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Child Friendly Justice
European Network

VERS UNE JUSTICE ADAPTEE AUX ENFANTS EN EUROPE

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Summer Seminar on Children's rights

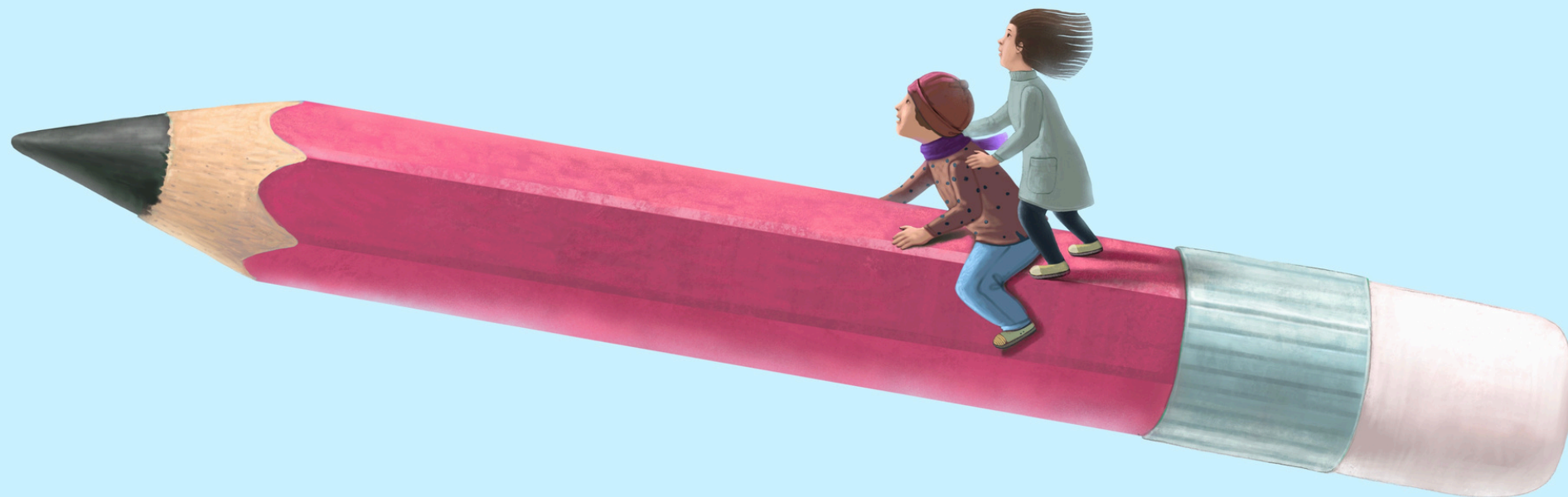
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LE RESEAU CFJ-EN & SES PRIORITES STRATEGIQUES



36 Membres
21 Pays européens

University of
Strathclyde
Glasgow

Inspiring
Children's
Futures

CYCJ
Children and Young People's
Centre for Justice

THE AIRE CENTRE
Advice on Individual Rights in Europe

VALIDITY



**PENAL REFORM
INTERNATIONAL**

**YOUNG
PERSPECTIVES**

Deutsches Institut
für Menschenrechte

**HR HELSINKA FUNDACJA
PRAW CZŁOWIEKA**



**DEFENCE FOR
CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL**

DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL
BELGIUM

DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL
WORLD SERVICE



Deutsches
Kinderhilfswerk

**DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL
CZECHIA**

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LUDWIG
BÖLTZMANN
INSTITUTE

Terre des hommes
Helping children worldwide

**DÉFENSE DES ENFANTS
INTERNATIONAL
FRANCE**



HRABRI
telefon

Terre des hommes
Sprijin copililor.



Child Rights Centre

CICS.NOVA
CENTRO INTERDISCIPLINAR
DE CIÊNCIAS SOCIAIS

**DEFENSA DE NIÑAS Y NIÑOS
INTERNACIONAL
ESPAÑA**



**DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL
ITALY**

SAPii

**DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL
GREECE**

NOTRE VISION & MISSION



NOTRE VISION: Un monde dans lequel les systèmes de justice garantissent tous les droits des enfants



NOTRE MISSION: Garantir que les systèmes de justice soient adaptés à tous les besoins spécifiques, la situation, les capacités et les degrés de vulnérabilités des enfants

NOTRE PUBLIC CIBLE:



- Enfants en contact avec les systèmes de justice
- Membres CFJ-EN (ONGs, universités et instituts de recherche, experts individuels)
- Décideurs politiques et professionnels en contact avec les enfants
- Réseaux européens

Stratégie CFJ-EN 2023-2025

CFJ-EN STRATEGY 2023 › 2025

Justice Starts with Children



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023 › 2025

STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S AGENCY



In many countries in Europe, being in contact with the justice system is still difficult. Children and young people know better than anyone what should change in the system so that it is easier for them, at any age. That's why we want them to have a say.

- Promoting meaningful and inclusive participation of children and young people
- Practitioners working with children understand the importance of child participation

PROMOTING QUALITY OF PRACTICE

When professionals listen to children, and make sure their needs are met, children feel safe and respected, and that any decisions that are made are fairer. We want to help them learn how to work with children and how to communicate with them.



- Increasing capacities of legal and non-legal practitioners who work with children
- Sharing knowledge and expertise across Europe on child friendly justice

ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY

Often there are laws and recommendations for justice systems to take better care of children already in place, but they are not respected because there is not enough money or enough motivation to enforce them. We want to make sure everything is in place for child friendly justice.



- Informing European policy makers and making them aware of inspiring practices
- Informing national policy makers and making them aware of latest developments in child friendly justice

NETWORK STRENGTHENING



Many community members want to help children have better access to justice. They need to work together, share their skills and information, and learn from each other. We want to help them meet, talk and build projects.

- Strengthening the capacities of the Network to communicate on and promote child friendly justice
- Mobilising support to members and fostering collaborations across Europe towards effective access to justice for children

Ce qu'offre le réseau CFJ-EN



Informé sur les tendances et opportunités en matière de justice adaptée aux enfants



Impliquer les membres en matière de plaidoyer européen



Prendre part à des projets européens régionaux et des programmes à grande échelle



Accroître la visibilité des activités des membres au niveau européen



Informé sur les développements en matière de recherche



Favoriser les échanges d'informations et le partage d'expériences



Etre un centre d'expertise sur la justice pour enfants



Informé sur les opportunités de formation dans le domaine de la justice pour enfants

**+390 PUBLICATIONS
AVEC UN OUTIL DE
RECHERCHE**

The screenshot shows the CFJ-EN website's 'Publications' page. At the top, the CFJ-EN logo (Child Friendly Justice European Network) is on the left, and navigation links for Home, About, Our Work, Resources, Join Us, and Contact are on the right. A large blue banner with a book icon and the word 'Publications' is centered. Below this is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH' and 'Search publication'. To the right of the search bar are 'Filters', 'DISPLAY' (grid icon), and 'SORT BY' (Most recent). The main content area shows '336 publications' and a grid of six publication cards. Each card includes a thumbnail, the year '2023', the category, and the title. The first row features three cards under 'CHILD VICTIMS & WITNESSES': 'Underpinning victims' rights: support services, reporting and protection', 'Une protection et un soutien accrus sont nécessaires pour les victimes de la criminalité dans toute l'Europe', and 'Opfer von Straftaten in Europa benötigen mehr Schutz und Unterstützung'. The second row features three cards under 'CHILDREN'S RIGHTS': 'Belgium - Country Profile 2022 on children in need', 'Bulgaria - Country Profile 2022 on children in need', and 'Croatia - Country Profile 2022 on children in need'.



CHILD-Lex

Language

[English](#) [French](#) [Romanian](#) [Dutch](#)
[Hungarian](#)

Jurisdiction

[International](#) [Belgium](#) [France](#) [Hungary](#)
[The Netherlands](#) [Romania](#)

Factsheets

Children suspected, accused or convicted

- 1 - Child justice systems; age limits; age determination
- 2 - Children's rights at the Police Station
- 3 - Pretrial detention of children
- 4 - Children's right in detention

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Database on child friendly justice

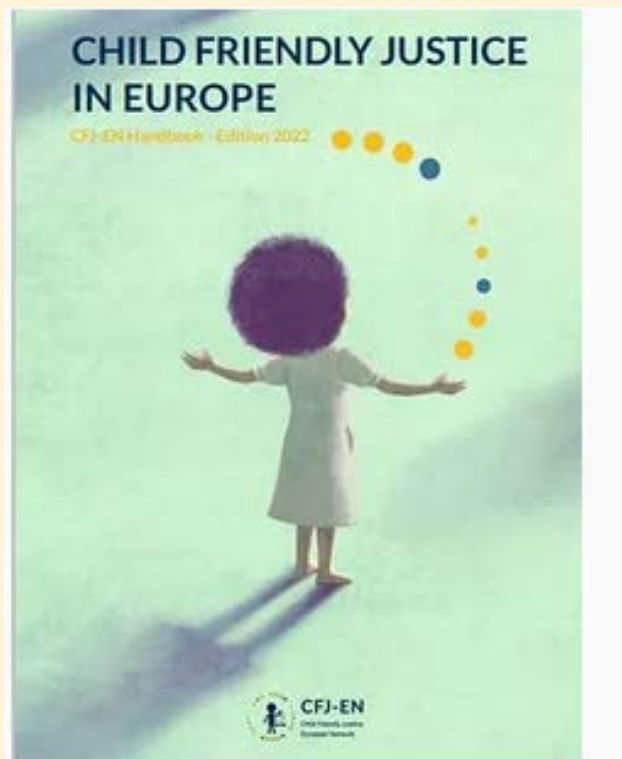
Children come into contact with the justice system in many different ways. This can be for family matters such as divorce or adoption, in administrative justice for nationality or immigration issues or in criminal justice as victims, witnesses or (alleged) perpetrators of crimes. They may also need to reach a justice system seeking for remedies when their rights are not fully respected.

This database aims to provide detailed information to professionals working with children about the rights of children in contact with the justice system (lawyers, prosecutors, social workers, judges, probation officers, etc.). It contains legal factsheets detailing these rights under international, European and national legislation and caselaw.

You can search directly for an answer to your question using the search tool below, or look through the factsheets selecting your language, jurisdiction and/or topic(s) of interest.

**CHILD-LEX : Plus de
50 fiches juridiques
pour les
professionnels**

2022 & 2023
CFJ-EN
Handbooks



4 languages



English & French

Bientôt en 2024 :
Edition spéciale sur la
Justice climatique et
l'accès à la justice pour
les enfants !

Plaidoyer



ENDING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR CHILDREN: A GLOBAL ACTION PLAN POSITION PAPER

Towards LGBTI+ sensitive justice system for children in Europe

CHALLENGE PAPER

JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

POLICY BRIEF

TOWARDS CHILD FRIENDLY JUSTICE IN EUROPE: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF EUROPEAN EXPERTS

WHO ARE WE ?

Composed of 19 organisations across 17 European countries, the Child Friendly Justice European Network's main objective is to ensure that justice systems are adapted to children's needs, specificities and vulnerabilities. More specifically, it aims to empower children to have their rights respected in legal proceedings, to have their voices heard in a participatory manner and to strengthen their capacity to advocate for their own rights.

On 14 October 2022, 65 experts from all over Europe gathered for the seminar "A 360° View on Child Friendly Justice" organised by the network. During this event, NGOs, academics, institutions and justice professionals reflected together on the major challenges in terms of child friendly justice, promising practices and proposed innovative methods to work with children in contact with the justice system. Specific attention was given to 6 specific issues: participation of children and young people in civil proceedings, the implementation of child-friendly justice principles in courts dealing with family matters in Germany, children in administrative proceedings, specific challenges concerning accused or suspected children, the definition and usefulness of interdisciplinary in child-friendly justice, the impact of online hearings on children.

Across Europe, around 2.5 million children are involved in legal proceedings each year, either as a result of divorce or as a victim or witness of crime. Hundreds of thousands of them are in contact with the justice system because they are involved in migration-related proceedings, removed from their families for protection or suspected or accused of a crime. **These procedures, still not child friendly enough, are too often a difficult and painful experience for children, causing trauma and putting them at risk of secondary victimisation.**

While the need for child friendly justice is recognised as a cornerstone of the overall respect for children's rights - being in particular a priority of the European Union and Council of Europe strategies on child friendly justice - strong measures and commitment are still needed.

"The concept of child friendly justice is strong today. What we now need is the practical implementation, and it needs people to lead the way, like torches in a tunnel."

Regina Jendrolik, Council of Europe Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, at the first Annual Seminar of the Child Friendly Justice - European Network entitled "A 360° View on Child Friendly Justice"

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TRANSFORMING JUSTICE SYSTEMS FOR CHILDREN IN MIGRATION

POLICY PAPER

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**CFJ-EN Séminaires
Annuels : CFJ à 360°;
enfants en migration;
justice climatique...)**

Conférences, Séminaires, Summer Schools en Europe



Young Justice
Transformers



Child Justice Caravan

Court Day

PARTENARIATS

LA CLEF DU SUCCES CFJ !

Institutions



Réseaux européens



Monde académique



Enfants & Jeunes



Bailleurs de fonds



QUELQUES REFLECTIONS ET EXEMPLES PRATIQUES



I did not feel RESPECTED

I did not feel UNDERSTOOD

I felt SCARED

I felt SHAME

I felt RESTLESS

I was WORRIED

I felt UNSAFE

The guard HIT ME

**The lawyer was
UNSENSITIVE**

**NO ONE prepared me for
the session**

PERCEPTION DES ENFANTS SUR LEUR (NON) PARTICIPATION



Absence de rôle significatif = enfants
comme participants (in)actifs



Accès à l'information (peu compréhensible,
écrit en un format inaccessible)



Manque de compétences en communication et de
formation des professionnels qu'ils rencontrent

THE IDEAL LAWYER IS SOMEONE...



FRIENDLY, EMPATHY. Who is kind and **HUMAN**. He/She also shares his/her own flaws and looks me in the eyes when we speak. My lawyer has a friendly expression and smiles.

He/She shows me respect, treats me as an equal and acts as a **PARTNER**.



From law to practice:
STRENGTHENING PROCEDURAL RIGHTS IN
POLICE CUSTODY

**Right to
information**

Promising practices from the Netherlands, Scotland and Spain: Making the information on rights available in a child-friendly manner

In the **Netherlands**, a plain version of the Letter of Rights especially designed for children is available and in use.⁵⁶ The appendix to the information sheet “You are suspected of criminal offence” contains pictograms and easy to understand information. The documents were developed by the Ministry of Justice and Security and published in March 2022.



i-ACCESS MyRights:
Artificial intelligence driven support for a
smart justice with children in Europe

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

GUIDE FOR MINORS WHO ARE SUSPECTED,
ACCUSED OR CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE

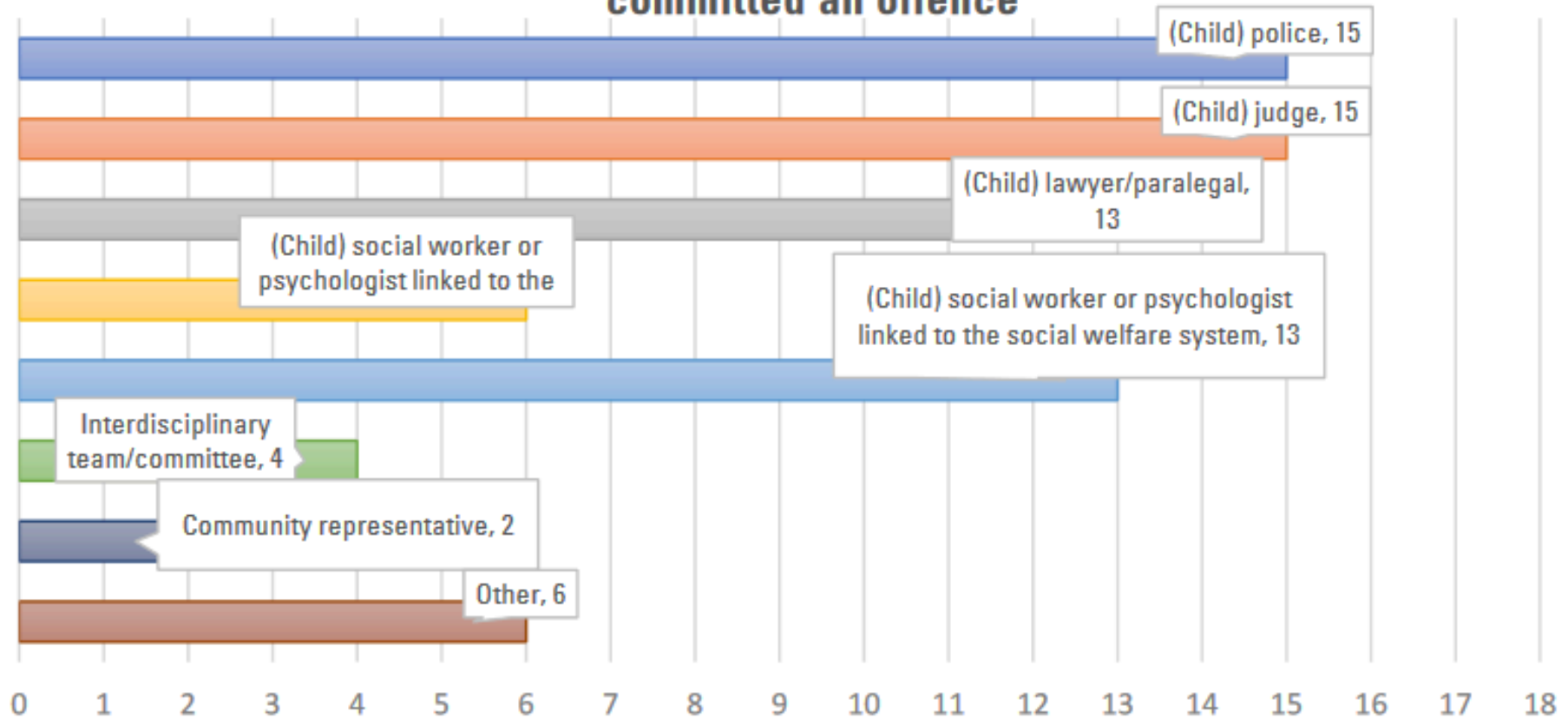


TEMPLATE FOR ORGANISATIONS WHO WISH TO
ADAPT THIS GUIDE TO THEIR NATIONAL CONTEXT



**Avec qui les enfants entrent en contact
quand ils ont commis une infraction ?**

With whom do children come in contact when they have allegedly committed an offence

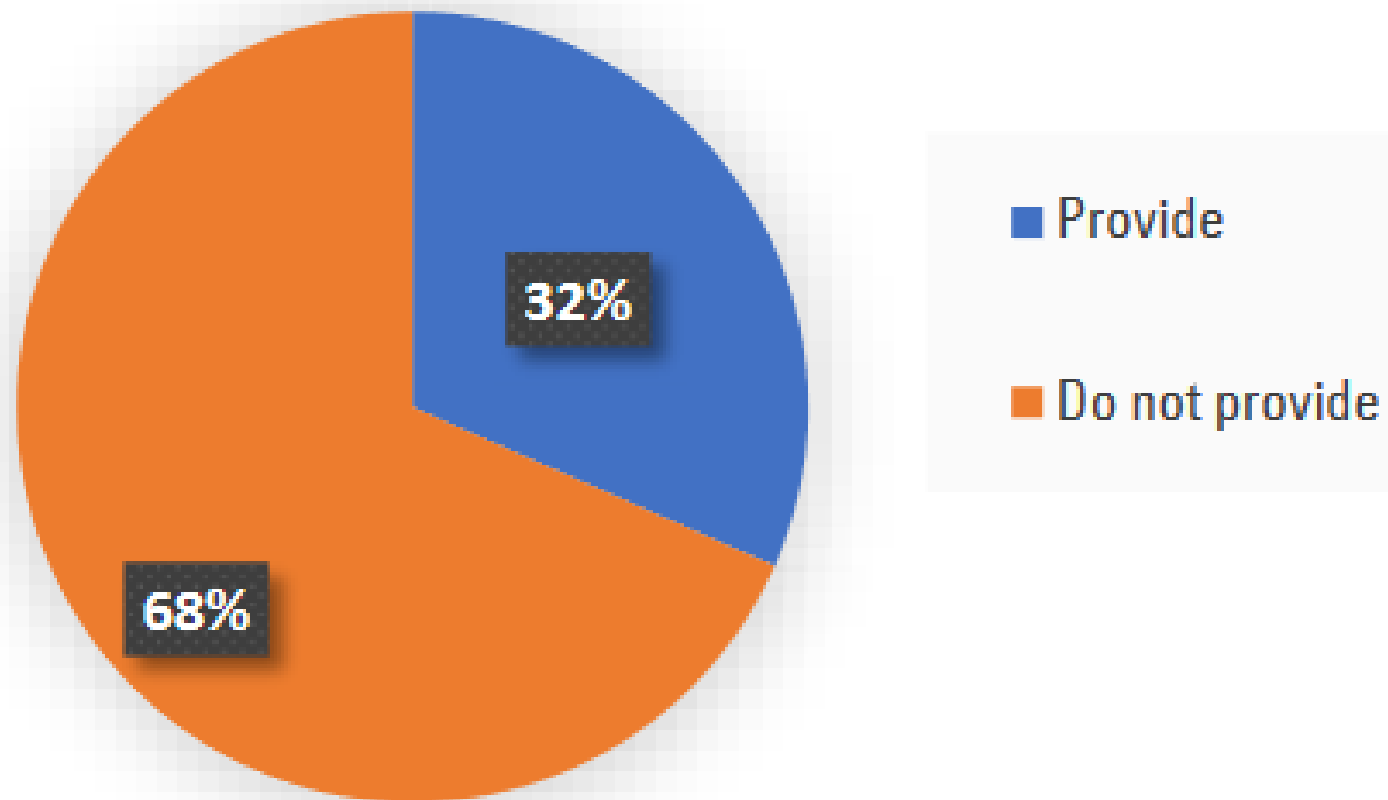




**1. Qu'est-ce qu'un avocat
(professionnel) idéal ?**

**2. Quels sont les standards minimum
pour les professions juridiques ?**

Percentage of countries where national bar associations provide training and capacity-building to ensure the availability of child-friendly lawyers



THE IDEAL LAWYER IS SOMEONE...



I can **TRUST**. He/she will not lie to me and doesn't judge me for what I am, say, do or did!



SAFETY and **PROTECTION**. My lawyer keeps persevering and is on my side, at all times and will never betray me.



TRUSTWORTHY. He/She faithfully passes on my word and my story to others.

FRIENDLY, EMPATHY. Who is kind and **HUMAN**. He/She also shares his/her own flaws and looks me in the eyes when we speak. My lawyer has a friendly expression and smiles.



He/She shows me respect, treats me as an equal and acts as a **PARTNER**.



He/She gives me sound **ADVICE** and **INFORMATION**.



My lawyer listens to me carefully, takes initiative to **understand me** (even when I am silent) and remains **PATIENT**.

My lawyer keeps my secrets and is **NOT INFLUENCED** by the other adults, and shares my voice and opinions to the police, judge, prosecutor, etc.



ATTENTION. My lawyer takes my questions and problems seriously. He/She links me to other services when necessary, and represents me when possible.

My lawyer explains me my rights in a way I can understand them and prepares me for what to expect and is **PRESENT** at every stage of my journey.

QUALITY STANDARDS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN SUSPECTED AND/OR ACCUSED

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

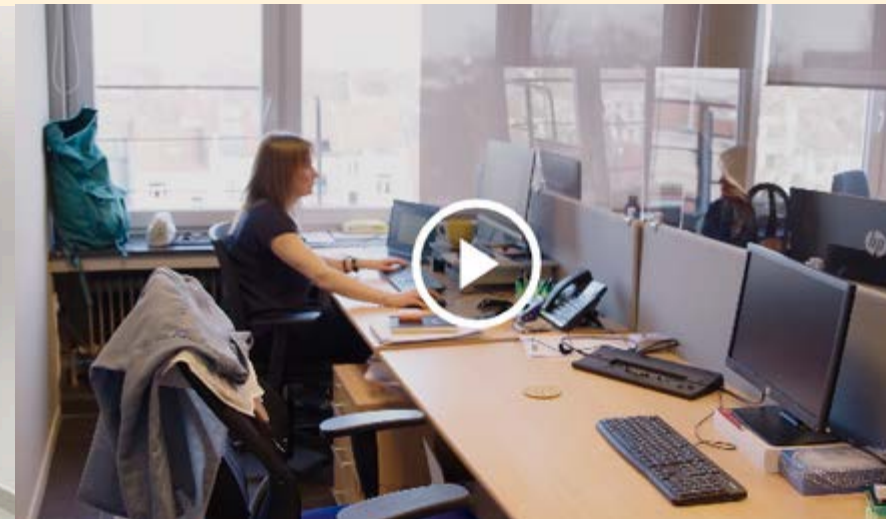


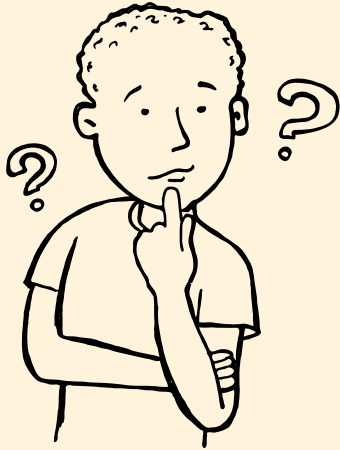
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ENHANCING LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN IN EUROPE

PART 1 QUALITY STANDARDS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

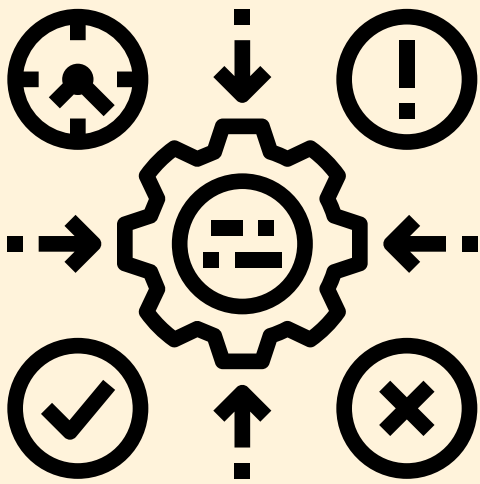
1. Quality
2. Reliable and Responsive
3. Duty oriented
4. Holistic
5. Child rights centred
6. Participatory
7. Focused on the best interest of the child
8. Attentive to child-friendly communication
9. Safe and Protective
10. Trustful
11. Sensitive to vulnerabilities
12. Collaborative
13. Attentive to the information and preparation of the child
14. Oriented to non-custodial and restorative measures

The Salduzweb application is an online platform connecting lawyers and suspected persons at any time and location in Belgium.

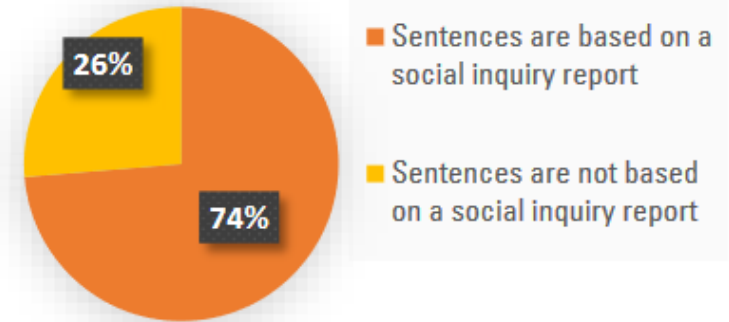




Que faut-il pour déterminer si un enfant est capable d'exprimer seul(e) ses opinions au cours d'une procédure judiciaire ?



Percentage of countries where sentences are based on a social inquiry report/pre-sentencing report



Evaluation multidisciplinaire des besoins de l'enfant

- Les professionnels collaborent
- Prise en charge individualisée de l'enfant
- Gestion des dossiers améliorée
- Expérience améliorée des enfants
- Réduire la revictimisation
- Meilleure compréhension des besoins des enfants
- Des réponses plus adaptées



STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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1 HOLISTIC AND COMPREHENSIVE

Assessment of all circumstances to meet all child's needs and fulfil his/her rights.
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2 INCLUSIVE

Adapted to consider the needs of all children, regardless of nationality, age, characteristics etc.
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3 PARTICIPATORY

Engaging children, taking their views into account to empower them to access their rights.
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4 CHILD-CENTERED, CHILD SENSITIVE

The best interests of the child should be a primary consideration throughout.
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5 CONTINUOUS AND TIMELY

Conducted promptly, contributing to actions throughout the criminal proceedings and beyond.
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6 MULTIDISCIPLINARY & COLLABORATIVE

Multidisciplinary and collaborative approach by the professionals involved.
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7 QUALITY

The individual assessment is undertaken by qualified, trained personnel.
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8 PROPERLY RESOURCED, SUSTAINABLE

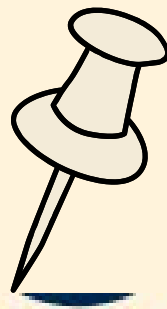
Properly allocated resources (capacity building, inter-agency cooperation).
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9 IMPACT ORIENTED

Aimed at concrete outcomes to meet the needs and fulfil the rights of children.
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10 PROGRESS ORIENTED

Aimed at systemic changes in responding to the needs of children in criminal proceedings.



BARNAHUS

Coordinates effective, child-friendly, multidisciplinary interventions for child victims/witnesses of violence (Standards: 2, 5, 9, and 10)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Forensic interview
Court hearings

Standards:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Examination (forensic)
Treatment
Referral

Standards:
1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9

MDIA
collaboration
competence

PROTECTION

Individual assessment
Exploratory interviews

Standards:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9

MENTAL HEALTH

Assessment
Treatment
Referral

Standards:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9



Council of Europe celebrates International Children's Day by launching a new video on Barnahus

Strasbourg, France 1 June 2023

 Children's Rights

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/-/council-of-europe-celebrates-international-children-s-rights-day-by-launching-a-new-video-on-barnahus>

Q&A



Des questions ?

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