

PRIORITIZING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL CHILDREN IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT CAN BE DONE



Invitation to a Policy Discussion

3 June 2015 | 9:00-12:30 AM | Brussels, Venue: TBC

Children in Europe and neighbouring countries continue to have their rights violated. Yet, only a fraction of them have access to a fair, timely and effective remedy - in other words, very few have access to justice. Justice systems that are not adapted risk victimising children for a second time, doing more harm than providing redress.

What do we know about children in contact with justice systems in EU Members States? How do children experience access to justice in enlargement and Eastern neighbourhood countries? What has been tried and what works in assisting the most vulnerable children in claiming their rights?

This debate is timely as it happens in the morning of the **9th European Forum on the Rights of the Child** dedicated to child protection systems in Europe.

PANELISTS

Chair: **Caterina Chinnici**, Co-Chair EU Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights

Susan Bissell
UNICEF, Associate Director
Chief of Child Protection

Bragi Guðbrandsson (tbc)
Chair of the Council of Europe
Lanzarote Committee

Astrid Podsiadlowski,
FRA, Head of Sector, Rights of the
Child, Equality and Citizens' Rights

Sabina Klaneček
Ministry of Justice of the Republic
of Slovenia

Tam Baillie
Scotland's Commissioner for
Children and Young People
Chair of ENOC

Other panelists include the European Commission, EEAS and civil society

Key sessions:

New evidence on children's access to justice

The way forward - Implications for EU policies and programming

This event is co-organized by UNICEF and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in partnership with the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights.