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Editorial

On the occasion of the European Day for Victims of Crime, the CFJ-EN signed [a statement](#) prepared by Victim Support Europe with over 50 organisations to stand in solidarity with all victims of crime across Europe, no matter who the victim is, no matter where the crime took place, no matter what it was. We welcome the commitment of the European Commission to update EU Victims' laws and look forward to EC urgently publishing a new Victims Rights Directive. Our special thoughts go to all children victims and their families affected by the war in Ukraine on this sad one-year anniversary. We also welcome the recent ruling in the [ECtHR Case B. vs Russia \(2023\)](#) which recognises the protection and rights of child victims against secondary victimisation.

This is a perfect moment to remind ourselves of the content of the Council of Europe and European Commission Strategies on the Rights of the Child - both launched now in their child-friendly version ([CoE child friendly version](#) and [EC versions](#) in all EU languages) - and make their recommendations actionable.

Having just celebrated our first anniversary, we commit to making our resources available to the widest range possible of professionals working with children and with children themselves. We are therefore proud to share that our Strategy 2023-2025 is now available not only in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#), but also in a child-friendly version in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). We pursue our efforts to make our resources available in additional languages. Our [legal handbook](#) is currently being translated in Spanish and French. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you wish to volunteer to translate it into your own language or if you are interested in [becoming a Member](#) of our Network.

Case Law

[ECtHR Case Minasian and Others v. the Republic of Moldova \(2023\) - Immigration detention of children with parents without legal basis.](#) The case concerns the placement in immigration detention of three children with their parents, as well as the children's inability to take proceedings by which the lawfulness of their detention would be decided. The Court ruled that there was a violation of Article 5(1) ECHR, as the deprivation of liberty of the children lacked any legal basis, as they were not mentioned in their mother's detention order as well as violation of Article 5(4) ECHR, as the children were not able to challenge their detention.

[ECtHR Case B. vs Russia \(2023\) - Secondary victimisation of](#)

child victim of sexual abuse. The case concerns the participation of a child, who had lost her mother and had experienced placement in an orphanage, in repeated interviews, over a period of one year and seven months, during a preliminary investigation and trial in criminal proceedings against four individuals concerning her sexual abuse between the ages of 7 and 10. The ECtHR held that there was a violation of Art. 3 of the ECHR (positive obligations) because the State had failed to protect her personal integrity and take into account her situation of acute vulnerability, which had led to her secondary victimisation.

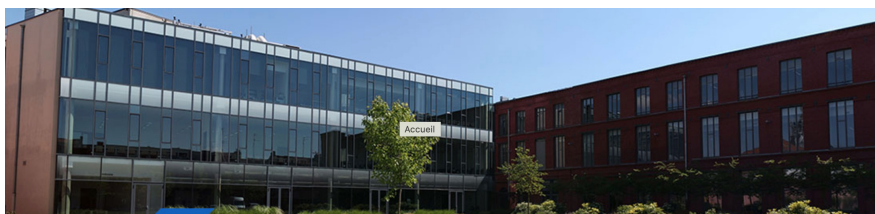
Legal Updates



Age assessment in the context of migration: New Recommendation adopted by CoE Committee of Ministers. On 14 December 2022, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2022\)22](#), which is the first legal instrument setting human rights standards on age assessment in the context of migration.

Equality package: Commission proposes new rules for the recognition of parenthood between Member States. On 7 December 2022, the European Commission adopted a [proposal for a Regulation aimed at harmonising the rules of private international law relating to parenthood at EU level](#). It is focused on the best interests and the rights of the child. It will provide legal clarity for all types of families who find themselves in a cross-border situation within the EU be it because they move from one Member State to another to travel or reside or because they have family members or property in another Member State.

Recent Events



Child Justice in a world of data. During the [23rd Research Development Days of the French National School for Judicial Protection of Youth \(ENPJJ\)](#), organised in partnership with the Institute for Studies and Research on Law and Justice (IERDJ) on 26 and 27 January 2023, over 50 professionals including our Network discussed the role of statistics, algorithms and actuarial tools applied to child justice. [See the conference bibliography.](#)

CFJ-EN "Do Words Matter?" webinar. Our first European Webinar took place in December 2022 engaging with over 50 participants in a debate on "terminologies" used in the field of child friendly justice and the evolution of terms globally. It aimed to bring to light the impact or risks associated with using and translating terms into other languages, which in some cases could cause stigmatisation, as words might have a different meaning in another cultural context. [See the full recording of the event and final report on our website.](#)

Members' Corner



DCI Italy theatre show on child friendly criminal proceedings

In December, DCI Italy in collaboration with the Ortica theater in Genova presented: ["GiustAppunti - Stories of girls, boys and juvenile justice" as part of the CREW project.](#) The show was inspired by the stories of young people in contact with the criminal justice system.



Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights report on Polish-Belarusian border

[This publication](#) produced by HFHR in collaboration with Grupa Granica provides data on the most important court decisions and legal analyses, and clarifies the importance of language in the context of humanitarian crisis.



DCI Belgium database on child detention in migration

Within the CADRE initiative, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), DCI Belgium, Foundation for Access to Rights (Aditus) Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI), Greek Council for Refugees, HFHR and Hungarian Helsinki Committee developed [a database](#) to access resources, best practices and standards on alternatives to detention for migrant children for legal professionals along with [four training modules](#).

Resources and Publications



Netherlands: new report on



Europe: Child friendly version of the CoE



Europe: Lanzarote

Ukrainian Children

"Ukrainian children, are they in the image?", the [new report of DCI The Netherlands-ECPAT](#), shows how the vulnerabilities and care needs of Ukrainian accompanied and unaccompanied children come to light in the Netherlands.



Global: How to use UN Human Rights Resolutions to Advance Children's Rights

[Save the Children published a new guide](#) to help professionals working with children to make better use of the resolutions of UN bodies.



UN: New Youth Rights Advocacy Toolkit

On 16 December 2022, the United Nations Human Rights Office, Education Above All Foundation and Silatech published [this instrument](#) in a Q&A format,

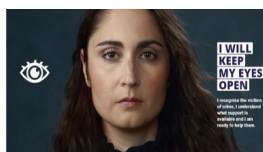
Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)

[This guide](#) is addressed to all children aged 12 to 17 years old to understand the main objectives of the Strategy.



Europe: Breaking policy silos to support children with disabilities and their families

The COFACE Disability Platform for the rights of persons with disabilities and their families [launched a policy brief](#) looking at how children with disabilities are represented in recent EU Social Policy Frameworks. COFACE Disability aims to start a reflection on the intersection between disability and age and how to integrate it into policies and programmes.



EU: European Campaign for Victim's Rights

The ['Keep your eyes open'](#) campaign

Convention handbook for crisis and emergency situations

[This publication](#) outlines good practice examples and standards of the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.



Spain: New guide on children on the move arriving in Spain

[This publication](#) from the UN Refugee Agency and the University of Comillas addresses how unaccompanied and separated children in need of international protection arriving in Spain should be treated by professionals in the field.



Global: Country Overview on ban on corporal punishment of children

Art. 19 UNCRC banned corporal punishment on children and [this short video](#) shows which country

primarily addressed to young people and youth activists.



EU: Victims' rights: support services, reporting and protection

[This report](#) covers three core components underpinning victims' rights: support services, crime reporting, and protection from secondary and repeat victimisation. highlighting the relevant legal provisions in Member States and how specific rights under the Victims' Rights Directive work in practice.

aims to create an environment where victims of crime feel safe, understood and supported. Launched by the European Commission, with country-relevant info for each 27 members states, the campaign's goal is to ensure the victims understand their rights and feel empowered to use them and to seek justice.

prohibits the most widespread forms of violence against children.



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