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Directorate C: Fundamental rights and rule of law
Unit C.2: Fundamental rights policy

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir / Dear Madam,

Subject: Contract JUST/2021/PR/CCIT/RIGH/0056) – Establishment, management and coordination of the EU Children's participation Platform

The European Commission Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, in close cooperation with ICF (*ICF Consulting Services Ltd.*) and partners (*Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, Risk and Policy Analysts Ltd., Professor Laura Lundy, Professor Cath Larkins*) selected by the Commission on the basis of a tender procedure, is building a new initiative that aims to strengthen children's rights and opportunities for child participation across the European Union: **The EU Children's Participation Platform**.

The EU Children's Participation Platform is one of the deliverables of the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, a comprehensive EU policy framework introduced in 2021 to ensure the protection of rights of all children.

Through this letter, I would like to kindly invite you to cooperate with ICF and partners (*Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, Risk and Policy Analysts Ltd., Professor Laura Lundy, Professor Cath Larkins*) as requested when they contact you about this initiative, should it be of interest to you and your organisation.

Your cooperation is much appreciated, and I would like to thank you in advance. Your involvement in the **EU Children's Participation Platform** will make a difference to children's rights and will help advance the efforts of the European Union to give children's views due weight, to involve them in decision-making processes and will contribute to building best practice on child participation across the EU.

ICF is assigned to reach out, build a network of relevant organisations, onboard Platform members (organisations with child participation structure and participating children) and implement the Platform activities which include, but are not limited to: delivery of

national-level consultations with children on policy and legislative matters, facilitation of mutual learning and capacity building, organisation of international meetings of Platform members, establishment of external Platform communications, and other. ICF's contract started in September 2022 and will run until end of September 2026.

For any further enquiries about the EU Children's Participation Platform please contact Marta Kuljon at DG JUST (EU-CHILDPARTICIPATION@ec.europa.eu) or the implementation team at cpp@icf.com.

Yours faithfully,

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