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Subject: Strengthening child protection through a harmonised European framework

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) has highlighted urgent gaps in the protection of children's rights across the EU. In its latest report entitled 'Towards Integrated Child Protection Systems', the FRA notes that, despite a shared legal framework and political commitments, children do not benefit from equal protection in all Member States. Only 10 countries have a unified legislative framework, while elsewhere legal provisions remain fragmented and inconsistent.

Although the Commission adopted a recommendation in 2024 to support integrated child protection systems, practical harmonisation remains limited. Disparities persist in the provision of care, digital protection, children's participation in policymaking, and the collection of impact assessments on children's rights. Furthermore, many Member States lack sufficient resources, dedicated budgets and adequately trained professionals to ensure effective child protection.

In countries like Romania, significant efforts have been made to strengthen child protection, yet challenges related to resource allocation, institutional coordination and digital safety for children continue to underline the need for stronger European support.

Given the persistence of these challenges, compounded by digital risks, what measures does the Commission intend to propose to support the development of harmonised, well-resourced and child-centred protection systems across the EU?

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