



7.10.2015 – Celebrated every year on 11th October, [International Day of the Girl Child](#) focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

The goal is to meet the Sustainable Development Goals' targets and to give girls all the opportunities they deserve as they mature to adulthood by 2030. That means enabling them to avoid child marriage and unwanted pregnancy, protect against HIV transmission, stay safe from female genital mutilation, and acquire the education and skills they need to realize their potential. It also requires ensuring their sexual health and reproductive rights. Girls everywhere should be able to lead lives free from fear and violence. If we achieve this progress for girls, we will see advances across society.

Next week, 11-17 October will be the [European Week of Action for Girls](#) . Throughout the week various events and activities focusing on girls' rights, will be organised to celebrate [International Day of the Girl Child](#)

Don't forget to check out the social media takeover of Europe Commission's Europe Aid and Plan International EU on Wednesday, 14th October.



Here is the list of events for the week:

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER - [Girls' Rights Gazette](#)

Making girls' rights front page news, this special issue publication features high level contributions from the EU, UN and civil society, as well as opinion leaders and girls themselves. (Brussels)

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER - [Exhibition](#)

The event will serve as a celebration of the adoption of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) , providing a timely opportunity to reflect on what the EU and member states need to do to help

ensure these goals work for girls around the world. (Brussels)

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER - #GirlsVoices Social Media Takeover

Girls speak out about their rights and role in the Sustainable Development Goals. The takeover will feature five girls from around the world, covering a range of issues of interest and importance to the girls participating, including youth economic empowerment, education, gender equality and protection from violence. The girls will take part in a live chat from 15.00-16.00 CET – join the conversation on Twitter and Facebook using #GirlsVoices.

Twitter: [@europeaid](#) [@planeu](#)

Facebook: [/europeaid](#) [/planeuoffice](#)

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER - Girls and the Sustainable Development Goals: Where do we stand?

Roundtable discussion on what the [SDG](#) s mean for girls and the next steps at EU level – implementation, internal and external EU policies, cooperation between EU and third countries for girls' rights. (Brussels)

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - InfoPoint

Avoiding teenage pregnancies, promoting adolescent girls' rights and health InfoPoint hosted by European Commission International Cooperation and Development Directorate and Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung. (Brussels)

UNRIC's Related Links:

- UN Observance: International Day of the Girl Child ([Official Website](#))
- UN's Sustainable Development Goals ([Official Website](#))
- Plan EU's European Week of Action for Girls ([Official Website](#))

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