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Application: 400009550

Title: TRACHILD : Training of lawyers representing children in criminal, administrative and civil justice

Applicant: Ordre des Avocats à la Cour de Paris

Country: France **Requested amount:** € 126,653.62

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Summary:

Objectives

- To train 180 to 210 lawyers from 6 jurisdictions (Spain, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Cyprus and France) in representing children in criminal, administrative and civil justice, since lawyers are the first concerned by the Council of Europe Guidelines of 17 November 2010 on child-friendly justice and taking them into account in future legal instruments in the field of civil and criminal justice.
- To learn from good practices, and to develop working methods transferable to other countries, through participation in training seminars with speakers from other countries.
- To promote, on a national level, children lawyers networks, all connected on a European level.
- To create a website with a public access giving to the public information on the rights of the child, and a private access for the members of the network.

Activities

- **Setting up and implementation of a training module/package.** The training kit should be adaptable and available in different languages used in the project. A training of instructors should also be set up, on the basis of the training kit, targeting partner countries which do not have a specific training yet.

The training kit will be made up of a general introduction referring to international and national legislation relating to the topic, and will be covering various aspects in criminal (judicial and legal framework, the enforcement and adjustment of penalties, unaccompanied foreign minors, child victims), disciplinary (at school or in custody), civil (children in danger, assistance to children in family disputes) and cross-border (international and European legislation, European arrest warrant, children in the Brussels II bis Regulation and in the maintenance obligation regulation) areas. Issues regarding ethics, as well as technical specificities of assisting children will also be tackled (interview methods addressed to children depending on the topic, children's hearing).

This training is meant to be sent to Member states, which already know the training as "turnkey solution".

- **6 specific training seminars** of the same quality will be addressed to European children's lawyers. The seminars will take place in Spain, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Cyprus and France. Each seminar will last 1 day. The seminars will be delivered in national languages, but

participants will need a good command of English since there will be speakers from other partner countries (and interpretation will not be provided). Each seminar will focus on theoretical and practical issues, so the participants become familiar with the topic, and benefit from good practices from other Member States.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

-180 to 210 lawyers will be trained (30 to 35 from each of the following): Barreau de Paris; Spanish Bar; Athens Bar; The Law Society of Ireland; Legal Advisers of Poland; Cyprus Bar.

- Of the 30 to 35 above, the project will cover the travel costs and accommodation of 15 not resident in the venue city, to allow broader representation.

- Partners select speakers for their own seminar, with one speaker going to other national seminars as specified in the budget (annex 2).

- Networking opportunities will be created.

Expected results

- To organise 6 national seminars training 180 to 210 lawyers.

- To produce electronic training material (a kit) that will be available in the project's website.

Partners:

Name	Country
Stichting European Lawyers Foundation (ELF)	Netherlands
Consejo General de la Abogacia Espanola (CGAE)	Spain
ΔΙΚΗΓΟΡΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ (Athens Bar Association)	Greece
Law Society of Ireland	Ireland
Παγκύπριος Δικηγορικός Σύλλογος (Cyprus Bar)	Cyprus
Krajowa Rada Radców Prawnych (KRRP)	Poland

Application: 400009560

Title: UPHOLDING LEGAL RIGHTS FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN: fostering quality legal assistance in the asylum procedure

Applicant: EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON REFUGEES AND EXILES (ECRE)

Country: Belgium **Requested amount:** € 432,011.66

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Summary:

Objectives

The overall project aim is to ensure that unaccompanied children in need of protection have full access to this protection and that they are able to effectively participate in decision-making at all stages of the asylum process.

- Specific objective 1: To build the capacity of legal practitioners and other professionals to (a) improve their knowledge of children's rights and the principles laid down in international and EU legal instruments (b) improve their contribution to implementation of these rights and principles.
- Specific objective 2: To build the capacity of legal practitioners and other professionals on the principles and practice of child-centred justice, including how to put the child at the centre of judicial proceedings and how to use child-friendly working methods and communication.

Activities

- Preparation of transnational training program and manual
- Training of national partners (ToT) and national trainings in 5 countries
- 1 international high-level ELENA course
- consolidation and publication of electronic training manual
- development of 1 Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)
- dissemination and awareness raising

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- 5 partner organisations in Belgium, France, Italy, UK and Hungary receive training of trainers
- 195 lawyers and 300 legal advisers who are not lawyers representing unaccompanied children in asylum procedures in 5 partner countries
- 2000 professionals visit MOOC and 500 download electronic training manual
- 60 professional stakeholders get presentation on need for training for the target group and the outputs produced, and more reached through dissemination at national and EU level.
- at least 5000 unaccompanied children (ultimate beneficiaries) benefit from better representation in 2 years following the trainings

Expected results

- Result 1: National partners have strengthened capacities to train lawyers and legal advisers representing unaccompanied children in asylum procedures in their country
- Result 2: 195 lawyers and 300 legal advisers representing unaccompanied children in asylum procedures who are not lawyers in 5 countries have strengthened judicial knowledge and skills for child-friendly interaction in order to provide quality legal assistance to unaccompanied children in asylum procedures, and 60 legal experts have enhanced in-depth legal knowledge through the EU-level ELENA course.
- Result 3: Lawyers and legal advisers representing unaccompanied children in asylum procedures throughout the EU, and providers of training to this target group, have access to replicable, accessible online training tools to strengthen their legal knowledge and their skills to generate effective participation of the child to decision-making regarding its asylum procedure.
- Result 4: A wider relevant professional audience at EU and national level is aware of the existing training needs and solutions offered by the project partners.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- 1 ToT
- 35 national trainings
- 1 ELENA module
- 1 consolidated electronic training manual in English, 80 pages
- 1 MOOC, 8 modules, in English and French
- 1 final seminar in Brussels

Partners:

Name	Country
Forum Réfugiés - Cosi	France
Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen vzw	Belgium
Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati ONLUS	Italy
The Immigration Law Practitioners' Association	United Kingdom
Hungarian Helsinki Committee	Hungary

Application: 400009564

Title: Advancing defence rights of children

Applicant: Fair Trials International

Country: United Kingdom **Requested amount:** € 239,632.92

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Summary:

Objectives

To increase the capacity of defence lawyers effectively to represent children in criminal proceedings by:

- a) Identifying practical barriers to the effective participation of child suspects and defendants in criminal proceedings which skilled legal representation could address;
- b) Examining existing practice and engaging interdisciplinary expertise on the training of defence lawyers working with child suspects and defendants;
- c) Developing and delivering a replicable and interdisciplinary training programme for defence lawyers; and
- d) Enhancing networking opportunities for defence lawyers representing children, through project activities and the existing EU-wide LEAP network.

Activities

- a) A regional conference which brings together juvenile justice experts, social workers, child psychologists and legal training providers to provide interdisciplinary expert input into a toolkit and training programme for defence lawyers representing children.
- b) Iterative production of training materials (with a toolkit, in-person training programme and online component), drawing on interdisciplinary expertise and information gathered throughout the project, which can be used in a sustainable and replicable way to train defence lawyers across the EU effectively to represent children in criminal proceedings.
- c) A regional training course which will introduce national bar associations and other legal training providers to the training materials and motivate them to deliver similar training programmes in their own jurisdictions.
- d) National training courses which will pilot the training materials in Hungary and Romania, providing country-specific versions of the in-person training programme to defence lawyers and seeking feedback to inform the final versions of the training materials.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- a) Bar associations and legal training providers will benefit from the regional training course and the training materials which can support ongoing national training provision: 50 representatives will attend the regional training course.
- b) Defence lawyers will benefit from the national training courses (80 participants), the delivery of

future training courses by bar associations and legal training providers (200) and from the online training programme (1500).

c) Child suspects and defendants across the EU will benefit from increased capacity and availability of defence lawyers to represent them in criminal proceedings. It is estimated that there are 1 million children facing criminal proceedings each year.

Expected results

a) Increased provision of training for defence lawyers representing child suspect and defendants in criminal proceedings;

b) Increased capacity of lawyers effectively to represent child suspects and defendants in criminal proceedings;

c) Stronger networks created between defence lawyers and experts from other relevant disciplines which provide support for strategic regional initiatives to tackle systemic challenges facing child suspects and defendants;

d) Increased awareness of the systemic challenges faced in practice by child suspects and defendants and increased capacity to use strategic and innovative approaches to tackle them; and

e) Strengthened respect for the rights of child suspects and defendants in criminal proceedings.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

a) 1 regional conference for 50 participants;

b) 1 toolkit for defence lawyers;

c) 1 training programme, including an in-person training curriculum and online component;

d) 1 regional training course for 50 participants;

e) 2 national training courses (Hungary and Romania) for a total of 80 participants;

f) 2 country-specific training programmes, tailored to the specific needs identified in Hungary and Romania.

Partners:

Name	Country
Magyar Helsinki Bizottsag - Hungarian Helsinki Committee ("HHC")	Hungary
Asociația pentru Apărarea Drepturilor Omului în România - Comitetul Helsinki ("APADOR-CH")	Romania
Fair Trials Europe ("FTE")	Belgium
International Juvenile Justice Observatory ("IJJO")	Belgium

Application: 400009578

Title: FACT FOR MINORS. Fostering Alternative Care for Troubled minors

Applicant: Coordinamento Nazionale Comunità Accoglienza (CNCA)

Country: Italy **Requested amount:** € 443,601.34

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Summary:

Objectives

- Complement the efforts of the EU in the area of the rights of the child by boosting child protection system changes in the 5 partner countries (PC)
- Improve efficiency of the child protection system in 5 PC so as to improve outcomes for children and in particular children with mental health disorders in alternative care communities
- Ensure that children with psychiatric/personality disorders in alternative care are guaranteed full access to their rights, including educational, social, and therapeutic, in a child-appropriate manner and context
- Strengthen the capacity of professionals working for or with children in alternative care to respond adequately to the particular needs of children with psychiatric/personality disorders
- Strengthen interagency and multidisciplinary cooperation in the area of the rights of children in alternative care so as to improve the system's response capacity to some children's special needs
- Raise awareness in the area of the rights of the child, and particularly in regards to children in alternative care, at national and EU level

Activities

- Capacity building with professionals working with or for children in alternative care in 5 PC and at European level through an e-learning platform
- Identification, adaptation and testing of successful intervention methods to address the needs of children with mental health disorders in alternative care
- Strengthening of multi-agency and multi-disciplinary cooperation in the area of child protection in the 5 PC also through finalization of formal commitments
- Development of outputs aimed at ensuring maximum impact, visibility and sustainability of

the project results and in particular of the capacity building methodology developed

- Communication and dissemination events to present project results and raise awareness on the rights of children in alternative care

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- Professionals working with children in alternative care (i.e., social workers, justice practitioners, health workers, educators, psychologists, police):
 - 100 *directly benefited* by the project activities in the 5 PC + 40 in other EU countries
 - Professionals as above, *indirectly benefited by the project results also beyond project duration*: 1.000 in the 5 PC + 400 in other EU countries
- Children in alternative care: 500 in the 5 PC + 150 in other European countries
- Amongst whom, children with mental health disorders in alternative care: 120
- National institutions and public bodies working in the area of rights of the child and in child protection system: 50 in the 5 PC
- National policy-makers and reps of the European Commission: 30
- Academics and university students: 300
- The wider public: 10.000

Expected results

- Alternative care professionals better equipped to address the needs of children with mental health disorders
- National institutions and public bodies of the PC committed to enhancing the child protection system
- Child protection system changes boosted in the 5 PC
- Children in alternative care under penal measures and with psychiatric or personality disorders guaranteed timely and effective responses to their educational, social and therapeutic needs

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- WSO:

4 SGM

project leaflet

evaluation report

final report

- WS1:

1 Transnational Advisory Board (4 meetings)

5 National Advisory Boards (4 meetings each)

5 Memoranda of understanding

- WS2:

12 Focus groups

5 National Capacity Building processes (consisting of: 3 methodology development meetings; 3 training meetings; 2 coordination meetings; testing and individual follow-up; 4 webinar events)

1 e-learning platform for European capacity building (4 modules)

2 transnational exchange meetings

4 transnational webinar events

- WS3:

1 European guidelines for managers

1 European Handbook for professionals/practitioners

1 Project website

5 National dissemination events

1 Final EU conference

Partners:

Name	Country
Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research	Italy
Catholic University of Porto	Portugal
CJD Hamburg (Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschland)	Germany
Parc Sanitari Sant Joan de Deu	Spain
Juvenile Justice Ministry, Department of Community	Italy
Don Calabria Institute	Italy
Finnish Youth Research Network	Finland
International Juvenile Justice Observatory	Belgium

Application: 400009580

Title: Prepare for Leaving Care – a Child Protection System that works for Professionals and Young People

Applicant: SOS-Kinderdorf International

Country: Austria **Requested amount:** € 557,737.21

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Summary:

Prepare for Leaving Care – a Child Protection System that works for Professionals and Young People seeks to contribute to the capacity building of a range of Care Professionals (CPs) working with children or young people leaving care or with responsibility for the well-being of young people.

The project will build on the experience of project partners to develop and deliver trainings for CPs to learn how to integrate a child right approach into their work and best prepare children and young people for leaving care. A train the trainer methodology will be used to ensure broad application of the developed tools and training.

Youth participation will be central and integral to all activities of the project and in line with the Lundy Approach to Participation. Young people will be involved in all aspects of scoping, training materials development, leaving care framework creation and discussion. All aspects relating to participation of young people will be guided and monitored by members of the team with specific expertise in participation.

Project partners will make the most of their networks and partnerships at European and national levels to ensure broad dissemination of outputs, promote change in policy and practice, and replication.

The overall objective is to embed a child rights based culture into child protection systems which improves outcomes for children and young people in particular in the preparation for leaving care.

The specific objective is to build the capacity of professionals to integrate a child rights based approach to their work especially in preparation for leaving care.

Goals will be reached through the implementation of these **activities**:

- A scoping exercise, to gather information on child protection/child care and welfare systems and services as they relate to leaving care, on workforce development and training needs
- The development of a Leaving Care Toolkit, a Training Methodology and Manual
- Training of Master trainers from 5 project countries
- Delivery of trainings to a range of CPs in the 5 partner countries
- The development of National Policy Guidelines and comprehensive Leaving Care frameworks
- Youth participation will be integral, and organised through a series of Young Expert Groups in project countries

The **persons who will benefit directly** from the project are:

- 11 Master Trainers
- 400 CPs from 5 EU countries: care has been taken to reach as many CPs as possible while implementing the most qualitative training methodology based on a combination of training and mentoring, to result in the most successful outcomes
- 130 Young People who will participate directly in project activities

Indirect beneficiaries will be over 100 NGOs, local, regional, national authorities, academia, EU Institutions and UN bodies who will be able to avail of created tools.

Expected **results** are:

1. CP Master Trainers are successfully trained on how to train and apply a child rights approach in their practice with a focus on leaving care
2. CPs have improved capacity on how to apply a child rights approach in their practice with a focus on leaving care
3. Young people have participated meaningfully in framing CP trainings and leaving care policies affecting them
4. CPs and public authorities show commitment to sustaining a child rights based training for CPs and explore an integrated child protection system approach

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- Scoping methodology and guidelines
- Leaving Care Toolkit: 600 copies in 6 languages
- TOT methodology
- Training Manual and Materials: 300 copies in 6 languages
- TOT training, delivered in 2 blocks of 3 days
- National CP trainings: 4 sessions delivered in 2 blocks of 3 days, in each of the 5 partner countries
- Virtual exchange platform
- 2 Webinars
- National Policy Guidelines: 500 copies in 5 languages
- Final publication including national training evaluation and policy guidelines
- 5 National and 1 European Round Table
- External evaluation & audit

Partners:

Name	Country
Asociación Aldeas Infantiles SOS de España	Spain
Latvijas SOS-Bernu Ciematu Asociacija	Latvia
SOS vaiku kaimu Lietuvoje draugija	Lituania
SOS Villaggi dei Bambini Onlus	Italy
SOS-Djecje selo Hrvatska	Croatia
CELCIS - University of Strathclyde	Great Britain

Application: 400009582

Title: Improving Decisions through Empowerment and Advocacy (IDEA): Building Children's Rights Capacity in Child Protection Systems

Applicant: University College Cork

Country: Ireland **Requested amount:** € 420,412.78

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Summary:

Aim

- **Improve Decisions** for children by building capacity of professionals who represent children's interests in the child protection system to **Empower** children and **Advocate** for the advancement of children's rights in five partner countries (Ireland, Finland, Sweden, Estonia and Hungary).

Objectives

- Establish the training needs of professionals representing children's interests in the child protection system through a literature review and consultation exercise.
- Develop networks of professionals to facilitate consultation, delivery of training and ongoing learning through collaboration, mutual support and information exchange.
- Deliver interdisciplinary training on legal developments, child participation, child development and welfare and staff welfare.
- Engage in ongoing dissemination activities that will allow the benefits of the training events to continue after the conclusion of the project.

Activities

- Workstream 1 (Literature Review): A detailed literature review will identify the existing state of knowledge on the implementation of children's rights in the area of child protection in each partner country.

- Workstream 2 (Network Building and Consultation): A network of practitioners specialising in child protection will be developed in each partner country. Practitioners will be consulted in relation to their specific training needs, with a view to filling any gaps in the knowledge gathered in Workstream 1.

- Workstream 3 (Training): Training modules and materials will be developed and delivered using a mixture of media, including in-person seminars and workshops, online delivery and practice tools. Training content will include (A) Legal Knowledge, (B) Theories of Child Development, (C) Communication Skills and Models of Child Participation and (D) Staff Welfare.

- Workstream 4 (Dissemination): The project will aim to disseminate on an ongoing basis in a number of ways, including online training materials and academic outputs which will be disseminated at relevant national and international conferences and ultimately as journal

articles.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- Lawyers representing children or children's interests will be the primary target group. However, the representation of children is not primarily a task of lawyers in some of the partner countries, and is carried out by multiple other professionals, including guardians *ad litem* and social workers. Accordingly, other professionals will be included as appropriate so as to ensure that the aims of the funding call can be achieved.
- Across the five partner countries, training will be directly delivered to a total of 970 professionals. Ongoing dissemination activities after the conclusion of the project will facilitate a multiplier effect whereby the number of professionals exposed to the training and the materials will continue to grow over time.

Expected results

- Enhancement of the capacity of lawyers and other professionals who represent children in the child protection system in five EU Member States to adopt a children's rights-based approach to their practice.
- Embedding of knowledge on voluminous and complex recent legal developments in the area of child law and children's rights.
- Ensuring that the right to be heard is translated into effective child participation in practice by complementing legal knowledge with the necessary interdisciplinary skills in communicating with children and models of child participation.
- Equipping lawyers to engage with and interrogate evidence presented by social workers, psychologists and other professionals in child protection proceedings by providing further interdisciplinary training in theories of child development.
- Giving legal professionals the tools to think strategically about how litigation might effect systemic change, thus extending the benefit of a successful action beyond the case immediately at hand.
- Equipping lawyers to pursue remedies using international mechanisms such as the European Court of Human Rights or Optional Protocol No. 3 in cases where domestic law cannot fully vindicate the rights of the child that they represent.
- Developing networks among professionals representing children in child protection proceedings in each country that will provide a framework for identifying and implementing best practice through ongoing development and training, collaboration and information exchange.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- 22 in-person training events
- 8 online seminars
- 1 website with archived training events and materials
- 4 practice tools
- 18 conference presentations
- 5 academic journal publications

Partners:

Name	Country
University of Tampere	Finland
University of Gothenburg	Sweden
University of Szeged	Hungary
University of Tartu	Estonia

Application: 400009585

Title: CRBB 2.0 - A participatory path toward reintegration

Applicant: Défense des Enfants International

Country: Belgium **Requested amount:** € 463,284.32

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Summary:

Objectives

Building on acquis of **Children's rights behind bars** and **Twelve** projects, project **aims at contributing to:**

- **improve detention conditions of children through training of monitoring bodies and professionals**
- **enhance protection of children deprived of liberty by promoting effective participation in monitoring detention conditions;**
- **foster collaboration of services involved in reintegration.**
- **assess added value of actions and changes produced**

Activities

0.1- Management – coordination

0.2- 3 partnership seminars

WS1 Training

- Translation Practical guide *CRBB*, printing, dissemination.
- Training monitoring bodies at national/regional level (specific training material) view for better collaboration between monitoring bodies in BE, IT, PL, UK
- Capacity building laboratories with professionals within 2/3 detention places in each country to draft & test self assessment tool

WS2 Participation

- At least 2 pilot projects in 4 countries with active participation of children to take part to monitoring of deprivation of liberty, suggest improvement, using different methodologies: photo, video, drawing, theater, focus groups,... (2 groups of girls).

WS3 reintegration

- At least 2 focus groups with stakeholders involved in reintegration process of juveniles: judges, prosecutors, lawyers, social workers,... set up/improve reintegration schemes, draft protocols (electronic) for better cooperation;
- Implementation of protocols

WS4 Reporting & evaluation

- Data-collection: identification of indicators to measure changes and trends
- External evaluation
- National reports of whole project for BE, IT, PL, UK (EN – 50 pages – electronic)

- EU Handbook/Guide (*Improving conditions of child deprivation of liberty and reintegration perspectives*) on whole project (EN, translation FR, IT, PL, NL; electronic– 100 copies).

Type/number persons benefiting from project

- Ultimate beneficiaries: All children deprived of liberty in 4 EU MS
- 50 children deprived of liberty from BE, IT, PL, UK involved in monitoring deprivation of liberty
- 75 members of National/regional monitoring bodies in BE, IT, PL, UK
- 60 Staff members of detention places in BE, IT, PL, UK take part to self-assessment laboratories
- 80 Law enforcement professionals and legal practitioners working with children in BE, IT, PL, UK take part in pilot project to foster reintegration of children
- 50 key stakeholders from 15 EU MS take part to final seminar and share experience

Expected results

- Enhanced capacity of monitoring bodies at national/regional level to monitor child detention
- Enhanced capacity and skills professionals working with children in detention implementing Children's rights
- Improved living conditions of children in detention
- Promoted participation of children in monitoring places where they detained
- Improved rehabilitation processes and social inclusion of children
- Improved awareness at EU level

Type & number of outputs

- Reports 3 seminars (EN - electronic)
- Printing Practical Guide in FR, EN, IT, PL, NL, ES in 300/500 copies
- Training material including self-assessment tool in EN, FR, IT, PL, DU + SP – electronic
- Child-friendly material for information of children on standards applicable, monitoring process and complaints mechanism (in EN, FR, IT, PL, NL + ES – electronic)
- Specific outputs of pilot projects with children on monitoring deprivation of liberty, (drawings, videos, photos,...)
- National protocols for collaboration between professionals for reintegration of children.
- National reports of whole project in UK, IT, BE, PL including laboratories with professionals, self assesment tools, pilot projects with children, focus groups on reintegration (electronic)
- EU handbook present the whole project, good practices, evidences, recommendations and follow up in EN, FR, IT, PL, NL – electronic
- Report of the external evaluator on the global evaluation of the project in UK, IT, PL, BE - electronic
- Website of the project updated

Partners:

Name	Country
Defence for children international Italia	Italy
Ministry of Justice Department of Juvenile and Community Justice	Italy
The Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights	Poland
The Howard League for Penal Reform	United Kingdom
Defence for children International – World Service - Foundation	Belgium

Application: 400009589

Title: Alternative Ways to Address Youth (AWAY)

Applicant: Magyarországi Terre des Hommes Alapítvány

Country: Hungary **Requested amount:** € 431,033.67

Contact:

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Objectives

- Build regional empirical evidence base on diversion in the juvenile justice systems
- Building on research, develop and deliver self-directed e-learning course as well as one-to-one and group mentoring with multidisciplinary professionals around child-friendly practices in the area of diversion
- -Utilise the research findings and recommendations generated by the trainings to develop child-friendly and popularized informational materials for children and adults in the target countries
- -Inform both local and regional related policies and plans of action.

Activities

- Research in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary and Romania to identify the challenges and obstacles for the use of diversion, and map existing alternative services for children in rural areas.
- Identifying and mapping good practices and experiences in Belgium
- -Working with children at risk or in conflict with the law in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary and Romania as members of child advisory boards to ensure that their experiences, views, opinions are reflected and considered throughout all project activities.
- Development and implementation of an interactive online learning course for multidisciplinary professionals – including two face-to-face sessions with professionals in three locations of each country, one-on-one and group mentoring sessions, and online forum discussions.
- Creation and launching of a public campaign in each country influencing public perceptions about juvenile offenders and promoting alternative sentencing as beneficial for the development of children and their better integration in society as productive members. Specific advocacy events targeting EU Member States and the Council of Europe. Publishing stories and articles in popular media outlets on diversion about the positive impact of diversion and alternative measures on children.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

240 Juvenile justice professionals in four target countries

30 Children who are at risk or are/were in conflict with the juvenile justice system

Expected results

An empirical evidence base on diversion informs the juvenile justice system in the region
 Multidisciplinary professionals are more aware and better equipped to use diversion mechanisms

Improved public awareness on the benefits of diversion for children

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- 5 national research reports and one synthesis report on the hindering factors of the better and more frequent use of diversion and child-friendly justice practices, as well as a good practice collection specialized online platform on juvenile justice
- Children’s corner on ChildHub that reflects the inputs, opinions and views of children and for children
- 10 Child Advisory Group meetings – 30 at risk or children in conflict with the law better equipped and empowered to make responsible decisions about their lives
- 1 practical guide on child participatory good practice
- 16 mentors from four countries providing one-on-one and group mentoring sessions for other professionals
- 240 trained professionals from different fields related to juvenile justice
- self-directed online course on diversion and alternative sentencing available and adapted in 6 languages and hosted both on ChildHub and IJJO’s learning platform
- at least 1 forum discussion of participating professionals on ChildHub
- 4 webinars related and integral part of the capacity building program on diversion
- at least 5 e-Newsletters in four languages reporting and promoting project results and other useful resources related to juvenile justice
- 1 public campaign in five countries reaching 5,000 members of the public
- 2 regional advocacy events addressing policy- and decision-makers

Expected results

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Improved public awareness on the benefits of diversion for children

Partners:

Name	Country
Brave Phone	Croatia
Program for the Development of the Judicial System in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
Terre des hommes Fundatia Helvetia	Romania
Defence for Children International in Belgium	Belgium
PILNET	Hungary
International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO)	Belgium