



## CFJ-EN Annual Seminar 2024

# Media Kit

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## Event Details

**Title:** CFJ-EN Annual Seminar 2024, also referred to as CFJ-EN 2024.

**Theme:** Climate (In)justice: How Climate Change Affects Children's Access to Justice

**Date:** Optional film screening: 9 October; Annual Seminar: 10 –11 October 2024

**Location:** In person at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**Address:** U-Residence, VUB Main Campus Etterbeek, Boulevard de la Plaine 2, 1050 Ixelles, Brussels

**Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

**Agenda:** <https://cfjnetwork.eu/cfj-en-annual-seminars/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-agenda>

## Event Description

The CFJ-EN Annual Seminar 2024 focuses on the pressing issue of climate (in)justice and its impact on children's access to justice.

As we face the combined challenges of climate change, economic instability, and geopolitical turmoil, the vulnerabilities of children are becoming increasingly more complex. This year's seminar – organised together with the [Terre des hommes Foundation \(Tdh\)](#), the [Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences \(CICS.NOVA FCSH\)](#), and the [Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(VUB\)](#) -- will focus on how climate change stresses justice systems meant to protect children's rights.

The seminar will explore how climate change impacts children's rights and their access to justice in Europe, and the fact that children are legally entitled to defend their rights. We will discuss the need to guarantee environments that enable children to exercise their right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly, without discrimination.

We will bring together young people, academics, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss and share knowledge on transforming justice systems to better serve children's needs and rights. This event will also set the stage for the World Congress on Justice with Children in June 2025 and build on key recommendations from Terre des hommes' 2023 report, "[Climate In-justice for Children: How the Climate Crisis Affects Access to Justice and Children's Rights](#)".

Join us as we look towards a just future where all children can thrive despite the challenges of our changing world.

## Speakers

### **Elisa Morgera**

*Keynote Speaker*

UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change

### **Marie-Cécile Rouillon**

European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child

### **Aoife Daly**

Professor of Law, University College Cork

### **Gerry Liston**

Climate Lawyer, Global Legal Action Network

### **Ann Skelton** (video message)

Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

### **Els Dumortier**

Professor of Youth Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

### **Regína Jensdóttir**

Head of Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe

### **Michaela Krömer**

Climate Lawyer

### **Kata Dózsa**

Senior Associate Researcher and Adjunct Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

### **Sirpa Rautio** (tbc)

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

### **Michel Frost** (tbc)

UN Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention

### **Astrid Podsiadlowski** (tbc)

Project Manager on Rights of the Child, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

## Film Screening

Join us for a special "ciné-débat" to kick off our seminar! We'll be screening the documentary "Planet B" followed by a discussion with the director, Pieter Van Eecke, and Bo Vanhoorickx, one of the film's protagonists. The film captures the spirited friendship between Bo and Luca, two teenagers passionately committed to ecological activism and their search for identity amidst a planet in crisis.

**Watch the trailer here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC8j64xjpFc>

**Date and Time:** October 9, 7:00 PM

**Location:** Cinéma Aventure, Rue des Fripiers 15, 1000 Brussels

**Book your ticket:** <https://cinema-aventure.be/catalogue/movie/?72559EEA-5A7F-DBA5-C37C-6C6F70088E35>

## Key Messages

- Access to justice is crucial for protecting children's rights in the context of climate change where vulnerabilities are exacerbated. Climate change has an impact on children's access to justice. Current justice systems in Europe fail to adequately address the unique needs of children in this context.
- States must urgently prioritise reforms and greater investment in climate laws and policies to ensure that all children have equal and effective access to justice. Involving children in decision making fosters inclusivity and drives effective solutions.
- States must support and facilitate the involvement of children in litigation and advocacy processes regarding climate change.
- All necessary conditions should be established to ensure children can defend their rights when impacted by climate change, ensuring true access to justice.
- States must always guarantee safe environments, allowing children to freely claim their rights when impacted by climate injustice, without facing violence or discrimination.
- Advancing climate justice for children involves recognising the unique challenges they face, adopting inclusive practices, and addressing social, gender, economic, and environmental injustices. Inclusive practices ensure no child is left behind, regardless of their situation or background.

## Social Media Channels

Find out the latest info on the seminar and spread the word by heading to our social media channels:

## CFJ-EN

- **X:** @cfj\_en
- **Facebook:** @cfjeuropeannetwork
- **LinkedIn:** @cfj-en-child-friendly-justice-european-network
- **Instagram:** @cfj\_en

Please use the hashtag **#CFJEN2024** when mentioning the conference on social media.

Below you will find the social media details of our partners. Please tag them when posting about the event!

## Terre des hommes

- **X:** @tdh\_org
- **Facebook:** @www.tdh.org
- **LinkedIn:** @tdh-org
- **Instagram:** @tdh\_org

## Global Initiative on Justice with Children

- **X:** @With\_Initiative
- **LinkedIn:** @global-initiative-on-justice-with-children

## Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

- **X:** @vubrusssel
- **Facebook:** @VUBrusssel
- **LinkedIn:** @vrije-universiteit-brussel
- **Instagram:** @vubrusssel

## CICS.NOVA FCSH

- **X:** @CicsN
- **Facebook:** @cics.nova.fcsch.unl
- **Instagram:** @cics.nova
- **YouTube:** @cics\_nova

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### Sponsors:

[Organisation] is proud to sponsor the CFJ-EN Annual Seminar on "Climate (In)justice: How Climate Change Affects Children's Access to Justice". Join us on 10-11 October at VUB, Brussels. #CFJEN2024

More info: <https://www.cfjnetwork.eu/cfj-en-annual-seminars/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024>

### Speakers:

Excited to be presenting at the CFJ-EN Annual Seminar on "Climate (In)justice: How Climate Change Affects Children's Access to Justice". I'll be discussing [brief topic]. Join us on 10-11 October at VUB, Brussels. #CFJEN2024

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### General:

Don't miss the CFJ-EN Annual Seminar on "Climate (In)justice: How Climate Change Affects Children's Access to Justice" happening on 10-11 October at VUB, Brussels.

Register now! <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

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### Thematic:

Climate change impacts children's access to justice. Current systems in Europe fail to address their unique needs. We need urgent reforms! Register now for the #CFJEN2024 Annual Seminar: <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

Children should be part of decision-making. Their involvement in climate litigation and advocacy is crucial. Let's support their voices! Be part of the change at #CFJEN2024. Register today: <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

States must invest in climate laws and policies to ensure equal and effective access to justice for all children. Inclusion drives solutions! Join the discussion at

#CFJEN2024. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

Ensure all necessary conditions so children can defend their rights when impacted by climate change. True access to justice is a must! Learn more at #CFJEN2024. Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

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Addressing social, gender, economic, and environmental injustices is key to achieving climate justice for children. Be part of the conversation at #CFJEN2024. Register today: <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/cfj-en-annual-seminar-2024-climate-injustice-tickets-888281141807>

## Contact Information

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## About Us

The Child-Friendly Justice European Network (CFJ-EN) is an alliance dedicated to transforming justice systems across Europe to meet the unique needs of children. Established in 2019 by Defence for Children International Belgium and formally launched as a fully operational network in 2022 with support from the European Commission, CFJ-EN unites 36 experts and organisations from 21 European countries.

Grounded in the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Council of Europe's guidelines, CFJ-EN works to ensure that justice systems are accessible, understandable, and responsive to the vulnerabilities of children. By coordinating efforts across Europe, the network amplifies its impact, sharing expertise, and driving large-scale initiatives to create a more child-friendly justice system at local, national, and European levels.

As a key partner of the European Union and other international bodies, CFJ-EN is committed to safeguarding children's rights and ensuring justice systems work for them, not against them.

The CFJ-EN is part of the legal entity and enjoys the support of:



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