

# HOW TO MEANINGFULLY INVOLVE CHILDREN IN LAW-MAKING IN MOLDOVA?

## FOR THE OMBUDSPERSON



- ✦ Plan adequate resources such as time, funding, human, methodologies etc.
  - to help establish and maintain contact between the relevant public authorities and children
  - to promote and facilitate children's meaningful participation in law-making

### LIST OF CHILDREN'S COUNCILS & GROUPS



- ✦ Keep Children's Consultative Council to as well as other children's representative bodies and groups informed about possible and ongoing law-making processes relevant for children (using Ombuds webpage)

- Support children to identify law-making initiatives of their interest
- Promote children's inputs and recommendations related to laws, law-proposals, and their participation in law-making
- Support public authorities to conduct meaningful child participation in law-making
- ✦ Include and make visible children's recommendations in the Ombuds proposals for improvement of the legal framework

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## PRACTICAL STAGE-BY-STAGE ADVICE



### STAGE 1: INITIATING

- support children to develop their input and recommendations related to laws and law-proposals, and to submit these to the public authorities already in the preparation phase
- promote children's recommendations publicly

#### EXAMPLE:

#### CHILD FRIENDLY CONSULTATION: SCOTLAND

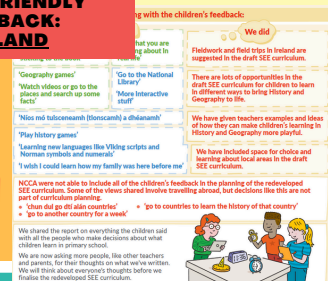


### STAGE 2: DRAFTING

- conduct or request and support authorities to conduct meaningful consultations with broad and diverse groups of children and
- provide child-friendly feedback to children

#### EXAMPLE:

#### CHILD FRIENDLY FEEDBACK: IRELAND

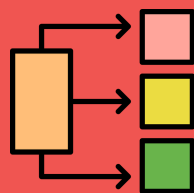


### STAGE 3: ADOPTING, PUBLISHING



- ✦ support children to develop their input/recommendations and submit these to the parliament during readings and ✦ the president during promulgation
- ✦ inform children how their input was considered.
- develop a child friendly version of the law together with children

### STAGE 4: REVIEW OF LAWS



- support children to monitor implementation of the laws and submit their reports to the public authorities
- promote children's reports and recommendations publicly

#### BONUS



- support children to monitor and reflect on their participation in law-making and develop recommendations for improvement
- support public authorities to learn and implement children's recommendations

#### Ready?

- Do not opt out if you cannot meet all standards to the highest extent.
- Use every opportunity to improve – do as much as possible with resources available, learn from this – including from children's feedback and make it better next time.

