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Tool No. 17: Council of Europe Child Participation Assessment Tool – Indicators for measuring child participation

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The Child Participation Assessment Tool has been developed by the Council of Europe to help Member States assess their progress in implementing Article 12 of the Convention. It provides a common format for understanding each indicator, and provides short guidance on how to approach the task of measuring progress in its realization. The 10 indicators are listed below.

The full tool, together with guidance on how to use it, is available [here](#).

Protecting the right to participate	
1	Legal protection for children and young people's right to participate in decision making is reflected in the national Constitution and legislation
2	Explicit inclusion of children and young people's right to participate in decision making in a cross-sectorial national strategy to implement children's rights
3	An independent children's rights institution is in place and protected by law
4	Existence of mechanisms to enable children to exercise their right to participate safely in judicial and administrative proceedings
5	Child-friendly complaints procedures are in place
Promoting awareness of the right to participate	
6	Children's right to participate in decision making is embedded in pre-service training programmes for professionals working with and for children
7	Children are provided with information about their right to participate
Creating spaces for participation	
8	Children are represented in forums, including through their own organizations, at school, local, regional and national governance levels
9	Child-targeted feedback mechanisms on local services are in place
10	Children are supported to participate in the monitoring of the UNCRC (including in CRC shadow reporting) and relevant Council of Europe instruments and conventions

