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## Reflecting on 2023: Our Year in Review!

*As we look back on 2023, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support. Your belief in our mission has propelled us forward, and we eagerly anticipate the possibilities that 2024 holds!*



## Memberships: Growing Steadily

Our Membership has grown from 19 to 31 Members across 20 European countries in less than one year, bringing together committed non-governmental organisations, individual experts and academic institutions to enhance access to justice for children!



**Advocacy: Amplifying Voices for Child-Friendly**

## Justice

In our advocacy efforts, we've been busy shaping policies that prioritize children's rights. The highlight of our year has been hosting our first **Child Justice Caravan** early December with 6 highly committed young people with experience with the justice system from Greece and the Netherlands, who showed us and policy makers that views and opinions of children and youth do matter! **Listen to the wise words of Bakary and Jameel**. In addition, over 100 experts from across Europe joined us in Genoa, Italy, to discuss how to transform justice systems for children in migration. This would not have been possible without the real dedication of our co-organiser Defence for Children International Italy!

We are proud to have launched our first-ever Advocacy Strategy 2023-2025 and the publication/endorsement of position papers on [Ending solitary confinement for children](#), Transforming justice systems for children in migration, and, in partnership with the Institute for Inspiring Children's Future, on Intergenerational Partnerships for child justice, Smarter Financing for justice for children as well as, together with CRAG, a Children's rights Manifesto for MePs in view of the 2024 EU Elections.



## Partnerships: Building Bridges for Lasting Impact

Our partnerships have flourished, creating ripples of positive change. Our collaboration with the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency was recognised by inviting us in key high level stakeholders meetings. The collaboration with the European Forum on Restorative Justice reached a significant milestone with the signing of a formal MoU in June, solidifying our commitment to child friendly restorative justice for the next five years. An informal collaboration with Leiden Law School blossomed through exchanging with stimulating students at the Leiden Summer School and the Master of Children's Rights program, showcasing our dedication to building meaningful connections in the pursuit of justice for children.



## Communication: Connecting Hearts and Minds

In the realm of communication, we've strived to keep our community informed and engaged. Through newsletters, targeted communications and a free access database of resources which we increased from 50 to nearly 360 publications, we've ensured that our members stay updated on the latest developments in child-friendly justice. We have increased our presence on social media and have reached a great number of audience interested in being abreast of latest developments in the area of child friendly justice.

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shot of energy is  
finally here!**

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needed end-of-year inspiration



## Fundraising: Empowering Change

Our fundraising initiatives have flourished in 2023. We actively convened our Fundraising Working Group and together we developed our first-ever CFJ-EN Fundraising Strategy, a significant step towards securing the resources needed to champion child-friendly justice. The publication of four internal newsletters, our own "Fundraising Espresso," provided our members with valuable insights into funding opportunities and fundraising. Additionally, we hosted three engaging capacity building webinars, empowering our members with the skills needed for effective grant writing, developing compelling cases for support, and building a fundraising strategy.

*Your commitment to spreading our message has been instrumental in creating a network of advocates passionate about our cause! For this, **I would like to thank you all, as well as our Operational Team staff and every one of our Members, without which these milestones would have been impossible to reach!***

*Wishing you a festive holiday season and a New Year filled with your loved ones, warmth, joy, and continued advocacy for child-friendly justice! Stay tuned for an exciting 2024.*

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