Meeting of the European Commission's informal expert group on the rights of the child
11 April 2013 (10:00-16:00)
Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 BRUSSELS (Metro: Schuman)
Meeting Room AB-3C (3rd Floor)
– Draft agenda –

09.30-10.00  Registration

10.00-10.30  Welcome and introduction by the European Commission
  i.  Mr Paul Nemitz – Director Fundamental Rights and Union Citizenship, DG Justice
  ii. Ms Margaret Tuite – Commission Coordinator for the rights of the child, DG Justice

10.30-11.00  Adoption of the agenda and Tour de table

11.00-11.30  Introduction to the role and tasks of the group followed by discussion

11.30-12.00  Coffee break

12.00-12.30  Conclusions of the 7th European Forum on the rights of the child on supporting child protection systems through the implementation of the EU Agenda for the rights of the child – presentation by the European Commission (DG Justice)
  i.  Next steps (tour de table discussion)

12.30-13.00  Data collection: State of play on two EU-wide studies – presentation by the European Commission (DG Justice)
  i.  Children’s involvement in administrative, civil and criminal judicial proceedings
  ii.  Missing children

  Tour de table discussion on findings to date and common challenges

13.00-14.15  Lunch break


14.45-15.15  Legislation, policy and practice on child participation in the EU – presentation by the European Commission (DG Justice)

  Tour de table discussion on enablers and barriers to child participation

15.15-15.45  Child friendly justice – presentation by the European Commission (DG Justice)
  i.  Directive 2012/29/EU on establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime
  ii.  Proposal for a legal instrument on special safeguards for suspected or accused children

15.45-16.00  End of meeting, concluding remarks and next meeting