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May and June were filled with high-quality conferences and seminars on victim's rights, restorative justice and child participation, which provided a fantastic opportunity to present the work of our Network and further disseminate our handbook on child friendly justice, discuss budgeting for child friendly justice and the rights of child victims. While we are discussing with other European Networks who impact children joint collaboration areas, we are delighted to have signed **our first Memorandum of Understanding** with another active European Network, the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) and their Director Patrizia Patrizi and Executive Director Edit Törzs.

Our members have been very active, and we thank them for making this Network a vibrant community of child justice experts! A special mention to the AIRE Centre which, in collaboration with Children of Prisoners Europe, submitted an amicus curae to the European Court on Human Rights, which led to a **landmark ruling for children of imprisoned parents** putting children's best interests at the forefront.

A heartfelt **welcome to our five new members** who bring us to 24 members across 19 European countries: Alliance pour les Avocats des Droits de l'homme (France), Terre des Hommes Romania, Child Rights Centre (Serbia) and our first two individual experts Silvia Randazzo and Marine Braun.

The Operational Team pursues its efforts to make quality resources available to all practitioners working with children, and we are delighted to announce the **launch of our new online search tool**: anyone can now navigate over 315 publications on child friendly justice. Help us to grow this database, and let us know if you would like your publication to be included.

While many of you will be taking a well-deserved break, this summer, in collaboration with our Member Defence for Children Italia, we will be working towards **our second CFJ-EN Annual Seminar** which will take place in Genoa, Italy, on 26-27 October 2023, on the theme of child friendly justice for migrant children.

Last but not least, our work would not mean anything without our dedicated staff: **a big thank you to Eva Gangneux and Andrea**

Thomas, who have left our team to pursue new adventures, and a warm welcome to our new Advocacy Officer, Lotte Buekenhout.

Wishing you all a restful and regenerating summer!

On behalf of the Operational Team,
Mariama Diallo, CFJ-EN Coordinator

Case Law



ECtHR case of A.C. and M.C. v. FRANCE (2023) — Administrative detention of a mother with child with no legal basis. The case concerns placement in administrative detention of a mother with a seven and a half month-old child pending their transfer to another EU country. The Court ruled that there was a violation of Articles 3, 5.1, and 5.4 of ECHR as administrative detention of a parent with a very young child constitutes inhumane and degrading punishment that had not been proven to be a measure of last resort.

ECtHR case of A.M. and others v. France (2023) — Immigration detention of a mother and two children. The case concerns placement in administrative detention of a mother with a three-year old and a newborn child pending their transfer to another EU country. The Court ruled that there was a violation of Articles 3 and 5.4 of ECHR as administrative detention in a retention center of a parent with young children for a period of eight days constitutes disproportionate punishment that had not been proven to be a measure of last resort.

ECtHR case of A.E. v. Bulgaria (2023) — Authorities' failure to address domestic violence against a child. The case concerns State's failure to protect fifteen-year old applicant from domestic violence, to adequately investigate her complaints in that regard, and discriminating against her on the basis of sex. The Court ruled that there was a violation of Articles 3 and 14 of ECHR as the government did not implement an effective system to punish all forms of domestic violence and to provide sufficient safeguards for victims and further failed to disprove institutional inaction on the part of the authorities.

CJEU case of J.B., S.B., F.B. v. Germany (2023) — Rejection of an asylum application. The case concerns a Lebanese family consisting of two parents accompanying a child who repeatedly and unsuccessfully applied for asylum in Germany between 2000 and 2021. The Court ruled that no rights were violated and Article 33(2) (d) of Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament does not preclude a Member State from rejecting subsequent applications for international protection as inadmissible where the decision on the previous application did not concern the granting of subsidiary protection status, but was adopted following an examination of the existence of grounds prohibiting removal, comparable, in substance, to the examination with a view to granting that status.

ECtHR case of I.S. v. Greece (2023) — Father's loss of contact with children. The case concerns non-enforcement of a

judicial decision in which the applicant was granted contact rights and alleged failure of the authorities to conduct psychological and social welfare reports. The Court ruled that there was a violation of Article 8 of ECHR as Greek authorities failed to take all necessary measures which could reasonably be required of them to enforce the applicant's right to have contact and to establish a relationship with his daughters.

AIRE Centre and COPE - Landmark Ruling for children of imprisoned parents. COPE and AIRE Centre submitted an amicus brief to the European Court of Human Rights, which had been called to rule on the case of a child being denied the right to visit her father being held in pre-trial detention in Lithuania. In a landmark ruling on 21 March 2023, the Court upheld COPE's contention that all decisions concerning children should take their best interests as a prior consideration and that children have a right, when separated from a parent in prison, to regular, ongoing contact with the parent, including during pre-trial detention. In its ruling, the Court cited the Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)5 concerning children with imprisoned parents. COPE experts contributed to the drafting of this key instrument. "This is a major victory in our efforts to achieve recognition of the rights of children affected by parental imprisonment," COPE said in a statement.

Recent Events



VSE Conference on Victim's Rights Perspectives, 7-9 June, Berlin, Germany. The CFJ-EN attended Victim Support Europe's Annual Conference, along with 400 experts on victim's rights, where the importance of intergenerational collaboration to support victims, the upcoming launch of the amendments to the EU directive on victim's rights and why democracy matters for victim's rights, were addressed.

12th EFRJ Annual Seminar, 22-23 June, Pamplona, Spain. Mariama Diallo co-led in collaboration with Lucy Jaffe from UK-based organisation Why Me? a workshop on "Building an economic case for child friendly restorative justice", during the 12th EFRJ Annual Seminar on the theme of "Policy Matters in Restorative Justice, Mapping a Field in its Process of Growth and Innovation". Discussions took place around the costs of not intervening for children in contact with justice systems, the importance of reallocating budgets towards effective services for children and the collaboration with economists to understand how to calculate social return on investments.

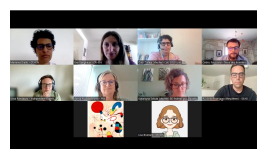
Members' Corner



Portugal: VOICE Action Conference in



Romania: Child friendly restorative justice



Europe: CFJ-EN and experts discuss access

Caiscais

On 8-9 May, CFJ-EN Member YOPE and two team members attended the [final conference of the VOICE Action final conference in Portugal](#), an initiative led by APROXIMAR Cooperativa de Solidariedade Social, which integrates seven countries in Europe. It aims to develop the human and social capital of young people who are deprived of their liberty and young people who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, giving them the opportunity to share their dreams and visions for their communities and to participate in the design of European policies in area of youth, as well as promoting their civic and social participation.

On 11-12 May, Tdh Romania gathered over 45 practitioners and policy makers experts in child justice and restorative justice from Romania, Estonia, Netherlands and Belgium to discuss adopting restorative practices with children as part of the EU project iRestore 2.0. The CFJ-EN presented on child participation, budgeting for child friendly justice and interagency collaboration. [Read the Conclusions here.](#)

to justice for LGBTI+ children

[On 31 May, the CFJ-EN, in partnership with the Global Initiative on Justice with Children, hosted a webinar to explore routes towards establishing LGBTI+ sensitive justice systems for children in Europe.](#) The expert panel included IGLYO, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, the Greek Ombudswoman for Children's Rights, the SOGIE Unit of the Council of Europe, the office of the Belgian State Secretary for Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities and a independent Child Justice Expert.

Resources and Publications



France: UNCRC 5th Periodic Report

During the session of the UNCRC held in May, the Committee considered the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of France. [Read the Observations here.](#)



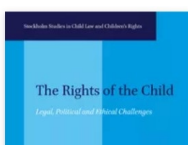
CoE: Impact of the European Convention on Human Rights

Check this interesting resource with a map, videos and factsheets showing the impact of the European Convention on Human Rights by right and by country. [Access the resource here.](#)



ECtHR Factsheet on children's rights

The ECtHR factsheet on children rights compiles a list of case law submitted to the court in relation to children's rights. This factsheet is part of a series of thematic factsheets published by the ECtHR. [Access the factsheet here.](#)



Global: New toolkit on children deprived of liberty in the context of armed conflict and national security

The toolkit analysis different areas in which children are deprived of liberty. The aim of the toolkit is to guide states and actors to implement the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty by providing examples of practice and further tools. [Access the toolkit here.](#)



Europe: Third party intervention

The University of Liverpool published a report detailing the findings of a study into third party interventions/amicus curiae in European Court of Human Rights cases relating to children. There is significant potential for academics to use their research and strategic partnerships to advance children's rights arguments at this level through this channel. [Read the full report here.](#)

Sweden: The Rights of the Child: Legal, Political and Ethical Challenges

Researchers from the University of Stockholm published a new manual on Child Rights from an interdisciplinary perspective, with a special focus on the realization of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Sweden. [The online version of the manual is available for free here.](#)

CoE: New video on Barnahus

On the occasion of the International Children's Day on June 1st, the new video on Barnahus, which was screened at the 7th Plenary meeting in Reykjavík, has been officially launched. [Watch it here.](#)

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