

# Manifesto for Children's Rights

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organisation for children. We envisage a world that respects, protects and fulfills children's rights as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We believe that the EU has enormous potential to contribute to the children's rights and welcome the EU's commitment to children. With this manifesto, we share recommendations that will allow the EU to capitalize on its role and resources, and live up to its children's rights commitments.

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Strengthen measures for implementing the UNCRC, such as policy coherence, coordination and legislative review, placing the best interest of the child at the centre of policy, programmes and legislation

**Governance Fit for Children**

**Investment in children**  
Secure and monitor spending on children in the EU Budget 2014-2020

**Promoting children's rights**  
Promote ratification, respect and implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols and explore EU accession to the UNCRC

**Making children's voices matter**  
Develop mechanisms to take children's views into account in EU policy and decision-making

**Saving Children's Lives - The Right to Survival and Development**  
Scale up EU action to secure nutrition and access to health for all children

**Education for All**  
Gear up EU action towards making the right to quality education a reality

**Discrimination of Children**  
Ensure special attention to children who suffer from discrimination for example girls, children with disabilities and Roma children, in action to tackle discrimination and social exclusion

**Child Poverty**  
Fight discrimination and social exclusion of children in, or at risk of, poverty and secure adequate resources and access to quality services and education

**Loss of children's lives**  
Secure EU capacity to respond to emergencies, ensuring policy coherence and links between relief, rehabilitation and development action

**Violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of children**  
Help secure national systems that protect all children, including those who are most vulnerable and marginalised, in Europe and globally

**Legalised violence against children**  
Prohibit in law all forms of degrading and humiliating treatment, including corporal punishment in the home in EU Member States

**Failure to protect migrant children**  
Migrant children should be treated as children first and foremost; migration control may never outweigh their rights and need for protection