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**Application:** 7012

**Title:** AudTrain

**Coordinator:** Council of the Baltic Sea States **Country:** Sweden

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 292.689,68

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**Summary:**

Objectives

*Main objectives*

* Increase the capacity and skills of professionals responsible of auditing and monitoring children’s situation and rights in residential care
* Enhance children’s rights to be heard, to be safe and secure and to be supported in their development in residential care

*Sub-objectives*

* Strengthen the capacity of internal auditing among staff in child residential care facilities
* Strengthen the auditing skills among governmental staff at national and county level responsible for auditing the situation of children in residential care
* Share experiences and promote good practices in auditing throughout the member states of CBSS, EU and Council of Europe

Activities

* Update a manual for the training of staff in the internal and external monitoring of child residential care settings in 6 languages (English, Estonian, Latvian and Russian and translated into Lithuanian and Croatian)
* Develop a Train the Trainers manual for the internal and external monitoring of child residential care settings in 6 languages
* Develop a monitoring/auditing tool based on international standards for decision-makers, trainers of auditing and residential staff explaining relevant requirements to the running of child residential care facilities in 6 langauges
* 2 introductory trainings for beginners in auditing in Estonia and Croatia each with up to 20 participants
* 2 follow up mentoring meetings of 1.5 days after 4-8 months in Estonia and Croatia for 40 participants who have taken part in the introductory training and have carried out audits in child residential care facilities discussing findings, devialtions and measures
* 1 four day training of trainers conducted in Latvia with participants who have already been through the beginners training and mentoring from Latvia, Estonia, Sweden, Lithuania and Croatia involving 25 participants
* An advocacy conference over 1.5 days in Stockholm with 100 participants from the EU and from other regions on the importance and practice of auditing

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

* 40 representatives of national child welfare services and child residential care facilities trained
* 25 people trained to become trainers
* 100 representatives of child welfare services and child residential care facilities in Europe and beyond introduced to auditing standards
* The auditing standards and good practices made available on the existing website to relevant entities in Europe and beyond

Expected results

*Direct results*

* Representatives from child welfare sector and and child residential care facilities are trained in the system-based auditing and informed about international standards including the CRC and Council of Europe/EU recommendations/directives related to children in institutions
* A core of auditing trained staff from government sector and from child residential care facilities have been certified as trainers of auditing and are supported to train more staff
* Children of different ages in residential care facilities have reported their concerns to the auditors during the training

*Long-term results*

* National legislation of monitoring/auditing is adopted to strengthen children’s rights in residential care facilities
* Residential care facilities are running in accordance with child rights standards
* Staff in residential care facilitates are qualified for internal auditing and external professionals at governmental level are qualified for auditing child residential care facilities

Type and number of outputs to be produced

* 1 manual in 6 languages for the training of staff in auditing updated
* 1 manual in 6 languges for the training of trainers in auditing developed
* 1 monitoring tool in 6 languages developed
* 2 national primary AudTrain trainings have been conducted in Estonia and Croatia
* 2 follow up mentoring workshops in Estonia and Croatia
* 1 training of trainers conducted in Latvia
* 1 advocacy workshop in Stockholm with representatives from the European countries and from other regions

**Partners:**

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| Charity and Sponsorship Fund SOS Children’s Villages in Lithuania | Lithuania |
| SOS Children's Villages Association of Estonia | Estonia |
| Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia | Latvia |

**Application:** 7030

**Title:** ALFACA (Alternative Family Care Training)

**Coordinator:** Stichting NIDOS **Country:** The Netherlands

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 353.100

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**Summary:**

Objectives

Overall: the project aims to improve reception and care for unaccompanied and separated children, by structurally increasing the quality and quantity of family reception (alternative family care) for unaccompanied and separated children

Specific: the project provides existing actors as well as actors developing alternative family care with tools for the training of professionals and practitioners that are counselling families providing alternative (family) care for unaccompanied and separated children

Activities

* Develop he training “*Alternative Family Care”,* the training for professionals and practitioners that are counselling families providing alternative (family) care for unaccompanied and separated children
* Create an e-learning supportive train-the-trainer package and supportive materials for the training
* Make the training available in 8 languages (EN, DE, FR, CZ, DK, SE, IT, NL)
* Implement the training – offered directly in the participating Member States (NL, BE, DK, DE, CZ and made available through a subcontracting partner in IT, UK and SE) and in two sessions to non-project partner actors from other Member States in a central train-the-trainer session
* Disseminate the training methodology, make the training materials accessible through website and online support

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

The target group consists of professionals and practitioners who support, train, assist and empower families that provide alternative care to unaccompanied and separated children. The practice of providing alternative care to unaccompanied and separated children (opposed to providing institutional care only) is well documented in the ERF project *Reception and Living in Families* (Community Actions 2012) and added value of this training described in detail.

The beneficiaries are unaccompanied and separated children living in alternative family care. The countries the project will reach represent the majority of unaccompanied and separated children living in reception and care in the EU. The total potential number of beneficiaries must be several 10.000-s. To reach a significant part of the target group, the training will have to be offered by bodies with national reach into local and regional youth care, or specialized national bodies. The project partners and stakeholders suitable for subcontracting have access to the networks to provide such reach. As the project trains trainers, professionals and practitioners, who in their turn guide a number of families (between several up to 20 per professional), there is a multiplier.

Expected results

The project will directly:

* collect and spread practical knowledge about providing alternative family care for the specific target group of unaccompanied and separated children
* improve alternative family care in Member States where it is currently already (scattered) practice throughout the country (NL, UK, SE, DK, UK, BE)
* Give an incentive to further use within countries where local good practices exist (IT, DE)
* Provide the possibility to set up alternative family care as a reasonable alternative to institutional care where it hardly exists, but opportunities and will for development are there (AT, CZ)
* As a spin-off, reach added value in non-EU states, that have an interest (NO, SWI)

Type and number of outputs to be produced

* Training handbook “*Alternative Family Care”,* 8 languages, and training assistance tools (tip sheets, a board game and/or psycho-educational materials) and used in 9 or more member states
* 5 national training sessions, and an international train the trainer session for 20 trainers, professionals and practitioners each
* E-learning supportive package
* Dissemination brochures
* Recommendation report “further developing Alternative Family Care”

The training is included in the yearly programme of certified training institutions

**Partners:**

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| Jugendhilfe Süd Niedersachsen | Germany |
| OPU | Czech Republic |
| Minor N'Dako | Belgium |
| KIJA | Austria |
| Danish Red Cross | Denmark |

**Application:** 7034

**Title:** FAIR (Fostering Access for Immigrant children's Rights)

**Coordinator:** Commission international de Juristes – Institutions européennes

**Country:** Belgium

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 488.025,92

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**Summary:**

Objectives

* To ensure that migrant children have, in each of the target countries, access to a pool of lawyers that can effectively represent them and make their views heard both nationally and internationally.
* To create a pool of European lawyers with the capacity to effectively engage with international human rights protection mechanisms for children’s rights and be agents of change both in their own countries and at EU level.
* To ensure that lawyers across the EU have easy access to information on how to protect the rights of migrant children, nationally and internationally.
* To ensure that EU law and international law concerning children’s rights is effectively implemented at national level.

Activities

* Five training modules covering six languages for legal practitioners on migrant children’s rights and legal representation of migrant children
* Seven national trainings of 20 lawyers per training in seven countries on the basis of the training modules
* One European strategic litigation retreat on international human rights mechanisms for migrant children’s rights for 21 selected lawyers
* Continuing assistance and mentoring of 140 trained lawyers

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

* 140 lawyers in EU Member States (IT, DE, ES, BG, EL, MT, IR) directly benefitting from the national trainings, the training modules and the continuing assistance and mentoring
* 21 lawyers in EU Member States (IT, DE, ES, BG, EL, MT, IR) directly benefitting from the strategic litigation retreat and continuing mentoring
* 3000 lawyers in all EU Member States benefitting from the training modules

Expected results

* increased knowledge and understanding of at least 140 lawyers in 7 countries on: the international human rights and EU law guarantees on children’s rights, international human rights mechanisms for their protection, and their capacity to communicate effectively with migrant children to ensure that their views are taken into account;
* a pool of at least 21 lawyers (3 per country) trained in strategic litigation before international human rights judicial and non-judicial mechanisms to defend children’s rights is created;
* international human rights mechanisms (ECtHR, ECSR, CRC and CESCR) are strengthened by the availability of European lawyers in a position to bring cases on migrant children’s rights internationally;
* tested and adaptable online training modules and learning tools are disseminated, available to and have reached at least 3,000 lawyers across the whole EU to support them in defending migrant children’s rights.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

* Five training modules will be elaborated and published in electronic and printed format. The modules will be available in English, Italian, Greek, Spanish, German, and Bulgarian.
* Seven national trainings for a total of 140 national lawyers
* One strategic litigation retreat for 21 selected lawyers
* Four short videos will be produced to present the modules and the training methodology with subtitles in English, French, German and Spanish
* An event in Brussels launching the materials and presenting the results and lessons learned of the project

**Partners:**

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| Aditus Foundation | Malta |
| Federal Association for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (B-UMF) | Germany |
| Legal Clinic for Immigrants and Refugees (LCIR) | Bulgaria |
| Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (SSSA) | Italy |
| Fundacion Raices | Spain |
| Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) | Greece |
| Immigrant Council of Ireland | Ireland |

**Application:** 7035

**Title:** MARChiP (Multi-disciplinary Assessment and Participation of Children in Child Protection Proceedings: training program with modules and tool box, international network

**Coordinator:** Deutsches Institut für Jugendhilfe und Familienrecht e.V.

**Country:** Germany

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 658.119,46

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**Summary:**

**Objectives**

* Promotion and capacity building on multi-disciplinary assessment of risk, needs and resources, planning of support services and treatment
* Capacity building on participation of children and families, reflection of ethical issues in assessment and intervention
* Enhancing cultural sensitivity in interventions in families in vulnerable situations (e.g. ethnic minorities, disability)
* Development of train the trainer program with modules and online tool box, applicable to implementation in all MS
* Establishment of EU-wide interdisciplinary network of trainers/policy makers

**Activities**

* Analysis of available studies/programs/publications (e.g. on assessment tools in child protection; trauma informed support planning; what works in interdisciplinary cooperation, in interdisciplinary training on rights of the child; exploring alternative routes to participation; specific challenges in alternative care settings, incl. disabled children; good practices of talking to children and determining best interests; cooperation with police/criminal justice system)
* Updating information on multi-agency approaches in child protection systems in all MS, incl. Icelandic children’s advocacy center and its adaptation in MS; transformation of research on ethical dilemmas and cultural encounters in child protection interventions into content for training
* Workshops with international experts and APs to discuss/evaluate training program
* Development of train the trainer program in 8 languages, incl.
	+ universally applicable modules (e.g. talking to children, challenges/facilitators for interdisciplinarity/cooperation, developmental psychology on risk/endangerment, tension between right to family and right to live free from violence)
	+ modules to be adapted to specifics of national system (e.g. participation/involvement of children/families in decision making [e.g. family group conference, perpetrator programs]; interdisciplinary assessment; transfer between assessment and administrative/judicial proceedings; protection of children in institutions, of ethnic minorities, with disabilities)
	+ gathering/development of online training materials (e.g. interactive multi-media tools, films, key messages, data base)
* Workshop with international experts and APs to evaluate/discuss program and its transnational applicability
* Testing of program with practitioners in consortium states, evaluation, modification
* Testing in AP states, evaluation, modification
* Seminar for trainers in consortium states
* Dissemination of program (e.g. EU-wide presentation on internet, newsletters, publications, conferences)
* Identifying/engaging European trainers/policy makers in an interdisciplinary network
* Conference for policy makers/key persons in consortium states
* International conference for policy makers from all MS

**Type/number of persons benefiting from the project**

* 100-120 trainers in fields of social work, health care, service providers, police, courts, prosecutors, lawyers, guardians ad litem, schools, child care
* 60-80 practitioners from different professions/institutions
* 80-100 policy makers/key persons in consortium states
* 30-50 policy makers from all MS
* 300-500 trainers/policy makers as participants of EU-wide network
* Multiple of numbers of practitioners throughout Europe as recipients of training program by trained trainers
* Children and parents

**Expected results**

* Enhancement of capacity in participatory multi-disciplinary assessment of risk, needs and resources in child protection proceedings
* Initiation of policy and structural changes in consortium/AP States
* Raising of awareness/interest in training on participative multi-agency assessment and intervention in MS
* Transnational exchange of expertise

**Type and number of outputs of the project**

* Train the trainer program with modules and online available tool box in 8 languages
* Evaluation of/publication on multi-agency cooperation in child protection proceedings in MS

EU-wide network of trainers/policy makers

**Partners:**

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| Nederlands Jeugd Instituut (Netherlands Youth Institute) | Netherlands |
| Család Gyermek Ifjúság (Family Child Youth Association Hungary) | Hungary |
| MTÜ Lastekaitse Liit (Estonian Union for Child Welfare) | Estonia |

**Application:** 7036

**Title:** JudEx +: Towards a child-friendly justice in cases of sexual violence against children

**Coordinator:** HFC "Hope for Children" UNCR Policy Center **Country:** Cyprus

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 332.744,59

**Contact detail:**

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Objectives

1. To promote Article 12 of the UNCRC and the CoE Convention on the Protection of children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, in relation to the right of the child to be heard and involved in decision making, whether at home, in the general life of the community, at school or in individual legal and administrative matters in cases of sexual violence.
2. To improve the child’s experience position when entering the judicial system in cases of sexual violence against children.
3. To improve the skills of professionals involved in representing children in judicial proceedings through trainings which take into consideration children’s rights, their developmental needs, and social background in countries where the Lanzarote Convention has recently been ratified.

Activities

A1.1 Desk-research on country specific judicial procedures in cases of sexual violence against children. A1.2 Research on the child’s perspective on judicial procedures in cases of sexual violence; A1.3 Focus Groups with Stakeholders. A1.4 Country reports. A1.5 Translation of country reports into English. A1.6 Interactive Good Practices Map (GP Map). A1.7 Translation of GP Map into partner countries’ languages

A2.1 Review existing training programmes. A2.2 Multidisciplinary Curriculum and Methodology. A2.3 Training the trainers event. A2.4 Pilot testing with experts on childhood issues (child sexual violence issues). A2.5 Review of the training materials after pilot implementation. A2.6 Training study pack. A2.7 Translation of study pack. A2.8 Implementation of MCM. A2.9 Evaluation reports

A3.1 National databases of “interested parties”. A3.2 Transnational Justice & Rights for Children manual. A3.3 Translation of JRC manual. A3.4 Promotional material. A3.5 Electronic Newsletters. A3.6 Press releases to all local and national media. A3.7 Project’s weblink hosted by HFC. A3.8 National conferences & Award ceremony

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- Children, particularly those in judicial procedures in cases of sexual abuse

- Professionals involved in the legal procedures (240)

- Families of victims

Expected results

* Comprehensive mapping of practices in partner countries and usage of the GPMap for future cases of sexual violence against children
* Transversal awareness-raising and multi-level cooperation between governmental bodies, private sector, civil society
* Better trained professionals able to recognize the rights of the children during judicial proceedings
* Harmonized child-friendly methodology and judicial practices in cases of sexual violence against children
* Advocacy of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

Type and number of outputs to be produced

* Tangible:Interview guidelines for one-to-one interviews with children who’ve experienced judicial procedures in cases of sexual violence (x1);
* Interview guidelines for FGs with stakeholders (x1);
* Country report on judicial procedures in cases of sexual violence against children, and existing training practices (x6);
* Good Practices Map in cases of sexual violence against children (x1);
* Multidisciplinary training Curriculum and Methodology (MCM) on child-friendly justice in cases of sexual violence against children (x1);
* Study Pack (x1);
* Evaluation report on MCM implementation (x1);
* Transnational Justice & Rights for Children manual (x1);
* Promotional material (brochures 2 pages, x1000 per partner country); posters (x 500 per partner country);
* Electronic newsletter (x8);
* Online project information platform;
* Press releases (x3 per partner country).
* Intangible:Focus Groups with stakeholders (2 sessions of 10 participants per partner country);
* Train the trainers event (1 session of 2 trainers per partner countries);
* MCM pilot testing (1 session, 5 external experts);
* MCM implementation (training programme on child-friendly justice, 40 participants in Cyprus; 50 in other partner countries);
* MCM Diploma
* Award ceremony (1 per partner country)

**Partners:**

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| Frederick University | Cyprus |
| Rinova | United Kingdom |
| CESIE | Italy |
| Know and Can Association | Bulgaria |
| University of Primorska | Slovenia |
| Folkuniversitetet | Sweden |

**Application**: 7039

**Title:** ReAct: Reinforcing Assistance to Child victims of Trafficking

**Coordinator:** ECPAT France (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) **Country:** France

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 382.937,06

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**Summary:**

**Objectives**

Ensure effective access to justice and the right to be protected in legal procedures for child victims of trafficking in EU Member States, building upon the existing EU instruments and the tools developed in previous EU-funded projects on the topic.

**Activities**

* Launch of a practical research programme that focuses on guardianship systems for child victims of trafficking involved in legal procedures in five Member States (Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and UK)
* Development of multidisciplinary training modules that promote minimum standards for guardians and lawyers regarding child victims of trafficking, including specific modules relating to their roles and responsibilities
* Training of guardians (or other representatives according to the country) and lawyers on child victims of trafficking involved in legal procedures at national level in five Member States
* Development of child-friendly information tools for child victims of trafficking in order to inform children of their rights as children, and as child victims of trafficking
* Advocacy to ensure effective legal guardianship for child victims of trafficking in EU Member States and to integrate information and training on trafficking in the curriculum of new guardians and lawyers

**Type and number of persons benefiting from the project**

Lawyers and professionals involved in the child protection system

* Research will benefit 10’500 persons (in majority lawyers and guardians)
* Training will benefit 150 guardians
* 28 will be able to train others through Train the Trainer model
* 150 lawyers will benefit from training

Child victims of trafficking

* Minimum 470 child victims of trafficking access leaflets and videos

EU institutions / policies and NGOs

* 14 members of EU institutions (MEP's, Commission) and members of Council of Europe
* 18 experts on trafficking/guardianship at the national/EU level and SCEP members
* 25 NGO's working in the field

**Expected results**

The capacity of representatives (guardians and lawyers) for children victims of trafficking is increased in order to ensure that children are identified as victims (and not perpetrators) and have their rights upheld during legal proceedings in key trafficking destinations countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and UK)

**Outputs**

* 1 agreement signed between the applicant and each partner
* 1 online kick-off meeting – 10 participants
* 6 conference calls – minimum 5 participants
* 1 mid-term report – 20 pages
* 1 final meeting – 10 participants
* 1 external audit report (at the end of the project)
* 1 final external programme evaluation
* 1 day meeting – 5 researchers
* 1 day dissemination workshop – 40 participants
* 1 final research report in four languages (Dutch, English, French and German) – 30 pages
* 2 multidisciplinary training modules for guardians and lawyers on children victims of trafficking involved in legal procedures (with common modules) including training materials in English
* 5 training modules for guardians and lawyers adapted to national context (Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and UK)
* 5 webinars/e-learning tools in each country to train guardians and lawyers
* 1 booklet for a child and youth friendly terminology
* 1 training of trainers – 30 participants – 2 days
* Minimum 20 training sessions - 250 guardians and 150 lawyers from the five countries
* 1 final conference – 50 participants
* 1 child-friendly information booklet - 13 languages – electronic and printed (200 per language per country)
* 1 child-friendly information video – 13 languages – electronic and DVD (50 per country)
* 1 Conference at the European Parliament – 50 participants – 1 day
* 1 Meeting with the Council of Europe Rapporteur and members of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons – 10 participants – 2 days
* 1 Meeting with the Separated Children in Europe Programme (SCEP) – 15 participants – 1 day
* 1 REACT Statement of the ECPAT partners REACT Guidelines – 2 pages

**Partners:**

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| End Child Prostitution and Trafficking UK | United Kingdom |
| End Child Prostitution and Trafficking Germany | Germany |
| End Child Prostitution and Trafficking Belgium | Belgium |
| Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme (AADH) | France |
| End Child Prostitution and Trafficking Netherlands | The Netherlands |
| Acting for Life, Living, not just existing | France |

**Application:** 7047

**Title:** Separated Children in Judicial Proceedings

**Coordinator:** Advice on Individual Rights in Europe **Country:** UK

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 210.013,82

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**Summary:**

Objectives

The objective of the project is to **build the capacity** for legal professionals (including judges) to become more aware of the need for **child centred justice** in all judicial proceedings involving **separated children** and to benefit from the knowledge and tools provided so as to ensure that the conduct and outcomes of such proceedings always take full account of the **best interests of the child** as a **primary consideration.**

Activities

**A**. Plan and host a series of events in the **UK, Belgium, Ireland and Croatia** (see workstreams) at which legal professionals will:

1. share experiences of the situation of **separated children** in different kinds of judicial proceedings;
2. learn how to use, for the benefit of **separated children**, remedies at the **European Court of Human Rights , the European Committee of Social Rights and UN Committee on the Rights of the Child under the 3rd OP;**
3. expand their familiarity with the EU acquis (legislative and jurisprudential), the ECHR jurisprudence and the case law of the ESC relevant for developing **child centred justice** for children in situations where they and their parents are **separated or being separated** by **relocation;**
4. expand their familiarity with the EU acquis, ECHR and ESC jurisprudence relevant for developing **child centred justice of separated children** in situations arising from seeking international protection as **asylum seekers** or **victims of trafficking** and assimilated situations.

**B**. Design and produce training templates and modules, drawing on the work of the events described above to assist legal professionals to use the knowledge and skills.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

The target groups are legal professionals working with separated children. A maximum of 60 persons will be able to attend each event. Different people will attend in the four different jurisdictions – with some overlap, so that it is anticipated that **between 280 and 340 individuals will benefit directly** from attending the events. A wider group of stakeholders will be assembled, including those from tangential fields and those responsible for judicial training and continuous professional development for practitioners. The templates and training modules will enable a much wider group of persons to benefit from training developed based on the knowledge of shared and experience gained from the other activities. The ultimate beneficiaries will of course be the children themselves.

Expected results

An increase in the incidence of **child centred justice for separated children** as a consequence of the heightened awareness of its importance, and a familiarity with the relevant tools brought about by the project activities.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

* 6 mutual learning events (sharing of good practice)
* 6 training events (transfer of information)
* Production of material packages for each event
* Professionals trained (legal professionals, judges, NGOs, child protection professionals and multiplier effect)
* Training templates and modules

**Partners:**

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| Child Circle | Belgium |
| University College Cork | Ireland |
| Centar za zene zrtve rata - ROSA | Croatia |

**Application:** 7052

**Title:** TALE Training Activities for Legal Experts on children rights

**Coordinator:** Save the Children **Country:** Italy

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 452.701,59

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**Summary:**

**Objectives**

As underlined by the Guidelines on child friendly justice of the CoE (November 2010), lawyers representing children should be trained in and knowledgeable on children's rights and related issues.

The need for specific training for lawyers has been underlined by the results of the European Commission’s study on children in civil, criminal and administrative judicial proceedings and also recently recalled by the Council of the European Union Conclusions on the Rights of the Child (15559/14).

The project TALE wants therefore to offer training to lawyers representing children in judicial proceedings on the international instruments to promote and protect children’s rights and the correct implementation of the CoE CFJ Guidelines principles at national level. This training will contain both theoretical and practical elements from a distinctly children’s rights perspective. Through a consultation activity with children involved in legal proceedings the project wants to ensure that lawyers’ training includes children's voices.

The project wants also to produce and disseminate online training materials, developed and tested in the training workshops.

**Activities**

The main activities foreseen are the following ones:

* Three one day training workshops will be held in all the countries involved. 20 legal professionals will participate at each training workshop.
* A children’s consultation activity with group of approximately 10 children will be set up and facilitated by all the partners.
* A specific online package of training materials will ultimately be produced and it will be disseminated through the network established by the project and the participants of the training sessions, representing wider networks of practitioners.
* A newsletter will be produced and a Summer school will be held in order to promote and strengthen the exchange of information and good practices among the legal professionals in this field at EU level

**Type and number of persons benefiting from the project**

The direct beneficiaries of the TALE project are lawyers representing children in judicial proceedings in the member states represented in the TALE partnership.

A group of 100 selected lawyers of wider organizations will participate in the training sessions while 1000 lawyers in the MS represented in the TALE partnership will be reached through the online training materials.

Moreover a group of 50 Children will be involved in the consultation activity.

Indirect beneficiaries will be children involved in judicial proceedings in the MS represented in the TALE project.

**Expected results**

The in depth training will ensure lawyers improve their approach to the children they represent, and use their new knowledge of the national and international instruments to protect the rights of the child in their day-to-day practice.

The active participation of children involved in judicial proceedings in the training workshops and in the creation of the training modules will guarantee that their views will directly inform the content, ensuring that the training materials are both relevant and responsive to children’s interests and needs.

Finally the production of high quality training materials online will ensure that they are disseminated and accessible to a very large number of indirect beneficiaries.

**Type and number of outputs to be produced**

A specific online package of training materials will ultimately be produced - punchy, audio-visual materials that could be easily adapted to any jurisdictional context and integrated into the training programmes of justice professionals. It will include key tips/pointers for achieving child friendly approach, and be self-contained so that the materials can be used well beyond the life of the project. The package will also include a self-assessment tool with 3-4 simple indicators, that will enable the lawyers and practitioners to chart their progress in achieving a child-rights based approach to their work.

**Partners:**

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| La Merced Migraciones Foundation | Spain |
| Instituto de Apoio a Crianca | Portugal |
| Scuola Superiore dell'Avvocatura | Italy |
| Univeristy of Liverpool | United Kingdom |
| Defense des Enfants International Belgique | Belgium |
| Organizatia Salvati COPIII | Romania |

**Application:** 7058

**Title:** THEAM (Training healthcare multidisciplinary teams on children's rights and on child friendly justice)

**Coordinator:** CESIS (Centro de Estudos para a Intervencão Social **Country:** Portugal

**Requested amount (EUR)**: 185.127,98

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**Summary:**

The project aims to train key professionals and to integrate training on children’s rights and child-friendly justice into regular national training and education curricula.

Objectives

* To train multidisciplinary teams (including medical workers, social workers and others, as appropriate) working with children in the prevention of child maltreatment and juvenile delinquency and early intervention programmes at Primary Healthcare level on children’s rights and Child-Friendly Justice.
* To raise awareness of professionals working with and for children on children’s rights and, in particular on article 12 of the CRC;
* To raise awareness of professionals working with and for children on the Council of Europe Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice;
* To enhance professionals’ knowledge, attitude and role on how to respect children’s rights in the context of prevention and early intervention programmes;
* To integrate the training modules and/or content into regular training programmes of the national partners or other entities otherwise responsible for the development of national curricula and training of professionals working for and with children.

Activities

* Baseline assessment of knowledge, attitudes and practice of participants in the proposed capacity building;
* Prepare a training module based on the Council of Europe Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice;
* Adapt and translate the Children’s Rights Educational Curricula for Professionals and additional module into the partners’ languages;
* Provision of training of professionals;
* Evaluation of the training and its impact;
* Advocacy and networking to pursue implementation of curriculum into basic training of relevant professionals;
* Dissemination of the training and project results.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- 115 professionals will be trained in Italy, Spain and Portugal and 50 in Greece which makes a total of 400 trained professionals. The groups include professionals of the following categories: doctors, nurses, social workers, education officers and other professionals working in already established multidisciplinary teams at Primary Healthcare level or otherwise working at local level.

Open access of completed materials online will facilitate a wide range of potential beneficiaries in the longer term.

Expected results

By the end of the Action it is expected that professionals working with and for children:

* Gain knowledge on children’s rights;
* Understand the relevance of children’s rights and the Council of Europe (CoE) Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice, in the context of their work;
* Are able to apply the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the CoE Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice, in the context of their work;
* Acquire skills on how to inform and engage with children of different ages and vulnerabilities;
* Acquire skills to raise awareness of other professionals on the importance of children’s rights and how to inform and engage with children.

By the end of the Action, national entities responsible for the development of national curriculum and training of professionals working for and with children will have learned about the CRED-PRO programme, its applicability to the national training context and the results of the project. National entities will also be provided with knowledge and tools that will enable them to adapt the programme and include it in their regular training.

By the end of the project, all the materials developed for the curriculum will be available on the UK-based Open University open access website (<http://www.open.ac.uk/>) as well as the CRED-PRO website (<http://www.open.ac.uk/>).

Type and number of outputs to be produced

* 3 Work plans;
* 7 reports;
* 2 questionnaires;
* 1 Training curriculum available in 5 languages;
* Training materials;
* Trainings / 400 Professionals trained;
* 4 national seminars;
* 2 transnational conferences.

**Partners:**

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| Defence for Children International Italia | Italy |
| Defence for Children International Spain | Spain |
| KMOP Family and Childcare Centre | Greece |

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**Summary:**

Objectives

1. To enhance the knowledge and skills of lawyers representing children with mental disabilities in judicial proceedings in eight Member States
2. To share trainng materials and lessons learned with lawyers across the EU to enable them to roll out similar training.

Activities

WS0: Management and Coordination: general project management, including kick-off meetings with each of the project partners, regular project management meetings and development of a project evaluation report by an external expert at the end of the project.

WS1: Development of Training Package (30-pages): New training pack on rights of children with mental disabilities, and procedures and mechanisms to secure such rights. Beta version created for pilot-testing in Prague before finalization in nine languages.

WS2: Training Seminars: An international Training-of-Trainers using the Training Package will be held in Budapest. A two-day National Training Seminar will be held in each project country, training 15 - 20 lawyers on EU and international law, and innovative ways to use UN and European law and mechanisms.

WS3: National Legal Innovation Strategies (NLIS): These will be developed via 1-day strategy days in each of the eight countries back-to-back with the Seminars. They will identify key issues to be litigated, a score-card analysis of the gaps and legal opportunities, stakeholder analysis, and an advocacy and litigation strategy to be implemented after the project finishes.

WS4: International Learning: Collective learning from the creation of the NLISs will be analysed and shared. The project partners will meet in Budapest to produce an International best practices report which will be disseminated across all EU Member States.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

1. Circa 130 lawyers across eight project countries in WS2 and lawyers accessing the disseminated outputs via WS4.
2. Children with mental disabilities in the eight project countries who come into contact with the criminal, administrative or civil justice systems. There is no official data available on this group but every year in the EU, an estimated 1,086,000 children face criminal justice proceedings and MDAC’s own estimates are that the overall number of children coming into contact with some form of justice systems is substantial.

Expected results

1. 130 lawyers across eight countries have strengthened knowledge about how to use legal arguments and mechanisms to secure the rights of child clients with mental disabilities, and enhanced skills in how to represent such children.
2. Each country has an NLIS drawing on the lessons learned in the training and which offers a blueprint for action when the project finishes
3. Percolation of learnings to all Member States via assertive outreach, disseminating the outputs to relevant stakeholders.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

1. Training Package on the rights of children with mental disabilities, procedures and mechanisms to secure such rights;
2. Pilot-testing of the Package in Prague for 6 lawyers (register; evaluations);
3. Training-of-Trainers in Budapest using the Training Package (register; evaluations)
4. Eight National Training Seminars using the Training Package to train 15 – 20 lawyers (registers; evaluations)
5. Eight legal innovation strategy days (registers; evaluations)
6. Eight ‘National Legal Innovation Strategies’ identifying key domestic issues, a score-card analysis of the gaps and legal opportunities, stakeholder analysis, and a proposed advocacy and litigation strategy (10 pages each in that country’s language and in English).
7. International Symposium to exchange lessons learned, present and the discuss NLIS and share experiences (register; evaluations)
8. International best practices report (10 pages) summarising overall learnings from the project (in English)
9. Case summaries of key jurisprudence available on MDACs online Global Jurisprudence Tracker database (digital English)
10. External evaluation report

**Partners:**

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| DLA Piper UK LLP | Belgium |
| Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law Foundation | Bulgaria |
| AK Matiasko | Czech Republic |
| Children's Rights Alliance | Ireland |
| VsI "Psichikos sveikatos perspektyvos" - PSP | Lithuania |
| Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR) | Poland |
| Centrul de Resurse Juridice (CLR) | Romania |