
Momentum in Europe: Effective child participation in the context of the implementation of the new Directive on procedural safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings

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• 5 key priorities including the need to **continue to promote child friendly justice** in the CoE member states

• Deprivation of liberty

• Implementation of **standards**, building **partnerships**, strengthened **communication and evaluation**

• Cooperation with other international organisations and NGOs
Promotion of the Guidelines on child-friendly justice

HELP course on child-friendly justice

Promotion of the ratification and implementation of the Third Optional Protocol to the UNCRS on a Communications Procedures

Conference on the Strategy (child-friendly justice and digital environment)

Promotion of alternatives to imprisonment and development of probation services
Committee on the Rights of the Child

- Oversees the implementation of the Strategy
- Ensures that the rights of the child are mainstreamed into CoE committees and bodies
- Supports member States in mainstreaming children’s rights
- Facilitates exchanges among member States
- Provides expertise to member States
- Advises the CM and the SG
What is HELP?

European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

Supports Council of Europe member states in implementing the European Convention on Human Rights (EHCR) at the national level
HELP is (1):

the **only pan-European Network** of national training institutions for judges, prosecutors and lawyers in the 47 Member States
HELP is (2): a human rights training methodology for legal professionals.

HELP Training-of-Trainers sessions are organised to ensure the harmonised implementation of the HELP methodology.
HELP Methodology

Assessment of training needs
Development of training materials
Translation into national languages
Adaptation by national tutor
Implementation of the course
Evaluation

Distance learning
Self-learning
HELP is (3):

an **e-learning platform** on human rights

[http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int](http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int)

**Distance learning**

- Available for a selected group of participants;
- Tutored by a national expert;
- Certification/recognition of credits.

**Self-learning**

- Available for any user;
- Not tutored, but available at any time;
- No certification.
HELP Curriculum on Child-friendly Justice

Purposes

• To strengthen and harmonise the knowledge of the relevant ECHR and European standards on child-friendly justice

• To improve the quality of judicial proceedings involving ECHR-related issues, in line with the Child-friendly Justice Guideline
HELP Curriculum on Child-friendly Justice

Format and target audience

E-learning interactive product

Primarily intended for:
- Civil and criminal judges;
- Lawyers;
- Prosecutors;
- Children’s rights experts intervening in judicial proceedings and professionals working within child protection systems;
- Staff of Ombudspersons’ offices and NGOs.
HELP Curriculum on Child-friendly Justice

Outline

1. Introduction
2. Child-friendly Justice
3. Non Judicial Proceedings
4. General elements
5. Interacting with children in judicial system: main challenges
6. Interdisciplinarity
7. Deprivation of liberty
8. Violence against children
9. Migration and asylum
Why e-learning?
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HELP national page

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