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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Tiina Astola, Director General, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers

Since 1 February 2016, Ms Astola is Director-General for Justice and Consumers at the European Commission. The DG deals with civil justice, including contract and company law, criminal justice, fundamental rights (including rights of the child), data protection and free movement, equality and consumer law and policy. Before joining the Commission, Ms Astola was Permanent Secretary of the Finnish Ministry of Justice, with overall responsibility for both international and domestic law matters, including courts and prisons. Prior to that, she headed units responsible for civil law and European law at the Department of Legislation of the Ministry and has also worked for the Finnish Ministry of Finance and the Finnish Foreign Trade Association. Ms. Astola has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki in May 2017.

PLENARY SESSION

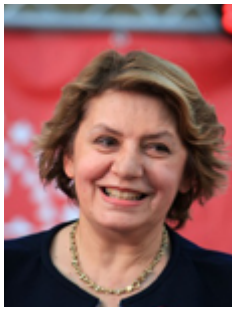
Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Věra Jourová is currently European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. In 2014, before arriving to the European Commission, Ms Jourová held the position of Minister for Regional Development in the Czech Republic. Previous to this, from 2006 to 2013, she worked in her own company as an international consultant on European Union funding, and was also involved in consultancy activities in the Western Balkans relating to European Union Accession. She holds a Degree in Law (Mgr.) and a Master's degree (Mgr.) in the Theory of Culture from the Charles University, Prague.

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Member of the European Parliament, Co-chair of the Child Rights Intergroup in the European Parliament

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt is a Member of the European Parliament, elected by the Swedish people in 2009 and in 2014 with personal votes for the Moderate Party, in the European People's Party group. She is the first Vice Chair of the Committee on Internal Market and consumer protection and Vice-Coordinator in the Women's Rights Committee. She is also a member of the Civil Liberties Committee as well as of the EU delegation to Ukraine and the Joint Parliamentary Committee with Turkey. She co-chairs the Intergroup on Children´s Rights and Single Seat Campaign. Her main areas of activity are migration, the digital single market and food issues. She is fully committed to peace, freedom and democracy in Europe. In particular, she works to combat trafficking in human beings and to eradicate any kind of violence against women and children. Previously, she has also been an active entrepreneur and received several prices for her high merits in promoting Italian food abroad and for building bridges between Sweden and Italy. In the current mandate (2014-2019) Anna Maria Corazza Bildt is the Rapporteur on the Implementation Report on the Directive on the implementation of Directive 2011/93/EU on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, as well as on the Report on EU accession to the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women.

Caterina Chinnici, Member of the European Parliament, Co-chair of the Child Rights Intergroup in the European Parliament

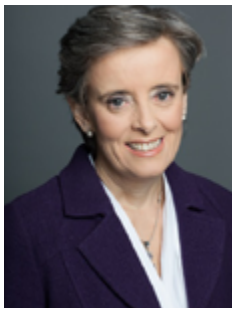


Caterina Chinnici was born in Palermo; she graduated in law at 21 years old, she has been the youngest magistrate in Italy to be appointed as Chief Prosecutor of a Public Prosecutor´s Office. During her long career she has served as Chief Public Prosecutor at Juvenile Court of Palermo, member of the Commission for international adoptions and member of the Central Organism for the protection of unaccompanied minors established by the Italian Minister of Interior. In 2009, she has been a member of the Government of the Sicilian region, as a Councillor in charge of Family, Social Policies and Local Autonomy. In 2012, she headed the Department for Juvenile Justice of the Italian Minister of Justice. In May 2014, she was elected Member of the European Parliament and has been appointed Co-Chair of the Children's rights intergroup. In the course of the exercise of her mandate, she was the European Parliament's rapporteur on the directive on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused in criminal proceedings, which was adopted on 9 March 2016, and published in the official journal on 21 May 2016. After that, she was appointed shadow rapporteur for the group of the Socialist and Democrats on the directive on combating terrorism and on the EP report on prisons and system conditions. Finally, in September 2017, she was appointed full member of the Special Committee on Terrorism.

Manfred Nowak, Independent Expert leading the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty

In October 2016, Manfred Nowak was appointed as independent expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty. He carries out this function in close cooperation with the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) in Venice, which he heads as Secretary-General, and the partner universities of the Global Campus of Human Rights, as well as with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights in Vienna, which he founded and co-directs.
In addition, Manfred Nowak still has a part-time Professorship of International Human Rights at the University of Vienna, where he is the head of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights and of the Research Center Human Rights. Aside from Vienna University, Manfred Nowak was Professor of International Law and Human Rights at various prestigious universities, such as Utrecht, Lund, Stanford and the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and has published more than 600 books and articles in this field, including various language editions of the CCPR-Commentary, a CAT-Commentary and an introduction to the International Human Rights Regime. He has carried out various expert functions for the UN, the Council of Europe, the EU and other inter-governmental organisations. Most importantly, he served for many years in various functions as UN Expert on Enforced Disappearances (1993 to 2006), as one of eight international judges in the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo (1996 to 2003), and as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture (2004 to 2010).

Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children



Marta Santos Pais is the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children. She has more than 30 years' experience on human rights issues, engagement in United Nations and intergovernmental processes, and is the author of a large number of publications on human rights and children's rights. Before her appointment as SRSG on Violence against Children, Marta Santos Pais was the Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and UNICEF Director of Evaluation, Policy and Planning; and before then Member and Rapporteur of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. She is strongly committed to mobilising action and political support to maintain momentum around the 2030 Agenda and to achieve steady progress across the world in violence prevention and response.
She chairs the UN Inter-Agency Working Group on Violence against Children and the UN Task Force on the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty. In September 2017 she was awarded a Doctorate degree Honoris Causa by the Maria Grzegorzewska University for her achievements in the field of children's rights and children's protection from violence.

Leon Horvath, Personal testimony

Leon Horváth lived in state child care institutions for nearly 14 years. He suffered from physical and psychological abuse. In order to protect himself and his peers, he became interested in psychology and law. He initiated inspections in residential care centres, which resulted in conflict with child protection workers. He was removed from one centre and placed in another, where he again suffered from abuse. Because of the abuse he suffered, Leon took a case to court, which he won after 18 months. The court found that the child protection service violated Leon's rights and acted against the law. Leon is a student now and an activist advocating for victims of child protection malpractice and against the inhumane treatment of refugee children.

Gholam Reza Hassanpour, Young Ambassador for the Global Campaign to End Child Detention, International Detention Coalition

Gholam represented the Global Campaign to End Child Detention in Geneva as a former unaccompanied child, in 2012 (participation as a speaker at the seminar "Issues of Protection and Support of Unaccompanied Minors", UN High Commissioner For Refugees) and in 2017 (participation as a speaker at the Panel discussion on unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents and human rights, 35th regular session of the Human Rights Council). He has been working as an interpreter at the Greek Council for Refugees in Athens since 2012, in Farsi and Dari languages providing services to people from Afghanistan and Iran in cooperation with the Legal and Social Unit of the organisation. He has also participated in several missions as an interpreter in detention centers for refugees, on behalf of the Greek Council for Refugees. In 2016–2017 he worked as an interpreter for SOS Children's Villages in the hotspot of Schisto in cooperation with a psychologist.

PLENARY SESSION

Margaret Tuite, European Commission coordinator for the rights of the child, Fundamental Rights Policy, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers

Margaret Tuite is the European Commission coordinator for the rights of the child since 1 November 2011 in the unit responsible for fundamental rights policy in Directorate-General Justice and Consumers. From 2008-2011, she was deputy head of unit for criminal justice. She has worked for the European Commission for 32 years, 16 of them in the justice and home affairs domains. Twitter: @MargaretTuite1

Simon Mordue, Deputy Director-General for Migration, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs

Since December 2016, Simon Mordue is Deputy Director General for Migration in DG HOME, overseeing the Directorates responsible for Migration and Protection, and Migration and Security Funds. In September 2014, Simon Mordue was appointed Director «Strategy and Turkey» in DG NEAR, covering issues such as the overall strategy for enlargement policy and the European Neighbourhood Policy, policy planning, interinstitutional relations and communication, thematic support, monitoring and evaluation, financial instruments and negotiations with Turkey. In the Barroso II Commission, Simon was Head of Cabinet for Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy. In the Barroso I Commission, Simon was deputy Head of Cabinet to Vice President Verheugen covering a broad range of areas in the VP's team including responsibility for driving forward the better regulation agenda and the relations of the VP with the EP and Council. This latter involved overseeing, for the VP, complex inter-institutional negotiations on issues such as REACH, the single market for goods package, the defence package, etc. He had also been part of Commissioner Verheugen's team for the last part of the Prodi Commission where he oversaw preparations for the new financial perspectives and also dealt with relations with the EP. At other times in his career in the Commission, he has been head of Unit for the maritime sector in DG Transport and Energy (TREN), Head of the Financial Instruments Unit in DG Enlargement and he served also as Head of the Operational Sections of the EC's delegations in Romania and Turkey.

Tomáš Boček, Council of Europe Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees

In January 2016, Tomáš Boček was appointed Special Representative on Migration and Refugees of Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland. His mandate is to gather information on how the fundamental rights of migrants and refugees are protected in the member States, and to develop proposals for action at national and European level. One of his priorities is to improve the situation of the high number of refugee and migrant children currently in Europe. After the adoption of the Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe (2017-2019) by 47 Council of Europe member States he is coordinating its implementation. He has also undertaken fact-finding missions to hotspots, camps and detention centres in several member States followed by reports and recommendations for assistance. A lawyer by training and a career diplomat, Tomáš Boček studied at the University of Pilsen and has a degree in public international law from Paris I University – Panthéon Sorbonne. From 2004 to 2008, he was the Agent of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance in Luxembourg. From 2008 to 2009 he was Deputy Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic. From 2010 until the end of January 2016, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe.

Sandie Blanchet, Director, Office for Relations with the EU, UNICEF

Ms Sandie Blanchet was appointed as Director of the UNICEF Office for Partnership with the EU, in Brussels, in July 2017. Ms. Blanchet comes with 23 years of experience with UNICEF and other UN agencies. In her previous position, as the UNICEF Representative in Romania, she led the implementation of the partnership agreement with authorities to accelerate the universal realisation of child rights in the country between 2012 and 2017. From 20008 to 2012, she worked as Deputy Representative in UNICEF Moldova, focusing on education and child protection reforms for the most vulnerable children. Earlier, she was the Knowledge and Communication Manager in UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen, where she improved communication and knowledge management on the procurement of essential supplies for children inside and outside the Organisation. Between 1996 and 2002, Ms. Blanchet contributed to UNICEF's advocacy on child rights and partnerships with the media first in Vietnam, and then in India. From 1993 to 1996, she was a consultant for UNICEF, UNDP and UNESCO in the fields of external communication and human rights. She graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Aix-en-Provence), and has an MA in international law from the Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies.

Sophie Magennis, Head of the Policy and Legal Support Unit, UNHCR Bureau for Europe

Sophie Magennis is Head of the Policy and Legal Support Unit at UNHCR's Bureau for Europe in Brussels. Prior to her appointment, she was UNHCR's Head of Office in Ireland. Previously, she was Head of Policy and Legislation at the Irish Ombudsman for Children's Office and Administrator of the Irish Human Rights Commission. She co-founded Human Rights Consultants in 2000. Prior to that, she served as Deputy to the Irish Ambassador to the Council of Europe. She has worked with the Council of Europe as Legal Consultant to the Monitoring Unit of the Secretary General and as a Legal Expert at the Council of Europe's Section for Equality between Women and Men. She is an Attorney and Counselor at Law at the New York State Bar and holds a European Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation from the European Inter-University Centre in Venice, Italy.

Tuomas Kurttila, Children's Ombudsman, Finland, Chair of European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)

Tuomas Kurttila is the Ombudsman for Children in Finland. The Council of State appointed Kurttila to this post on March 13, 2014. Kurttila holds a Master's Degree in Administrative Sciences and Theology. Tuomas Kurttila, who was born in 1978, has earlier worked, among other things, as the Executive Director of the Finnish Parents' League and as the General Secretary of Finland's Advisory Council for Youth Affairs. He is a long-time member of the Advisory Council for Children's Affairs, which supports the Ombudsman for Children in his or her work. In their reasoning for the appointment, the Council of State valued the experience Kurttila has gained in diverse positions of responsibility and his in-depth knowledge of interest groups, in addition to his work experience.

Dainius Puras, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Health and Professor of Child Psychiatry and Public Mental Health, Vilnius University

Dainius Puras is Professor and Head of the Centre of Child Psychiatry and Social Paediatrics at Vilnius University, Lithuania. Among positions he has held, he was a President of the Lithuanian Psychiatric Association, Dean of the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University, President of the Baltic Association for Rehabilitation and Chair of the Board of the Human Rights Monitoring Institute. From 2007-2011 Dainius was a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. A Professor since 2014, he is the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to physical and mental health. Puras has been actively involved in national and international activities in the field of developing and implementing evidence-based and human rights based health-related policies and services, with special focus on children, groups in vulnerable situations and issues related to the promotion of mental health and prevention of all forms of violence. His main interest is management of change in the field of health-related services regionally and globally, with a main focus on operationalisation of a human rights based approach through effective policies and services.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Renate Winter, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Renate Winter (Austria) has been a judge in Austria since 1981. Her expertise covers juvenile justice, war crimes, crimes against humanity, gender issues, organised crime and restorative justice. She is currently the President of the Residual Special Court of Sierra Leone (RSCSL) and has recently been elected as the Chairperson of the UN Committee on the rights of the child. She has also served as international judge of the Supreme Court of Kosovo as part of the United Nations mission and has provided advice as a consultant in justice matters in more than 40 countries. Throughout her career, Justice Winter has worked for child-friendly juvenile justice and the protection of children. She has worked with States parties from diverse legal cultures on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. As an international judge in post-conflict situations, Justice Winter acquired first-hand experience in tackling challenges in the protection of women and children, including the rehabilitation and reintegration of children affected by armed conflict. She has also contributed to the Draft Model law on juvenile justice, the UN Manual on Juvenile Justice, and the Draft Model Law on Child Victims & Witness Protection.

Dylan Moore, Personal testimony

Dylan Moore is an art student studying Communication Design at Glasgow School of Art. He was a founding member of the arts collective KIN, which creates works to raise awareness of young people in Scotland with a parent or family member in prison. All KIN members have had a family member in prison, each with very different experiences. In Dylan's case his father has been in and out of the prison system for his whole life. Dylan has found working with KIN helpful in exploring the impact of imprisonment on himself, and using their collective understanding Dylan is now working with KIN to help others who he hopes will not have to suffer the same stigma and feel the same isolation as he did.

Pavel Hájek, Personal testimony

Pavel Hájek is 21 years old and from the Czech Republic. He lived in an institution from the age of 14. Pavel became interested in deinstitutionalisation when he was 17 years old and started volunteering for an organisation supporting children and young people living in institutions. In 2017 he became a member of Lumos' youth advisory board. Pavel is currently studying special pedagogy at college. Through his education and personal experience he uses every opportunity he can to amplify the problems facing children and young people living in institutions around the world.

PLENARY SESSION: CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS

Emmanuel Crabit, Acting Director, Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law, DG Justice and Consumers

Emmanuel Crabit is acting Director of the Directorate Fundamental rights and rule of law and head of the unit Justice policy and rule of law in the European Commission's DG for Justice and Consumers. He was previously the head of the fundamental rights and rights of the child unit in DG Justice. Before working for DG Justice, Emmanuel Crabit worked in the Internal Market and Services Directorate-General and, inter alia, dealt with Commission initiatives in the field of data protection, media pluralism, e-commerce and services. Emmanuel Crabit holds a PhD in public law and was senior lecturer in public law before joining the European Commission.

Nathalie Griesbeck, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-chair of the Child Rights Intergroup in the European Parliament

Born in Metz – a city in the North East of France – in 1956, Nathalie Griesbeck obtained a Masters of Law at the University of Metz and two post-graduate degrees at the University of Nancy as valedictorian. She continues to be a lecturer in public law at the University of Metz (on hold). Very involved locally, Nathalie Griesbeck has occupied several functions in the town hall council of Metz and in the departmental council of Moselle for over 30 years in the areas of economics, social and cultural affairs. Elected as a Member of the European Parliament in 2004 for the French "Grand Est" constituency as a centrist candidate (for the UDF (Union for French Democracy) in 2004, the MoDem (Democratic Movement) in 2009, and the list "les Européens UDI-MoDem in 2014) Nathalie Griesbeck joined the Civil liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE) in 2009. She also sits in the Employment and Social affairs Committee (EMPL) and takes part in both the Delegations to the ACP-EU and the Latin America-Euro Joint Parliamentary Assemblies. During her former terms in office she was a member of the Budgets and Transport and Tourism Committees. In 2013, she was appointed as Rapporteur to the European Parliament on the situation of non-accompanied minors in the EU. In 2015, she was appointed as Rapporteur on the proposal for a directive on the presumption of innocence. In 2017, she was appointed as Rapporteur on the proposal for a regulation on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders. In September 2017, she was elected Chair of the new special parliamentary committee on Terrorism. She is also vice-Chair of the Children's rights intergroup.

Rositsa Todorova Dimitrova, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria

As a deputy minister of labour and social policy Rositsa Dimitrova is responsible for social inclusion, social benefits, social services, support for children and families, integration of people with disabilities, gender equality and non-discrimination. Dimitrova is in charge of the interactions between MLSP and the State Agency for Child Protection and oversees and coordinates the work of the Agency for Social Assistance, the Agency for People with Disabilities and the Social Protection Fund. Before taking the deputy minister position, from 2006 to May 2017 Rositsa Dimitrova was director of the Social Activities and Health Directorate of the Municipality of Veliko Tarnovo. Since 2016 she has served as chair of the permanent committee on labour and social policy of the National Association of Municipalities in Bulgaria. Her professional experience includes different expert and management positions in the area of social assistance and social service in the Municipality of Veliko Tarnovo and the Agency for Social Assistance. She taught at the Medical College in Veliko Tarnovo and the University of Veliko Tarnovo ("St. Cyril and St. Methodius"). Ms. Dimitrova took part in the working groups tasked with the development of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion 2020 and the update of the National Child Strategy 2008-2018. Rositsa Dimitrova has broad experience in programme and project management. She has masters degrees in social work, health insurance systems and economic management from the University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and St. Methodius". She holds a masters degree in European project management and in management from the Plovdiv University "Payisi Hilendarski". She is an alumni of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitar Panitsa".

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SESSION 1
CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Isabelle Pérignon, Head of Unit, Procedural Criminal Law, Directorate General Justice and Consumers

Isabelle Pérignon is the Head of the «procedural criminal law» unit in the European Commission (Directorate General for Justice and Consumers) since June 2017. Prior to this, she was a Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Véra Jourovà since 1 November 2014. She was in charge of criminal law files including the setting up of the European Public Prosecutor Office. From September 2013-2014 she was a Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Cecilia Malmström where she was in charge of security files (especially TFTP; PNR; foreign-fighters). Isabelle was previously Deputy Head of Unit at the European Commission in the Directorate General Home Affairs (DG HOME) where she was in charge of the fight against organised crime, after five years as Head of Sector in DG HOME in charge of police cooperation and information exchange.

Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director, Defence for Children Belgium

Benoit Van Keirsbilck is the Director of the Belgian section of Defence for Children – International (DCI) and the former President of the International Executive Council (International board) of DCI. He is one of the founders and co-directors of the Interdisciplinary Centre of the Rights of the Child (CIDE) which gathers four universities and two NGO in the French part of Belgium. The CIDE organises a University degree and conducts academic research on children's rights. Finally, he is Chief Editor of the Journal of Children's Law (Belgium) and a member of the Advisory board of the UN Global Study on children deprived of liberty.

Yannick van den Brink, Leiden University

Yannick van den Brink is Assistant Professor of Child Law and Criminal Law at Leiden University, The Netherlands. Van den Brink obtained his LL.M degree in Criminal Law in 2011 and his MA degree in Criminology in 2012 (both cum laude) at Utrecht University. He recently finished his PhD thesis on Pre-Trial Detention in Juvenile Justice. The PhD research analyses the use of pre-trial detention in the Dutch juvenile justice system from an international children's rights perspective. During his PhD research, Van den Brink was a visiting researcher at Northwestern University School of Law (Chicago, US, 2013), the Equal Justice Initiative (New York University Legal Clinic, Montgomery, US, 2015) and the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (Freiburg, Germany, 2016). In August 2016, Van den Brink has been appointed Assistant Professor of Child Law and

Criminal Law. Van den Brink teaches courses in juvenile justice and children's rights at the bachelor's, master's, advanced master's and post-academic level. He publishes regularly on themes related to juvenile justice, criminal justice and children's and human rights. His particular fields of expertise are deprivation of liberty in the pre-trial stage of the criminal proceedings and the legal position of suspects during police interrogation.

Angus Mulready-Jones, Lead Inspector – Children in Detention – HM Inspectorate of Prisons, England and Wales

Angus Mulready-Jones leads HMIP's work regarding children in custody. Prior to joining HMIP in 2014 he worked in the voluntary sector running safer custody and resettlement services as well as overseeing local government children's services. Angus has been involved in several international prison reform projects and has recently produced reports on behaviour management and the use of restraint in England and Wales.

Laëtitia Dhervilly, Vice Procureur-Paris

Depuis juillet 2015 - Chef de la section des mineurs Parquet de Paris, en charge du traitement des mineurs auteurs et des mineurs victimes.
Grâce à son expérience au sein de la section de lutte contre la criminalité organisée au sein du Parquet de Paris (de septembre 2011 à juillet 2015) elle a mené de nombreuses actions à l'internationale afin de développer la coopération en matière de lutte contre la traite des êtres humains et en particulier des mineurs (en 2013: rédaction d'un manuel de bonnes pratiques sur la coopération judiciaire en matière de lutte contre la traite des êtres humains dans l'Union Européenne co-signé par des experts français, roumains et allemands et financé par le programme «criminal justice» de l'Union Européenne et l'ENM; en janvier 2015: signature de la première équipe commune d'enquête entre la France et la Bosnie Herzégovine destinée à intercepter le réseau dit «Hamidovic» visant à exploiter des mineurs sur le territoire français). Présentation en mai 2014 à Sarajevo lors d'un séminaire «Multi-beneficiary Workshop on fighting transnational criminal organisations involved in child trafficking: investigation, prosecution, international coopération» sous l'égide de la Commission Européenne: présentation du dossier dit Hamidovic aux 70 participants magistrats et enquêteurs de la zone balkanique.

Eva Kogiannaki, Head of Department of Probation Officers, Athens

Since 2003, Ms Eva Kogiannaki has been serving as Jurist – Probation Officer, at the Greek Ministry of Justice. In 2005, she became the Head of the Juvenile Probation Office of Athens. Her main task is to provide legal and psychosocial support for children in conflict with the law and to manage the human resources of the Office she heads. Since 2010, she has also been a full member of the Central Scientific Council for the prevention and confrontation of the victimisation and the criminality of children (KESATHEA), which is a Public Law Entity and is a department of the Ministry of Justice. She has been a full member of the Legislative Drafting Committees for the processing and promotion, at institutional level, of issues related to the victimisation and delinquency of children. She has also participated and has been active in a series of events and scientific conferences, with the aim of informing, raising public awareness and promoting issues related to the above subject.

Kelvin Doherty, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency in Northern Ireland, Representative on Diversion

Kelvin Doherty is an Assistant Director with the Youth Justice Agency in Northern Ireland. He began his career as a Probation Officer in London in the 1990s before moving into youth justice. He is particularly interested in the development and implementation of restorative justice and community sentences as alternatives to custody. Kelvin has been involved in a number of EU-sponsored projects examining the effectiveness of restorative justice with youths and is currently a partner in the International Juvenile Justice Observatory project on restorative justice and young people who are victims of crime, helping to set up pilot restorative justice pilot projects in Latvia, Bulgaria and France. Kelvin was on the Restorative Justice Council steering group that developed standards for restorative justice practice in the UK. He also published 'The Development of Restorative Justice in Northern Ireland' in the Youth Offending Handbook (2009) and advised on the Independent Youth Crime Commissions report, 'Time for a Fresh Start' (England and Wales) in 2010.

Marcin Wolny, Advocate, Lawyer in the Helsinki Foundation for Human Right (Poland)

Since 2012 he has been involved in numerous projects linked to the issue of children deprived of liberty. Within the HFHR Marcin has monitored detention facilities for children in Poland and fairness of juvenile justice proceedings. He was also involved in proper implementation in the Polish legal system of the ECtHR judgements in case of Adamkiewicz v. Poland and Grabowski v. Poland, concerning children's procedural rights. In the last year Marcin with his co-workers conducted a study on children's access to a lawyer. He is currently working, within the framework of an EU grant coordinated by DCI Belgium, on creating a self-assessment tool for professionals working in detention facilities for children. His professional interests focus on torture prevention, procedural safeguards and the issue of wrongful convictions.

Sophie Louis, Public Prosecutor, Families Department, Liège Prosecutor's Office, Belgium

Après avoir réussi une licence en droit à l'Université de Liège, j'ai obtenu un diplôme d'études spécialisées en criminologie à l'Université de Gand. Durant cinq années j'ai ensuite été avocate spécialisée en droit de la famille et assistante dans l'Unité de droit familial de l'Université de Liège. Après la réussite du concours d'accès à la magistrature et un stage de deux ans j'ai été nommée Substitut du Procureur du Roi de Liège, tout en restant collaboratrice scientifique de l'Université de Liège et écrivant, à ce titre, divers articles en droit de la famille. Depuis deux ans je suis affectée à la section famille du Parquet du Procureur du Roi de Liège.

SESSION 2
DETENTION OF CHILDREN IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION

Stephen Ryan, Deputy Head of the Asylum Policy Unit, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs

Stephen Ryan is Deputy Head of the Asylum Policy Unit in the European Commission's DG HOME (Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs), a position he has held since October 2012. From 2008-2012, Mr Ryan held various positions in the Border Management/Return Policy and Asylum Units in DG HOME, and as member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Cecilia Malmström (Home Affairs), with responsibility for legal and labour migration, integration, and asylum policy. From 1993 to 2008, Mr Ryan worked as an official in the Commission's DG COMP (Competition), holding a number of different positions, and has published on competition law/policy in several leading EU periodicals and textbooks. Mr Ryan is a barrister-at-law (Republic of Ireland, 1990). He holds a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) from University College Dublin (1988), and a Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of Cambridge (1991).

Melanie Teff, Senior Child Rights Adviser, International Detention Coalition

Melanie Teff is Senior Child Rights Advisor with the International Detention Coalition, which she co-founded. She also works as Unicef UK's Senior Humanitarian & Migration Advocacy & Policy Adviser. Previously she has worked with the International Rescue Committee, with Refugees International and with the Jesuit Refugee Service. She has also practised as a lawyer in the UK with a specialisation in child protection. Ms Teff has an LLB in Law and Politics from the University of Birmingham (UK) and a Masters in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex (UK).

Eliška Hodysová, Lawyer, Office of the Czech Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights

Eliška Hodysová studied law at the Charles University in Prague, University of Melbourne and University of Tübingen. After graduation she started her career in the field of protection of human rights at the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic. Between 2014 and 2016 she worked in the Human Rights Department of the Office where she held position of the secretary of the Committee of the Czech Government against Torture, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. In this role, she was engaged in introducing a new approach on how to supervise places where people are being deprived of their liberty under the auspices of the Public Prosecutor´s Office. In 2016 Eliška joined the Office of the Czech Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights within the Ministry of Justice where she is responsible for dealing with various applications lodged against the Czech Republic to the Court, and if need be, for implementing its judgments at the national level.

Pinar Aksu, Personal testimony

Pinar Aksu lives in Scotland for the past 16 years. After facing detention for 2 months, she continued to campaign and speak about detention. Pinar completed an undergraduate degree in community development and a Masters degree in human rights and international politics. She works as project coordinator, facilitator and is involved with several campaigning groups supporting asylum and refugee rights, promoting integration and opposing racism and detention. Pinar is involved in using theatre, workshops, grassroots organisations and community campaigning as methods to raise awareness about asylum, refugee and immigration related issues.

Geert Verbauwhede, Advisor, FPS Interior, General Directorate Immigration Office, Internal Control Directorate, Identification and Removals Sector

Geert Verbauwhede works since May 1993 at the Belgian Immigration Office (www.dofi.fgov.be). He was consecutively working in the unit for residence permits for EU citizens and family, as a Liaison Officer at the German Federal Office for Migration and Asylum (www.bamf.de), as Head of the Identification Unit, as Project Manager for Family Units (alternative to detention) and is currently Director of Identification and Removals Section. He represents Belgium at different international fora, such as the Intergovernmental Consultations on Asylum and Migration (www.igc.ch), GDISC and different conferences about e.g. alternatives to detention. He is a Steering Group Member of the Eurint III programme (EU AMIF) on best practices on identification and return, as well as of the Eurlo programme (EU AMIF) on use of Return Liaison Officers in third countries. He is president of the Working Group on Development of Videoconferencing as a tool for identification purposes (EU RF) and member of different international ad hoc working groups and international meetings, dealing with return (EU and Benelux readmission expert meeting, GDISC return contact point, Brussels Group on return issues to Iraq...). Mr Verbauwhede has a History Master degree.
Philip Ishola, Independent Safeguarding Advisor, UK Independent Family Returns Panel

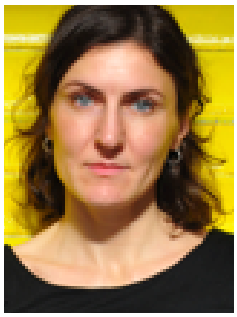
Niclas Axelsson, Legal Expert, Legal Department, Swedish Migration Agency

Niclas Axelsson is working as a Legal Expert at the Legal Division of the Swedish Migration Agency. The Swedish Migration Agency is, amongst other things, responsible for handling asylum claims, for the return process and for running detention centres. Niclas is mainly responsible for legal matters concerning detention and alternatives to detention. His work includes writing internal guidelines, considering proposed legislation, giving legal advice – internally and externally – and representing the Swedish Migration Agency externally in different contexts, for instance in working groups on ATD/detention and return. He has also been the appointed expert from the Swedish Migration Agency in two commissions of inquiry regarding detention and return.
He has been working at the Migration Agency since 2003 in various positions, including executive officer and head of unit at the detention centre in Gävle and as Specialist in detention issues. Since 2015 he has been with the Legal Division.

Katarzyna Slubik, Legal Counsellor and Project Coordinator, Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej (Association for Legal Intervention), Member of the European Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Network

Katarzyna is Senior Lawyer and Project Coordinator at the Association for Legal Intervention (Poland). As a member of the European Alternatives to Detention (ATD) network she coordinates implementation of a national ATD pilot. She also acts as Regional Advisor for Central and Eastern Europe in the International Detention Coalition. With a decade of experience, she has specialised in the protection of the rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees with a focus on the most vulnerable groups.

Radostina Pavlova, Project Manager, Centre for Legal Aid – Voice in Bulgaria



Radostina Pavlova is a Legal Expert and Advocacy Officer at the Center for Legal Aid - Voice in Bulgaria (CLA). The CLA is a non-governmental organisation based in Sofia, Bulgaria, founded in 2009 with the mission to promote the rights of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants, through pro bono legal consultations and court representation, as well as through advocacy and research. Prior to joining the CLA in 2014, Radostina worked as a Policy Analyst and Programme Advisor in the areas of immigration, integration and multiculturalism for the Canadian federal government. She also has worked as a counsellor at legal aid clinics in Toronto, Canada, in the areas of refugee and immigration law and injured workers' compensation rights. She holds Master's degrees in Immigration and Settlement Studies, and Russian and East European Studies (Political Science stream), and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. Radostina has authored or co-authored a number of articles and research papers related to issues of migration and human rights. In addition to her work at the CLA, she is an independent consultant working on topics such as human trafficking and access to information as they relate to migration.

Popi Gkliva, Project Manager, Refugee Emergency Relief Programme, SOS Children's Villages, Greece

Popi Gkliva is the Project Manager for the Emergency Response Programme of SOS Children's Villages in Greece focused on the refugee population. Through this programme since late 2015, over 200 unaccompanied children have been able to leave refugee camps or migration detention to find a home where they are cared for by SOS Children's Villages. Further, SOS Children's Villages has provided psychosocial and educational support to vulnerable families and children living in government-managed refugee camps. Popi studied Archaeology and History of Arts and holds a Master's degree in Communication and new Media. With a focus on alternative and non-formal education, she worked in different museums and organisations implementing educational programmes for children. For years those programmes were focused on how technology will benefit underprivileged children and youth. When the financial crisis hit Greece, affecting severely extracurricular activities for children, she led a project where a team of people working for museums, libraries and cultural centres -with the support of the private sector - managed to engage with public schools and organise visits and after-visit activities for students using high-end technology and advocate on safe new media use.

SESSION 3
CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS

Raquel Cortés Herrera, Deputy Head of Unit in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Raquel Cortés Herrera is a lawyer working for the European Commission since 2003. She is currently Deputy Head of Unit in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, and she worked previously in the Secretariat-General (2009-2016) and in DG Competition (2003-2009). Before joining the Commission, she worked four years as assistant professor of International Public Law, International Economic Law and European Union Law at the Balearic Islands University (Mallorca, Spain). She is fluent in Catalan, Spanish, English and French and has basic knowledge of Italian and German.

Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild

Jana Hainsworth joined Eurochild as Secretary General in January 2006. She is responsible for the day-to-day running of the network, which brings together over 170 organisations and individuals from across Europe to advocate for children's rights and wellbeing to be at the heart of policymaking. She previously worked in a Brussels-based communications consultancy where she was project manager for a communications contract under the EU's Community Action Programme to combat discrimination. Jana also managed a network of organisations promoting long-term voluntary service in the youth field and has worked for several years in a research and consultancy firm on different technical assistance contracts for the European Commission. She has a Masters degree in environment, development and policy from Sussex University and an Honours degree in Natural Sciences from Durham University in the UK.Since 2015, Jana also holds the role of President of Social Platform, a European platform of social NGOs in Europe.

Georgette Mulheir, Chief Executive Officer, Lumos

For more than two decades, Lumos CEO Georgette Mulheir has worked in 29 countries around the world, leading large-scale programmes to transform (and at times save) the lives of tens of thousands of disadvantaged children. She pioneered a model of 'deinstitutionalisation' now followed by many governments, preventing the separation of children from families, returning children from institutions and so-called 'orphanages' to families, and shifting finances from harmful institutions to community services that support children in families. She provides advice to colleagues at the European Commission on using EU funds for reforming children's services, and has published four books on children's and women's rights. Georgette sits on the Leaders' Council of the Global Alliance for Children, an international grouping of governmental agencies and private and philanthropic funding bodies, dedicated to helping children in adversity. In 2014, she was named in the US as 'one of the world's 30 most influential social workers' by socialworkdegreeguide.com. In 2015, also in the US, she was honoured in the prestigious 6th Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards for her work.

Steven Allen, Interim Executive Office, Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC)

Steven Allen is Interim Executive Director of the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre, an international non-governmental organisation which uses legal strategies to advance the human rights of people with intellectual disabilities and people with psychosocial disabilities internationally. His permanent position is as Campaigns Director, managing advocacy and research initiatives at national, regional and international fora. MDAC has programmes in 17 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and in sub-Saharan Africa, participatory status at the Council of Europe and Observer Status at ECOSOC. Steven is also PhD candidate at the University of London examining legal systems which restrict or deny legal agency. He holds an LLB (Hons.) from the same university and is a member of Faculty at the Centre for Mental Health, Law and Policy at the Indian Law Society, Pune.

Andor Urmos, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy

Andor Urmos is Policy Officer at Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (European Commission). His main responsibility covers the thematic coordination of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programmes, in particular measures supporting the inclusive growth pillar of the Europe 2020 strategy. It includes – amongst others – social integration of migrants and refugees, Roma inclusion, healthcare, shift to community-based services, improving access to basic services by marginalised and disabled communities, and measures responding to demographic challenges. Preparation of thematic guidance in the respective thematic fields falls under Andor Urmos's responsibilities. He graduated as a medical doctor and economist. Before his current job, he was employed by the Government of Hungary, in the Ministry of Social Affairs, as Head of Department for Roma Integration.

Marion Macleod, Children in Scotland

Marion works for Children in Scotland, the national network for the children's sector in Scotland and manages and leads projects that promote best practice in child rights and child wellbeing. This can involve carrying out qualitative research, writing reports, blogs and articles, organising events and influencing policy. Also part of her remit is developing new project ideas, managing policy team staff, responding to consultations on policy and legislative issues, representing Children in Scotland in numerous external settings, in Scotland, the UK and Europe, and giving presentations at events on issues relating to children, in Scotland and in other countries. Marion has a degree in Modern History from the University of Glasgow, and postgraduate qualifications in Social Work and Social Services Management from the University of Edinburgh. She is a qualified and highly experienced social worker, and worked in local government as a practitioner, planner and manager before joining Children in Scotland in 2008. Marion is a member of Eurochild's National Partner Network and the Care Inspectorate's Early Years Advisory Group.

Alison Gough, Centre for Youth & Criminal Justice (CYCJ)

Alison is currently Secure Care National Advisor, based at the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice (CYCJ) at University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. This role was commissioned by the Scottish Government to undertake an independent, strategic, practice-focused review of secure care in Scotland. The key messages from this review were published by CYCJ in 2016. The focus of Alison's work is now on supporting a new Strategic Board for Secure Care to take forward the recommendations for change. Alison grew up in England. After graduating from Bristol University, she moved to Scotland and qualified as a social worker in 1991. She worked in various Scottish local authority social worker and management roles and then as a service manager in the Scottish voluntary sector, including for nearly five years as Head of Service running a residential school care resource. She joined Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS) as a Director in 2011 and was part of the team which established this new organisation and supported the implementation of legislation which brought in changes and new National Standards for the Children's Panel in Scotland. She is passionate about ensuring that all policy and practice developments are underpinned by learning from lived experience.

Gwen Vernimmen, Member of the Board of Directors, MyAssist, Belgium

My name is Gwen Vernimmen, born and raised in Leuven, Belgium. As a member of the board of directors of MyAssist, my heart goes out to people with a disability. In high school, economy and Latin were not my interest area, hence the choice for human sciences. After that, I studied occupational therapy in Brussels and followed additional education to teach children with disabilities. However, the job shift brought me to a different path and after some other jobs where I worked with the elderly, I am now a liaison employee at the ALS League. This is an organisation for and by patients who have been committed to the well-being and rights of ALS patients and related conditions for years. When the League founded an assistance organisation and offered me the chance to become a member of the board of directors of MyAssist, I did not hesitate. Any person with a limitation, who receives a budget from the Flemish Government, can be supported by us with the correct spending. This is definitely something close to my heart and of great importance.

SESSION 4
CHILDREN OF PARENTS IN PRISON

Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights Policy, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers

Chiara Adamo was appointed head of the Fundamental Rights Policy unit in DG Justice in June 2014. The unit oversees respect and promotion of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all EU measures within the Commission and produces a yearly report on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU. Particular attention is also devoted to the promotion of the protection of the rights of the child within the EU. Between 2009 and May 2014, Chiara Adamo worked as head of the Union Citizenship and Free Movement Unit in DG Justice. She studied International and Diplomatic Relations in Gorizia, Italy, and in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium. She specialised in European Law in Rome (ISTUD) and at the College of Europe, Bruges. Since joining the Commission in 2000, she has been working in the Justice and Home Affairs area. Before joining the Commission, she worked for civil society organisations and local administrations on cooperation development and human rights.

Nancy Loucks, Families Outside, COPE Network, Scotland

Nancy Loucks is the Chief Executive of Families Outside, a Scottish voluntary organisation that works on behalf of families affected by imprisonment. Prior to this she worked as an Independent Criminologist, receiving her M. Phil and Ph. D. from the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge, and in 2012 was appointed as Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde's Centre for Law, Crime and Justice. Nancy was awarded an OBE in the 2016 New Year's Honours List for services to Education and Human Rights. She chairs the Glasgow Working Group on Women's Offending, the Faith in Throughcare Steering Group, the Board of Positive Prison? Positive Futures, and is Secretary General to the Board of Children of Prisoners Europe.

Linnéa, Personal testimony

Linnéa is part of BUFFF's youth group. Her father was given a prison sentence when she was 9 and her younger brother was 6. Her father served his last 6 months of his sentence on parole (with an electronic tag). Today she is using her experience to speak up for children with incarcerated parents.

Iuliana-Elena Carbunaru, Probation Inspector, National Probation Directorate, Ministry of Justice, Romania

Iuliana Elena Cărbunaru is currently probation inspector in the National Probation Directorate within the Romanian Ministry of Justice ensuring the development and implementation of international projects and promoting the probation system at the international level. In 2000, after graduating from The Philosophy Faculty in Iaşi - Social Work section, she started her activity as a social worker with an NGO responsible for one of the first probation pilot projects in Romania. In 2001, after passing a competition, she was appointed within the newly developed probation service under the coordination of the Ministry of Justice. She continued her studies and graduated from a Master programme of the Bucharest University on Community Justice Administration. As an employee of the probation service for the past 16 years Ms. Cărbunaru has served as probation counsellor (1,5 years), seconded probation counselor within the Ministry of Justice (3,5 years), probation inspector (3 years), director of probation service (8 years). Her international experience includes working with probation services from Europe, Middle East and North America and she acted as an expert for the Council of Europe in her area of expertise and a short term expert in projects financed by the European Union.

Metella Romana Pasquini, Department of Penitentiary Administration, Ministry of Justice

After studies in law, since 1990 she has been director of the Salerno prison (until 1993) and of the women's section of Rome's Rebibbia prison. As from 1998 she was director of the Directorate General (Direzione Generale) of the Ministry of Justice. In 2001, she starts working with the Head of Department and Deputy Head of Department of Penitentiary Administration, and in close cooperation with Cabinet of the Minister. Since the agreement on the Memorandum of Understanding, she represents the Ministry of Justice in the permanent task force established to monitor the implementation of the MoU, jointly with the national ombudsperson for children and the organisation Bambinisenzasbarre. She has also written essays on penitentiary law, and teaches regularly at vocational training courses in the area of penitentiary administration.

Lia Sacerdote, Bambinisenzasbarre ONLUS

Lia Sacerdote is a philosopher analyst who is committed to the social sphere, in particular deviant behaviour ending up in prison and prison affected childhood. She is also the founder and president of the Association "Bambinisenzasbarre" (2002), NGO member of the European network COPE. She has worked in Italian prisons in regular and long-term cooperation with the Italian Judiciary System since 1997, focused on children of the imprisoned parents, children in prison, their families and prison human resources. Lia wrote and signed the first Italian "Charter of children of imprisoned parents" (2014) and its renewal (2016) with the Ministry of Justice and the national Ombudsperson of Chilhood and Adolescence. She is appointee of training at national and local level by the national Prison Administration. Moreover, she has been the national and international avant-garde project leader in the psyco-pedagogic and educational fields and in pertinent research. Lia is in charge of the training activities in Bambinisenzasbarre which includes also Fédération des Relais Enfants-Parents (FREP, Paris), director Alain Bouregba, psychoanalyst, sharing the same guidelines, projects and organising training courses for psychologists, educators, educationalists and social workers. She is a member of the Società di Analisi Biografica a Orientamento Filosofico (SABOF) (biographical philosophy-oriented analysts) as well as an essayist, workshop designer and lecturer in universities.

Madelein Kattel, Director of BUFFF Sverige (Sweden) and Board member of Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE)

Madelein has been working to promote and protect the rights of children within the prison context in Sweden for over thirty years. Trained in finance, Madelein changed direction in 2005 and started to work with BUFFF (Barn och ungdom med förälder/familjemedlem i fängelse/Children and young people with parents/families in prison). BUFFF Sverige is an NGO that today coordinates ten local organisations across the country.

Through her work as Director of BUFFF Sverige, Madelein has developed a new support group model for children and young people with family members in prison. She drafted the new parenting programme for the Swedish Prison and Probation Service and is currently working to develop and implement delocalised support via a helpline and chat service. She was a project leader in the EU-funded FP7 project Children of prisoners: Interventions and Mitigations to strengthen mental health (Coping, 2010-2012). She has been a member of Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE) since 2006, and a Board member since 2016.

In 1985, although not yet working in the field, she met a young boy whose parents had been arrested. Her memories of the first time she accompanied him to prison to see his father keep her motivated to continue her work with BUFFF still today.

Attila Juhász, Prison Governor, Heves County Penitentiary Institute, Hungary

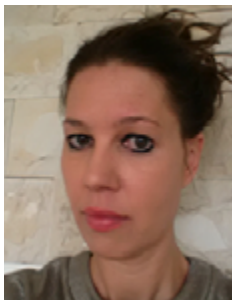
Attila Juhász graduated as a teacher and received his MA in the Hungarian University of Sports and Sports Sciences in 2007. He also completed the Open University's „Effective manager" course and received his Masters Degree in Prison Management in 2011. He worked as a Governor of the Heves County Penitentiary Institute in Eger, between 2007-2017. Apart from other activities, he introduced the "Storybook Mums" programme in Hungary, which won the ERSTE Award for Social Integration in 2013. The programme was the first initiative that raised public awareness on the almost 40 000 children of incarcerated parents in Hungary. Attila started the "Prison for the City" programme in Eger and built up a system

of long term, low cost and sustainable programmes that actively involve local civic organisations in the reintegration process. He was also involved in the drafting of the new Hungarian Law on the Execution of Sentences. Currently he works as an advisor of the Director General of the Hungarian Prison Service. He worked as a consultant in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Bulgaria and Ukraine. As of 2013 Attila Juhász is an elected member of the Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP) in Strasbourg.

Bernardica Franjić-Nađ, Head of Service of General Treatment, Programmes for Prisoners and Juveniles, Ministry of Justice, Croatia

Bernardica Franjić-Nađ is a Psychologist and works at the Croatian Ministry of Justice, Prison System Directorate as the Head of Service of General Treatment Programmes for Prisoners and Juveniles. Her main task is the improvement of general treatment programmes aimed at rehabilitation and social reintegration of prisoners and juveniles including support to family relations of inmates, especially those with children; staff trainings and supervising professionals working with inmates and children. Main tasks at the previous positions were evaluative research of treatment programs for prisoners and children; psychological diagnostics of inmates and juveniles; psychological counselling and support to prisoners and juveniles; psychological selection of employees; developing and implementation of professional education and staff training; proposing and implementation of preventive measures aimed at improvement of coping with job stress and development and implementation of systems of evaluation and improvement of the psychosocial climate. In the beginning of her career she was a school psychologist and, among other tasks, she worked with children traumatised by experiences in war. As a member of EuroPris Expert Group on Family Relations, she contributes to efforts to increase the awareness about importance of maintaining a quality contact with family during enforcement of prison sentences. In cooperation with the Children's Ombudsman and NGO Parents in action Roda, she strives to create conditions to facilitate contact between prisoners and their families, especially with regard to children.

Lucija Božikov, Head of Treatment Divison, Ministry of Justice, Prison Administration, Slovenia



Lucija Božikov is a Social Pedagogue, who has been working on different treatment programmes for prisoners. In 2002, the second year of her career, she had the possibility of experiencing work in a women's prison. There she has experienced the true meaning of how to be a mother in prison for the first time. Since 2007 she has been employed by the Prison Administration under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia as a coordinator for family relations. She collaborates with Centres for Social Work on providing support for prisoners and their families. Because she meets daily with offenders andd their families she is especially interested in developing different social programmes for prisoners who are parents and other variations of child protection. In 2011, she started to break new ground in Slovenia in providing prison special care for prisoners' children. She also started to work to provide better conditions in the visiting area in the Slovenian prison system. She develops support and sensibilisation programmes for different groups of the prisoners, as well as programmes for prisoners who are parents and activities for relatives, prison staff and other groups connected with prisons. One of her greatest desires is to further develop programmes for the children of parents in prison. She tries to identify NGO partners who can collaborate with prisons in Slovenia. She is currently working on the role of child protection within the prison system. She is involved in several projects focused on rehabilitation of the prisoners. From 2016 she is a member of the Europris expert group "Family relations".

SIDE-EVENT ON PATHWAYS AND VULNERABILITIES OF CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY (6-7 NOVEMBER 2017)

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Ursula Kilkelly, Professor of law at University College Cork, Chair of the Board of Management at Oberstown Children Detention School

Professor Ursula Kilkelly is from the School of Law, University College Cork where she is also Dean. She has been researching children's rights and juvenile justice for 20 years during which time she has published many books and articles. She has completed multiple research projects funded by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and in Ireland, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and the Ombudsman for Children with research partners including DCI Belgium, the International Juvenile Justice Observatory and Coram Children's Legal Centre. Ursula is co-editor, with Prof Lesley McAra of Edinburgh University, of Youth Justice, the leading journal in the field. A particular focus of Ursula's work has been on the implementation of international standards in children's rights, child-friendly justice and youth detention where she has sought to maximise the potential of her research to effect legal change. She combines her academic work with advocacy and support for change in many ways – she was chair of Irish Penal Reform Trust from 2007-2010 and in 2016 she was appointed chair of the Board of Management of the Oberstown Children Detention Campus, Ireland's national facility for the detention of under 18s sentenced or remanded by the courts.

SESSION I

Laura Lundy, Professor, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queen's University of Belfast

Professor Laura Lundy is Co-Director of the Centre for Children's Rights at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland (www.qub.ac.uk/ccr). Her expertise is in law and children's rights, with a particular focus on children's right to participate in decision-making. Her 2007 paper conceptualising Article 12 of the UNCRC is one of the most highly cited academic papers on children's rights and the model of participation it proposes (based on four key concepts: Space, Voice, Audience and Influence) has been used globally by policy makers and practitioners. She has extensive practical experience of rights-based, participatory research and consultation with children of all ages in very diverse social and geographical contexts and has conducted research and training on child participation for a range of international organisations including the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Council of Europe, UNICEF, Plan International, Save the Children and Child Rights Connect.

Mária Barna, Clinical Psychologist, Cordelia Foundation (HU)

Mária Barna is a psychologist and expert in asylum issues working at the Cordelia Foundation, the only Hungarian member organisation of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, providing psychiatric and psycho-social care to traumatised refugees and asylum seekers in Hungary. Besides working in asylum and detention centres with this special patient group, Ms. Barna is a clinical psychologist at a public hospital department of psychiatry. She holds a degree in psychology from the Eötvös Lóránd University of Budapest, and a Master's degree in Nationalism Studies from the Central European University, while currently completing Harvard's Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery Certificate Program.

Astrid Podsiadlowski, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Astrid Podsiadlowski is Head of Sector on Rights of the Child in the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. The Agency provides evidence-based advice to decision makers on a European and national level based on quantitative and qualitative fieldwork research and secondary data analyses of policies, legislation and statistics. Her areas of expertise include child-friendly justice, child participation, violence against children, child poverty, discrimination and social inequalities, migration and integration as well as research methodologies. She is a social and cross-cultural psychologist by education and has previously held academic research and teaching positions in Europe as well as New Zealand and the USA.

SESSION II

Huw Williams, Professor in Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of Exeter

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Huw Williams is an Associate Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology and Co-Director of the Centre for Clinical Neuropsychology Research (CCNR) at Exeter University, UK. His PhD and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology were from the University of Wales (Bangor). He was on the founding staff team of the Oliver Zangwill Centre (OZC) for Neuropsychological Rehabilitation in Ely and Visiting Scientist at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit in Cambridge. He has published papers and books and held grants in a range of areas of Clinical Neuropsychology – particularly in neuro-rehabilitation. Current projects include: emotion processing in young offenders; auditing of Linkworker services for young offenders with brain injury; developing community based interventions in people vulnerable to crime; apps to assist in identifying trauma/vulnerability in young refugees; neuroscience of concussion (in sports, military and Emergency Dept. populations). In March 2015 he was guest editor of the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation on Brain injury and Crime in young and youth offenders. He is the past Chair of the Division of Neuropsychology (DoN) of the British Psychological Society. Currently vice Chair of the DON Policy Group and, with Lord Ramsbotham, of the Criminal Justice and Acquired Brain Injury Group (CJAABIG).

Kaloyan Stanev, Researcher, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

Kaloyan Stanev has been part of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (BHC), the leading human rights organisation in Bulgaria, since 2010 and is a researcher there since 2013. He was one of the researchers and authors of the "Deprivation of Children in Central and Eastern Europe: Between Legacy and Reform" report, which included more than **55 monitoring visits of different institutions**, where children are deprived of their liberty. Currently, Kaloyan is both the national coordinator and the leading researcher of two EU-funded projects: "My Lawyer, My Rights: Enhancing children's rights in criminal proceedings in the EU" and "Inside Police Custody: Application of EU procedural rights", focusing on the rights of suspects and accused children and adults in criminal proceedings. Kaloyan has also been part of different large- and small-scale pieces of research focusing on women and children in prison, places of detention, rights of Roma people, child protection and others. Kaloyan has a BA degree in Arab Studies from the Sofia University and an MA degree in Human Rights from the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, as an Open Society Justice Initiative (20122014) fellow. He is currently undertaking an MA course on Clinical Social Work.

Jan Frühbauer, Manager of Social Programmes, JAHODA

Jan Frühbauer was from the very beginning a village boy dreamer. He liked to watch stars from his kid bedroom. His dreams about a better world led him at 18 years of age to change his studies from economy to theology. After five years of study (one year in the Netherlands) he finally found his passion. One of his friends invited him to a project which supported and helped homeless people in Prague. The stories of these guys showed him possibilities, how to change their attitudes, how to work and cooperate with them. After updating his qualifications he started to work with vulnerable children, because he realised that this could be the only way to prevent these children ending up in homeless shelters. Jan is a proud member of two organisations in Prague. CSSP works with homeless people. He works as a social worker with homeless guys on the boat Hermes, which is used as a night shelter. The second organisation is JAHODA, where he is a manager of social programmes and with colleagues prepares several activation and prevention programmes for children and youngsters who need support and help.

Nikolina Milic, Human Rights Lawyer, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

Nikolina Milic is a Researcher at the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, one of the leading NGOs in Serbia and since 2012 an implementing partner of the UNHCR for providing free legal assistance to asylum seekers and refugees. For the past three years Nikolina has been involved in various activities and projects on the protection and integration of vulnerable groups of refugees, more specifically unaccompanied and separated children. Most recently she was part of the child-focused regional project that involved delivery of numerous training courses on child rights to local stakeholders across Serbia which led to publication of a comprehensive analysis of the position of unaccompanied and separated refugee children in Serbia with a set of recommendations for the improvement of practice.

Ellen Maloney, Personal testimony

Having grown up in institutional care, Ellie describes herself as feeling both much younger and older than her age. Passionate about access to education and young people's rights, she uses her own experiences to write and campaign for changes in secure units in Scotland. Self-educated, she's recently become a student at the University of Edinburgh. In her spare time, Ellie can be found translating TED talks or swing-dancing. Twitter: @eatsleeplaugh

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SESSION III

Stephanie Rap, Assistant Professor, Department of Child Law, Leiden University Law School

Stephanie Rap is an assistant professor at the Department of Child Law at Leiden University Law School. She holds a Master of Science degree in pedagogical sciences and a Master of Arts degree in criminology (cum laude), obtained at Utrecht University. In 2013, she defended her Ph.D. dissertation titled 'The participation of juvenile defendants in the youth court' at Utrecht University. Stephanie Rap's academic interest lies in the field of the effective participation of children in (legal) procedures. She has studied child participation in diverse (judicial) procedures and settings, such as in juvenile justice, child care and protection, asylum procedures and in schools. She has an interdisciplinary approach, combining international children's rights and child law with knowledge and insights from criminology, pedagogical and behavioural sciences. Moreover, access to justice for children and the implementation of rights in the daily lives of children plays an important role in her academic work. Stephanie Rap has published and presented extensively on juvenile justice, children's rights and child participation. She is the academic coordinator of the LL.M. programme Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights and she lectures on topics related to juvenile justice and child protection. For a list of publications see here.

Sara Pasztor, Child Rights Project Manager, Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC)

Sara Pasztor holds a BSc in Special Education from Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest (2011) and an MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience from Budapest University of Technology and Economics (2013). She worked as a special needs therapist for 10 years. Her main fields of interest include early intervention for children with brain injuries, epilepsy and autism. She has also worked as a researcher on developmental neuroscience; she was an English teacher of children with intellectual and multiple disabilities; and a journalist writing regularly on the lives of people with disabilities. Sara is currently the Child Rights Project Manager of Mental Disability Advocacy Centre. Prior to taking over this position she was responsible for the international coordination and implementation of an EU Rights, Equality and Citizenship co-funded project which aimed to identify and prevent abuse against children with mental disabilities living in institutions through the invention of a human rights monitoring methodology (The CHARM Toolkit), capacity building of relevant professionals in

four European countries and the actual monitoring of more than 30 institutions internationally. Sara's vision is to decrease harm and torture in the everyday lives of children with mental disabilities living in institutions and to contribute internationally to the establishment of a child centered social and educational system for the next generations.

Rachel Brett, Member, Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE)

Rachel Brett worked on Human Rights and Refugee issues at the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva from 1993 to 2015. She graduated in law from the University of Buckingham (UK) and received a Master's degree (with distinction) in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex (UK). From 1991–93 she taught law and international human rights law at the University of Essex. She is a Fellow of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, UK, a member of the Advisory Committees of Human Rights Watch Children's Rights Division, of the UK UNA Virtual Advisory Panel, of War Resisters' International Right to Refuse to Kill Programme, and a Trustee of the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion. She is the author of numerous publications. She is an individual member of COPE (Children of Prisoners Europe)and was part of the 3-year EU funded COPING project researching mental health and resilience of children of prisoners, and has also been involved in research on children whose parents have been sentenced to death, and on women prisoners. She was actively involved in helping to initiate, lobby for and in drafting UN resolutions and standards including the UN Rules on the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules), and the Revised UN Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners (Nelson Mandela Rules), as well as in the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's Day of General Discussion on Children of Incarcerated Parents.

Lina Hellmark, Personal testimony

Lina mainly works with youth- and support groups and helpline in BUFFF. As for all workers at BUFFF, she also regularly visits prisons and gives parental support to imprisoned parents and individual support to caregivers. Lina grew up with a mother in prison. This life event has motivated her to work in this field and to listen to the special needs of children with incarcerated parents.

Rebecca O'Donnell, Co-founding Director of Child Circle

Rebecca O'Donnell is an Irish lawyer, who has been working on EU law matters for over 20 years in Brussels. She is the co-founder of Child Circle, a Brussels based NGO providing a centre of expertise on child protection in EU law and policy (www.childcircle.eu). Child Circle has the goal of supporting practitioners and policymakers in protecting children across professions and borders. We are partners in regional projects including My Lawyers My Rights, the DCI led, EU co-funded project. The project aims to enhance children's rights during criminal proceedings In EU countries. Rebecca also works as an independent expert with a wide range of stakeholders on strategic advocacy initiatives and regional projects. From 2007 to 2013, she worked with Save the Children EU Office, where her work focused on EU child protection, in particular in the field of asylum and migration and child friendly justice. Prior to that, Rebecca was a partner in an international law firm focusing on EU regulatory law.

Anne Conroy, Chief Executive Officer, Le Cheile

Anne Conroy is Chief Executive Officer of Le Chéile since 2014. Le Chéile (which means 'together' in the Irish language) is a national NGO working with young people who have offended, and their families. She has a Masters in Child Protection as well as human rights and management qualifications. Anne has spent all of her career working in youth services, family support, community development and youth justice. She co-authored Protecting Children (2011), a guide for practitioners and edited Childlinks, a journal for children's services from 2002 to 2013. Anne believes in early intervention, investment in family support services, targeted programmes, and education as critical to ensuring children's rights are achieved.

Pat Bergin, Director at Oberstown Children Detention Campus

Patrick Bergin is Director of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, Dublin, Ireland since December 2013. The campus is a national detention facility for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 18, both boys and girls. Pat has worked in the area of social care for 30 years, initially working with homeless people. He began working with young people involved in the Juvenile Justice system in 1988 when he worked in the probation hostel. Over the following three decades, he worked with young people placed in State Care Residential Services. He also established and managed high support residential services for vulnerable girls placed in state care services. Following a number of years as Child Care Manager, he took up a position as Inspector Manager with the Health Information and Quality Authority which regulate children and older persons services. In 2012, Pat was a member of the first team to undertake inspections of community based child welfare and protection services operated by the Health Service Executive (HSE). His experience in the area of social care, in the management of residential services, his knowledge and skills deemed him suitable for the post of director of Oberstown Children Detention Campus. The campus has seen many developments in the past four years including the development of a range of approaches to support young people in detention. He has taken a lead role in the modernisation of the approach at the campus. Pat has a Degree in Social Care and an Executive Masters in Business Administration and is currently undertaking a Diploma in Business and Executive Coaching.