational systems, exemplifying documented and effective intervention models.

...studying the existing legal framework...

CHILD-UP is aware of how these practices are strongly influenced and affected by the national, regional and international legal framework in which they are implemented. Therefore, the project interestingly provides a comparative analysis of the legal framework applicable in the field of children's rights protection at international, European and domestic level. The description of regulatory shortcomings and **deficiencies and emerging solutions in the child-protection field** thus constitutes a second relevant input for national and international bodies active in this matter.

...to promote an innovative approach to integration.

The resulting comprehensive analysis will thus define the existing structure in which activities carried on in the field of children protection are most effective. CHILD-UP wants to prepare the ground for a new conception of **cultural integration**, in particular by effectively designing an approach centred on putting children at the centre of their own cultural "**hybridization**" process. CHILD-UP will actually benefit all the organisations committed to the cause of protecting children's rights and improving their living conditions, particularly by discussing the challenging integration process they are experiencing through the lens of a "hybridization" process, as opposed to the prevailing logic of cultural assimilation.



Why is your participation needed?

Without you the CHILD-UP project cannot exist, we need schools, teachers, parents, students, social workers, researchers, policy makers and other professionals to join us. We need people with and without a migrant background to let us know their views, study their behaviour, to see how they feel and what people can do to make everyone feel more included and full of agency everywhere, not only in the schools but also in the whole society.

Do you want to contribute to CHILD-UP?

If you are interested in playing an active role in the project, the CHILD-UP's partnership firmly supports the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of its activities. Therefore, if you or your organisation are interested in the development of the project's results, and innovative approach, you may contact the Communication, Dissemination and Impact working group.

How to join or get in touch?

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