

# European Commission rights of the child handout

## 6<sup>th</sup> National Child Protection and Welfare Social Work Conference

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### 10 principles for integrated child protection systems

**Strengthening child protection systems, 10 principles discussed at the 9<sup>th</sup> European Forum on the rights of the child:**

1. Every child is recognised, respected and protected as a rights holder, with non-negotiable rights to protection.
2. No child is discriminated against.
3. Child protection systems include prevention measures.
4. Families are supported in their role as primary caregiver.
5. Societies are aware and supportive of the child's right to freedom from all forms of violence.
6. Child protection systems ensure adequate care.
  - Professionals are committed and competent (training and guidance, necessary protocols and processes, inter and multidisciplinary responses to violence against children)
  - Standards, indicators and tools and systems of monitoring and evaluation are in place.
  - Within organisations working directly for and with children, child protection policies and reporting mechanisms are in place.
7. Child protection systems have transnational and cross-border mechanisms in place.
8. The child has support and protection.
9. Training on identification of risks is delivered to a wide range of people working for and with children (including all teachers, health sector professionals, social workers, etc).
10. There are safe, well-publicised, confidential and accessible reporting mechanisms in place.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/rights-child/protection-action/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/rights-child/protection-action/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/2015\\_forum\\_roc\\_background\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/2015_forum_roc_background_en.pdf)

### Examples of EU law relevant to child protection

- You can find links to them all in here: EU legislation and policy relating to children  
[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/acquis\\_rights\\_of\\_child.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/acquis_rights_of_child.pdf)
- Directive 2011/93/EU (child sexual abuse and exploitation)
- Directive 2012/29/EU (Victims' rights)
- Directive 2011/36/EU (Combating trafficking in human beings)

EU law provisions should lead to faster adoption of national measures (transposition time limits in directive), and more homogenous national measures. Implementation is monitored by the Commission and subject to jurisdiction by the European Court of Justice.

## The protection of children in migration

- 10<sup>th</sup> European Forum on the rights of the child (November 2016) on the protection of children in migration [http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item\\_id=34456](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=34456)
- 12.4.2017 Commission Communication on the protection of children in migration: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=COM:2017:211:FIN>

## Funding

**Check out EU funding possibilities on rights of the child and violence against children:** [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index_en.htm)

We have recently closed EU funding calls on guardianship and foster care for unaccompanied children and for preparations for ageing out/leaving care. We are likely to run a very similar call to that again in 2018 and encourage you to participate:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rchi-prof-ag-2017.html>.

Our most recent EU funding call on violence against children, with several funding priorities, closes on 14.11.2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rdap-gbv-ag-2017.html>

- Compilation of previously-funded projects on child protection, child-friendly justice, violence against children: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/rights\\_child/compilation\\_previously\\_funded\\_projects\\_rights\\_of\\_the\\_child\\_and\\_violence\\_against\\_children.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/rights_child/compilation_previously_funded_projects_rights_of_the_child_and_violence_against_children.pdf)
- Identifying and preventing abuse of children with mental disabilities [www.mdac.org/charm-toolkit](http://www.mdac.org/charm-toolkit)

EU Daphne PROMISE project (Barnahus, interagency and multidisciplinary services to support child victims of violence) <http://www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/>

International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) Improving juvenile justice systems in Europe, see Toolkit, etc. at <http://www.oijj.org/en/improvingjjs-toolkit>

**Our newsletter on rights of the child:** <http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/newsletter-specific-archive.cfm?serviceId=529> – subscribe at [EC-CHILD-RIGHTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-CHILD-RIGHTS@ec.europa.eu)

## European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

- See some of the work done by the European Union Agency for Fundamental rights, e.g. mapping of national child protection systems in the EU <http://fra.europa.eu/en/project/2014/mapping-child-protection-systems-eu/publications>
- On violence against children with disabilities: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2015/violence-children-disabilities-eu-summary>
- And on child-friendly justice: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2017/child-friendly-justice-childrens-view>
- See the FRA 2017 child friendly justice checklist for professionals [http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\\_uploads/child-friendly\\_justice\\_-\\_checklist\\_for\\_professionals.pdf](http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/child-friendly_justice_-_checklist_for_professionals.pdf)