

Invitation to discussion '*Prioritizing Access to Justice for All Children – in Europe and beyond: What we know and what can be done*,' 3 June 2015, Brussels

Dear Madam, Sir,

We are delighted to invite you to a policy discussion on *Prioritizing Access to Justice for All Children – in Europe and beyond: What we know and what can be done* on 3 June 2015 from 9:00–12:30, in Brussels, Belgium (venue to be confirmed). The event is organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and UNICEF in partnership with the European Parliament's Intergroup on Children's Rights and takes place in conjunction with the Annual EU Child Rights Forum.

Children's access to justice is at the core of the EU's values and priorities: human rights, rule of law and inclusive development. Yet, as new research shows, in Europe and in neighboring countries, only a fraction of children whose rights are violated come forward and seek redress, and even fewer obtain an effective remedy. More needs to be done to ensure that effective access to justice becomes a reality for children.

The event will present new evidence on children's access to justice in the EU and neighboring countries; share promising practices on how to ensure greater access to justice for all children; and stimulate a policy discussion on how to concretely and efficiently address this gap in the EU and beyond.

Participants will include representatives from governments, EU institutions, Ombudspersons for children, international organizations and NGOs.

We look forward to your contribution to this important discussion and would be grateful if you could confirm your participation to: tbidart@unicef.org, by 15 May the latest.

Yours sincerely,



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