Informal expert group on the Rights of the Child

Study to collect data on children's involvement in judicial proceedings in the EU

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Objectives of the study

The study was launched in September 2012 for a duration of 2 years and covers all EU Member States and Croatia
• to describe the national rules and general policy measures with regard to children's involvement in criminal, civil and administrative judicial proceedings
• collect relevant indicators available on national and international level and develop new ones based on international standards and EU law
• populate the indicators with data available in the Member States and at international level
Main deliverables

• 28 national contextual overviews for each justice field

• List of main indicators "master list"

• Populated national and comparative tables
Challenges

- Comparability of the legal systems
- Comparability of national data available
- Data gaps
- Disaggregation
- Validity of the data collected
- Consultation with stakeholders
Timeline

- The first stage of the study relevant to children's involvement in **criminal proceedings** is currently being finalized by the contractor and should be delivered in draft to the Commission by 30 April 2013.
- Work has already started on the implementation of civil and administrative justice phases. The study should be finalized by September 2014.
Fundamental Rights Agency study

*In parallel and complementary to COM study:*

- The Fundamental Rights Agency is conducting primary research among 500 judicial and other practitioners of the impact of legislation and policy on child victims and witnesses in BG, EE, FI, FR, DE, PL, RO, ES, UK and HR.
- In 2013 and in 2014, the FRA will interview children about their experiences with the justice system in the same 10 countries.