

2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

15-20 November 2021

“Ensuring access to justice for all children: towards a non-discriminatory and inclusive child justice systems”

Workshop Programme

Roundtable: Making child-friendly legal aid a reality – learnings and outputs from the LA Child project

Date	Wednesday, 17th November 2021	
Timing	14:00 - 15:30 CET	13:00 - 14:30 London
Organiser(s)	Eva Gangneux- Advocacy Officer and Child Justice Project Officer, DCI Belgium	
Institution	DCI Belgium	
Type of Workshop	Roundtable	
Topics	Ensuring that the voice of the child is heard in child justice systems. Tackling violence within child justice systems and ensuring child friendly approaches for child victims, offenders and witnesses.	
Region	Europe	
Language	English	

Abstract

This workshop will present the main conclusions and tools developed in the framework of the European project LA, touching on legal aid for children in criminal proceedings. Emphasis will be on child friendly legal aid for children in conflict with the law

Three key take-aways of the session

- Better knowledge of reality and challenge of Legal assistance for children in conflict with the law across Europe
- Access to the Guidelines for child-friendly legal aid for children in conflict with the law - Recommendations and inspiring practices aimed at legal aid providers and policy makers
- Discovery of the information guide for minors in conflict with the law and the possibilities of adapting it to the local context

Objectives

- Share the results of a research conducted in 14 European countries

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- Inspiring practices
- Provide a practical guide for public authorities and legal aid providers; and minors
- Networking

Expected Outcomes:

- Participants to increase their knowledge and awareness of child-friendly legal aid for children in conflict with the law
- participants to discover tools to support them in making child-friendly legal aid a reality

Speakers

- **Moderator**

- **Benoit Van Keirsbilck**

- Director DCI Belgium, Chief Editor Journal of Children’s Law (Belgium), Member Advisory Board of the UN Global Study on children deprived of liberty, Member UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

- **Chat moderator**

- **Zoe Duthuille**

- Chief justice officer at DCI, Belgium

- **Panelists**

1. **Benoit Van Keirsbilck**

- Director DCI Belgium, Chief Editor Journal of Children’s Law (Belgium), Member Advisory Board of the UN Global Study on children deprived of liberty, Member UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

2. **Dr. Agne Limante**

- Chief researcher at the Law Institute of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Coordinator of the LA Child project

3. **Giulia Patane**

- Consultant at PILnet. Worked for a civil and criminal law firm and assisted the Public Prosecutor Office in Italy. Her focus now is on social justice and human rights issues. Currently a consultant leading the Anti-Trafficking in Persons efforts at PILnet, the CLEAR Rights project and supporting the development and implementation of the Online Regional Course on Public Interest Lawyering.

4. **Eva Gangneux**

- Advocacy officer and Child Justice project officer, DCI Belgium.

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She has degrees in law, political science and masters in human rights. At DCI Belgium, she is in charge of the LA Child project on legal aid for children in conflict with the law and the CLEAR Rights project on legal assistance for children in conflict with the law.

5. Dr. Elsa Toska

A member of the Constitutional Court of Albania. She has been a lecturer of administrative and constitutional law at various universities, an expert at the continued training at the Magistrate’s school in Albania as well as a human rights expert at national and international level with a focus on children’s rights.