



How to integrate a UNCRC perspective into the budget process in Germany

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Introduction

What areas does the public budget process cover?

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your neighbour





Which of these touch children's rights?

All of them





The Working Group

The following recommendations were developed by

Representatives of

- The district government of Cologne
- The Cities of Frankfurt am Main, Krefeld, Remscheid, Weil am Rhein
- Unicef Germany, German Children's Fund
 - Kinderfreundliche Kommune e.V.
 - Individuals

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Citizens, Women and Youth





The Objective

Support municipalities to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child when drawing up municipal budgets.





In preparation for drawing up the municipal budget, the following points should be observed:

1. The municipality declares that it is committed to the principle of the “best interests of the child”. (Article 3 of the UNCRC)
2. All budget items must be reviewed for their impact on children and formulated, planned, and resourced to best achieve children's interests.
3. Article 3 of the UNCRC must be included when deciding on expenditures.
4. All areas of local government observe the principle of the “best interests of the child” and identify with it.
5. Consideration of the “best interests of the child” requires the participation of children and youth.





Recommendations I Upstream of the Budget Formulation Process:

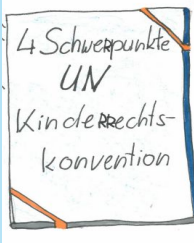
1. The Municipality adopts a basic resolution on the UNCRC “best interests of the child” and incorporates it into the municipal and specific local law, the mission statement or similar strategic documents.
2. It is recommended to provide sufficient staff for a coordination office that centrally maintains the implementation of children's rights.
3. The main committee is given responsibility on the part of the council for checking whether all departments are observing the priority of the “best interests of the child” by adapting the main statutes and the (committee-related) list of responsibilities.

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Recommendations II Within the budget formulation process

4. The benchmark resolution includes the consideration and implementation of children's rights as an overarching aspect in the planning of product-related funding requirements and in the drafting and sending of funding requests.
5. In their product-related budget planning and budget applications, each office responsible for a product examines potential fields of actions related to the “best interests of the child” and their compatibility with Article 3.
6. The primary purpose is that children's rights are not the product itself. Their consideration is part of every relevant product.





Recommendations III Further connecting points

7. Managers and employees in the administration will be educated on the topic of child-friendly municipal budgeting in training courses across departments and receive further training on a regular or ad hoc basis.

8. An accompanying application from the political sector for the implementation of children's rights in the budget decision-making process is submitted and adopted by the municipal council.

9. With the support of non-governmental, state, federal, national, and international institutions, municipalities are establishing their own programs and projects to initiate the implementation of children's rights.





Many thanks for your attention