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Dear Potential New Member,

The European Children's Network (EURONET) is open to all organisations, associations and individuals committed to promoting and supporting children's rights at European level and the principles and standards of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). Member organisations are expected to subscribe the EURONET principles and objectives.

I) As an **EURONET member** you will become part of the wide network of children organisations, associations and individuals who work for equal rights and opportunities for 90 million children in Europe. Being a member of EURONET also means:

- benefiting from our strong network and activities, and contributing to our work and campaigns on EU policies, legislation and programme through your idea and experience;
- being the first to receive information about latest EU developments on children's issues, through EURONET publications and newsletters, regular mailing, and the members only website and its discussion forum;
- establishing new partnerships for your projects, conferences and events, gaining expertise and developing new ideas by sharing of good practices with other members of the network;
- disseminating your point of view and information about your organisation through contributions to our publications and by inserting your website link and short description into EURONET website;
- helping us to develop new campaign work and project with your ideas, donations and/or sponsorship.

II) **Financial contributions** from our membership are indispensable in order to guarantee an efficient functioning of our organisation, the implementation of EURONET work programme and the realisation of awareness raising campaigns and network activities. Membership fees are defined according to the different type of membership and the different nature and financial capacity of the organisation applying.

III) EURONET membership is composed by **two categories**: Full and Associate members. Membership criteria are established by EURONET Statutes.

Full Members

The category of full membership is aimed at national or transnational NGOs or networks of NGOs with children as their principal focus.

These types of organizations must meet all of the following criteria:

- They agree to and uphold the principles underlying the Association's work and contribute to the development of the Association's purpose;
- They adhere to the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989;
- They are established in a Member State of the European Union;
- They have a significant activity in relation to the rights of the child in one or more Member States of the European Union;
- They pursue non-profit objectives;
- They have effective structures of national or transnational dissemination to support the work of the Association;
- They are organizations working on children's policy issues;
- They have children as a principal target group (i.e. not family, women or other organizations who also include children among their beneficiaries).

Associate members

The category of associate membership is aimed at national or transnational NGOs or networks of NGOs who do not have children as their principal focus or at national or transnational organizations or networks of organizations who are not NGOs (e.g. semi-governmental agencies).

These types of organizations must meet the following criteria:

- They agree to and uphold the principles underlying the Association's work and contribute to the development of the Association's purpose;
- They are established in a Member State of the Council of Europe;
- They must have a work that has some benefit for children.

IV) **To apply** for membership organisations have to submit the EURONET application form. Applications for admission as a member shall be directed to the EURONET Secretariat by mail or any other means of written communication (including email) accompanied by the following information: staffing, membership base, annual income, structure, statutes and principal activities, along with a reference letter from a respected organisation. Please note that no fees are involved at this stage.

V) The Management Council will decide on **the admission** of full and associate membership without having to justify its decision. An admission to membership will only be accepted if it collects a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the directors present or represented at the Management Council. In order to be able to take this decision the EURONET Management Council may require the Secretariat to seek additional information from the applicant organisation.

If you wish to receive more information about EURONET and its activities or about how to become a member of our organisation, you may contact us at one of the e-mail addresses above.

Yours sincerely,



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