

The Seminar “Towards a culture of child participation”, dedicated to the child participation in daily life, was organised by the ChildONEurope Working Group on child participation and by the ChildONEurope Secretariat and was held in Florence the 31 of January 2008 at the Istituto degli Innocenti. In the present section you will find the Seminar programme, the Communications selected, the speeches, the international legislation and the most relevant documents collected and distributed during the ChildONEurope Seminar.

At the Seminar participated many representatives *inter alias* from Ministries, International Governmental and Non-governmental Organisations and Universities (around 100 peoples) and also two young girls from a Eurochild project in Cyprus.

The Seminar was structured partially in plenary and partially with working groups.

The plenary comprised the first, the third and the fourth session.

A first one was dedicated to introduce the issues dealt with by the seminar, in particular to the vision of the participation of children today in Europe and to 4 speeches aiming at giving a panorama of experiences on child participation in daily life selected by the ChildONEurope Working Group among around 40 communication presented.

A second session was organised in working groups focused on the child participation in the following contexts:

- a. family;
- b. school;
- c. culture, leisure, sport and local community life.

A third session was focused on the practice of participation of children today in Europe and on the vision of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on the participation of children (art. 12 of the Convention and others), on the basis of the comparative study on the final observations of the Committee vis-à-vis the last reports of the EU Member States.

The last session was aimed at a closing intervention focused on the synthesis of the working groups followed by a debate and on a closing reflection on next steps of the ChildONEurope network on the issue.

We hope that this space created in the ChildONEurope web site will be a useful instrument for the knowledge and the exchange of information on the topic of child participation, and we ask you to send us (e-mail: childoneurope@minori.org) other material considered useful to share with us and with the people interested to this topic.