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The European Semester from the perspective of child poverty and well-being



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**is the European network
promoting the rights and welfare of children in
Europe**

OUR MISSION

To voice and promote the interests of children and young people in Europe, and organisations that work with them – particularly children and young people who are vulnerable and exposed to poverty and social exclusion.

Child poverty an EU priority

- ➔ 2007 thematic year on child poverty within Social OMC
- ➔ 2010 EU Trio presidency call for an EU Recommendation on child poverty
- ➔ 2011 Council Conclusions on child poverty and well-being
- ➔ **2013 Commission Recommendation 'Investing in Children – Breaking the cycle of Disadvantage'**



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Child poverty & Europe 2020 strategy

- ➔ Poverty reduction target (lifting 20 million people out of poverty by 2020)
- ➔ Europe 2020 Integrated Guideline 10
- ➔ European Platform Against Poverty & Annual Convention



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Child poverty & Europe 2020 strategy

Our objectives:

- ➔ **Use Europe 2020 & Social Open Method of Coordination to monitor the implementation of the Recommendation**
- ➔ **Use European Semester to put pressure on governments to take action**
- ➔ **Ensure that EU money is spent on tackling child poverty and promoting child well-being**
- ➔ **Involve civil society and children and young people in decision-making**



Eurochild's activities on Europe 2020: 2011-2013

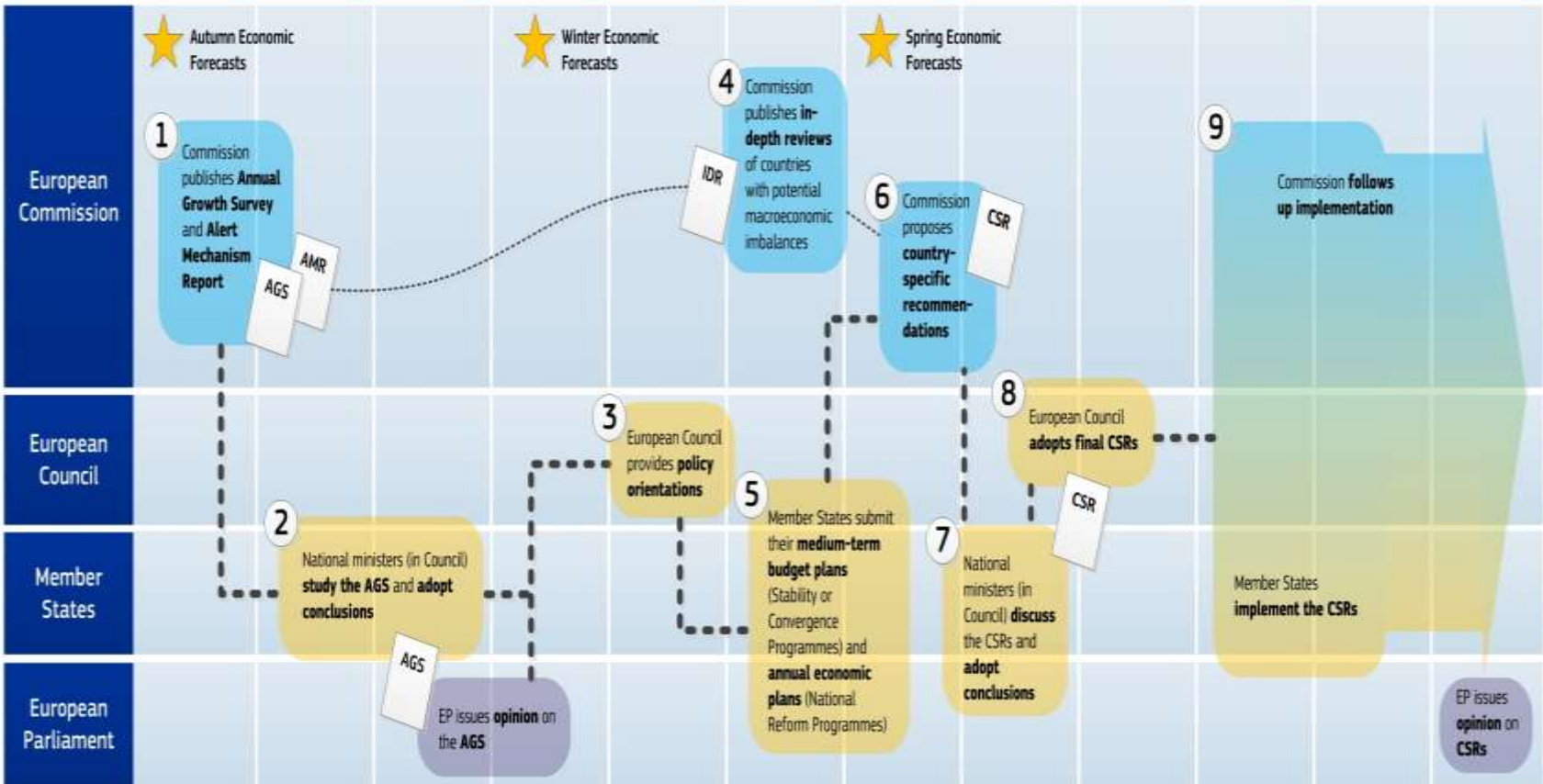
- Internal assessment of the Annual Growth Survey
- Eurochild members & partners analyse the NRPs/NSRs -> annual publication
- Eurochild, with members & partners compare the CSRs -> contributions to joint EU publication with EAPN and other networks with alternative CSRs





European Semester

NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER



NRPs 2013 - main findings

- ➔ Slight increase in priority since 2012 to child poverty
- ➔ Few set child poverty sub-target (BG, EL, RO, ES, UK)
- ➔ Lack of comprehensive approach to child well-being
- ➔ Areas often referred to:
 - ➔ Early childhood education and care
 - ➔ Educational disadvantage
 - ➔ Vulnerable groups
- ➔ Very little consultation with civil society; no consultation with children



CSRs 2013 - main findings

- ➔ CSRs with reference to child poverty/income support measures for children and families, de-institutionalisation, social services for children, ECEC or childcare can be found for the following countries: AT, BG, CZ, DE, ES, EE, HU, IT, LV, PL, RO, UK, SK, MT
- ➔ **HOWEVER:** lack of coherence & disconnect from macroeconomic recommendations



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Key messages on European Semester

- ➔ **Member States should set targets to reduce child poverty as part of Europe 2020 poverty target**
- ➔ **Reporting on the holistic of the Recommendation Investing in Children in NRPs**
- ➔ **limited acknowledgement of the impact of the crisis on children & young people – need for ex ante & ex post impact assessment of all measures on children**
- ➔ **Increase the use of EU Structural Funds in the new EU financial framework 2014-2020**
- ➔ **Increase the participation on children's organisations and children in the Europe 2020 process**



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