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Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe
Convention on the protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse (T-ES)

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Report

9th meeting

Strasbourg, 9-11 September 2014

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

1. The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 9th meeting in Strasbourg on 9-11 September 2014. The agenda of the meeting, as adopted, appears in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

1. Opening of the meeting and update on ratifications of the Lanzarote Convention

2. Mr GUÐBRANDSSON, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming the signature of the Lanzarote Convention by the Czech Republic. With this new addition, all 47 Council of Europe Member States are now committed to ratify the Convention. He also welcomed Andorra and Latvia as new State Parties to the Convention since the last meeting.

3. The Committee then proceeded to its usual “*tour de table*” on the ratification process of the Lanzarote Convention¹. It noted in particular, the imminent ratification by Monaco as well as progress in the process by Azerbaijan, the Czech Republic and Germany.

4. The Committee was also informed that the request made by Belarus to the Committee of Ministers to accede to the Lanzarote Convention was on hold as it requires a unanimous consent of the Parties to the Convention.

5. Ms RUOTANEN, Director of Human Dignity and Equality (DG II), wished the Lanzarote Committee an interesting exchange of views on “grooming” as well as a fruitful start of the monitoring work. She thanked the Rapporteurs who prepared the first observations on the replies to be assessed during this meeting and highlighted the need to identify further Rapporteurs for the forthcoming monitoring work to ensure a smooth running of the overall monitoring round.

2. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2.1 State of play regarding replies to the questionnaires

6. Mr POUTIERS, Co-Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee, gave a quick update on the replies to the General Overview Questionnaire and to the Thematic Questionnaire (see Appendix III). He recalled that Mr GUÐBRANDSSON had sent an email on 30 May 2014 to the representatives of the eight States Parties which had still not replied to the two questionnaires, although the deadline for doing so had been 31 January 2014. Following that message, Belgium, Bulgaria and the Russian Federation had submitted their replies to the two questionnaires. Three States Parties to the Convention had not yet submitted their replies, namely France, San Marino and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”. The Netherlands had submitted its replies to the General Overview Questionnaire, but not to the Thematic Questionnaire. Malta had submitted its replies to the Thematic Questionnaire, but had only sent replies to five questions in the General Overview Questionnaire.

7. The Committee then quickly heard from the representatives of the States which had not yet submitted their replies. It took note of the difficulties France and Malta had encountered in gathering the requisite data and in submitting their replies to the questionnaires on time and noted that their replies would be submitted as soon as possible. It agreed that the Secretariat would contact the other Parties required to reply to the questionnaires which had not yet

¹ Information on new signatures/ratifications is regularly published in the news headlines of the Lanzarote Convention web page (www.coe.int/lanzarote). An up-to-date table of signatures/ratifications and list of declarations and reservations to the Lanzarote Convention is available on the Council of Europe’s Treaty Office web page (<http://conventions.coe.int>).

submitted their replies (the Netherlands, San Marino and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”) to encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

2.2 Exchange of views on case-law on protection of children against sexual violence

8. It is recalled that while preparing the questionnaires to take stock of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention and to carry out its first monitoring round, the Lanzarote Committee agreed that it would be very useful to have a non-exhaustive summary of the Council of Europe case-law concerning children’s right to be protected against sexual violence. The Committee’s Secretariat thus prepared, in cooperation with the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights and the Department of the European Social Charter, a reference document on the relevant case-law (document T-ES(2013)07).²

9. The exchange of views with Mrs TURKOVIC, judge at the European Court of Human Rights and Mr JIMENA QUESADA, President of the European Committee of Social Rights was planned to offer the Lanzarote Committee the opportunity to set its monitoring work in the relevant European case-law framework. Both presentations were considerably appreciated. They were followed by questions/answers on specific relevant cases in the area of the Lanzarote Committee’s work. Additionally, a question from Missing Children Europe allowed Mr JIMENA QUESADA to further explain the relevance of the collective complaints procedure to the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

10. The Lanzarote Committee asked its Secretariat to ensure that the new cases referred to by Mrs TURKOVIC be included in an up-dated version of its reference document T-ES(2013)07. It also noted that the European Committee of Social Rights would be adopting conclusions concerning, *inter alia*, the right of children to be protected against sexual violence at the end of 2015. Appropriate reference to such conclusions would also, in due time, need to be integrated in the above mentioned document.

2.3 Exchange of views on Article 23 (solicitation of children for sexual purposes) of the Lanzarote Convention

11. The Chairperson recalled that during its last meeting (8-10 April 2014), several Committee members had voiced their difficulty in answering the part of question 16 of the General Overview Questionnaire concerning solicitation of children for sexual purposes (also known as “grooming”). The Committee had therefore agreed to exchange views on the implementation of Article 23 of the Convention into the law and practice of the States Parties. In this context, Mr CARR, independent expert, was asked to prepare observations to facilitate the Committee’s exchange of views.

12. Mr CARR, first described the context in which Article 23 had been drafted, in particular the discussions which had been held on whether or not to include a requirement for an actual (not just virtual) meeting between the adult and the child. He also underlined the difficulty in proving the sexual intent could be considered as grooming and therefore deemed a criminal offence. He then presented the working document he had prepared for the meeting on the basis, in particular, of the compilation of replies received to question 16 of the General Overview Questionnaire.

13. The ensuing discussion was particularly wide-ranging, especially with regard to the definition of the solicitation of children for sexual purposes under Article 23 of the Convention. The discussion also covered the limits of the requirement for there to be an actual as opposed to just a virtual meeting to enable the perpetrator to be prosecuted, although the consequences

² The reference document with relevant case law on “The right of children to be protected against sexual violence” is available at:

[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/children/T-ES\(2013\)07%20relevant%20CoE%20case-law.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/children/T-ES(2013)07%20relevant%20CoE%20case-law.pdf)

for the child victim could be just as serious. There was also discussion about the fact that Article 23 required the solicitation to be followed by material acts leading to a meeting.

14. In conclusion, the Committee acknowledged the complexity of the issues at stake and instructed its Secretariat to draw up a draft opinion on Article 23 for its 10th meeting (2-4 December 2014).

2.4 Sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust: analysis of replies to the Thematic Questionnaire

15. Mr GUÐBRANDSSON recalled that the Committee was beginning its monitoring of the situation in the States Parties to the Convention with regard to the sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust, by assessing replies to two questions of the Thematic Questionnaire, namely questions 10 (“The offence of sexual abuse”) and 11 (“Corporate liability”), on the basis of working documents prepared by the Rapporteurs and the Secretariat.

As to Question 10: “The criminal offence of sexual abuse”

16. Mr GUÐBRANDSSON thanked Ms KLEIN, Austria, Rapporteur on Question 10 (Article 18 of the Convention) for having prepared very detailed observations which may on the one hand inspire the structure of the implementation report as a whole, and on the other, be easily included in the implementation report, once completed and validated by the Committee.

17. Ms KLEIN firstly recalled that Article 18 of the Lanzarote Convention is the criminal law offence at the heart of the first thematic monitoring round. An effective assessment of its implementation requires countries to provide the text of the relevant national provisions as well as information on issues related to their application (e.g. reference to case law, see below). She therefore called upon those countries not having provided such information to do so as soon as possible to enable the Committee to adopt a comprehensive report.

18. The Committee devoted a large part of its meeting to the analysis of all the requirements of Article 18, focusing particularly on those which are specifically relevant to the context of sexual abuse in the circle of trust.

19. Several members of the Committee provided further information to complete the comparative overview emerging from the analysis of the replies to Question 10. Discussions on the suggested recommendations by the Rapporteur prompted some members to clarify their replies or to inform the Committee of up-coming changes to improve the situation.

20. The distinction made in certain criminal codes between heterosexual and homosexual relations, motivated an in-depth discussion on the effective implementation of Article 2 of the Convention (non-discrimination principle) in conjunction with Article 18 (criminal offence of sexual abuse). It was agreed that a decision on the exact wording of the recommendations to eventually be addressed to the countries concerned, shall be taken in the light of any development that may occur before the adoption of the Committee’s first implementation report.

As to Question 11: “Corporate liability”

21. Mr GUÐBRANDSSON thanked Mr PLANKEN, Netherlands, Rapporteur on Question 11 (Article 26 of the Convention), for agreeing to lead the discussion by Skype, as he was unable to attend the meeting in person.

22. Mr PLANKEN outlined the main observations resulting from his analysis of the replies to Question 11. He firstly pointed out that national legislation seemed, at least broadly, to reflect the requirements of Article 26, but that the article was applied rarely in the context of the first monitoring round theme, i.e. sexual abuse in the circle of trust. He also highlighted that the replies to Question 11 did not provide any information about the practical implementation of the provision.

23. The Committee discussed at length that the liability of legal persons depends on the fact that the offences are committed for the benefit of the legal person, and the difficulties in proving. There was further discussion of the issue of the possible liability of legal persons for failing to take action against employees who committed offences established under the Lanzarote Convention.

As to the preparation of the implementation report in general

24. The Committee noted that relevant domestic case-law was often missing from the replies submitted by the States Parties. It therefore asked the States Parties and the other stakeholders to facilitate its work by submitting any relevant case-law.

25. The Committee reiterated its desire to establish a dynamic monitoring of the situation in the States Parties. Some of the recommendations it will address shall be specific so as to respond to particular situations, while others shall be more general, when there are findings concerning all or many of the States Parties

26. Lastly, it instructed the Secretariat to draw up the relevant sections of the report concerning the implementation of the provisions of the Convention discussed at this meeting on the basis of the comments made by the Rapporteurs and the ensuing discussion. In this context, it clarified that it would adopt two reports on the implementation of the first thematic monitoring round, each covering a specific sub-theme. The first would focus on the actual implementation of the applicable legislation and on judicial procedures; the second would study the impact of the measures and procedures adopted for preventing the sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust and protecting children.

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27. The Committee also acknowledged that a monitoring procedure based on questionnaires and national reports has its limits and agreed that it would discuss at a future meeting the possibility of organizing visits to the States Parties.

3. Capacity building activities and exchange of information

3.1 Presentation of possible forthcoming capacity building activities

28. Ms SCAPPUCCI informed the Committee that the Secretariat was in contact with INTERPOL colleagues to discuss a possible capacity building activity at INTERPOL headquarters in Lyon in 2015. The activity would focus in particular on how to protect children from travelling sex offenders. It would also explore how to improve cooperation of relevant stakeholders to fight sexual exploitation of children in general.

29. The Committee agreed to organise such a capacity building activity and asked its Secretariat to enquire whether national law enforcement agents working in the above mentioned areas could also be involved in the activity alongside the representatives regularly participating in the Lanzarote Committee's meetings.

3.2 Update on the ONE in FIVE Campaign initiatives

30. Mr GHILETCHI, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, announced that the Committee of Ministers had approved in July 2014 the Assembly's proposal that the ONE in FIVE campaign be extended by a year until November 2015.

31. He also indicated that the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to Stop Sexual Violence against Children had held a meeting in Nicosia (Cyprus) on 13 May 2014 on the theme of "Towards optimum conditions for reporting and successfully prosecuting child sexual abuse cases", at which the statement by Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) had been particularly well received. The 19th meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians had been held on 25th June on the theme of "Youth participation: a means of preventing sexual exploitation". The Network's next meeting would be held on 2 October on the theme of "Over-sexualisation of children in society".

32. Lastly, Mr GHILETCHI pointed out that a new awareness-raising tool for 8 to 12-year-olds was being studied. Based on a Swiss-German exhibition concept ("My body belongs to me"), it should shortly be further developed and adapted to the context of the ONE in FIVE Campaign.

3.3 Information sharing on other initiatives related to the fight against sexual violence against children

a. ICMEC (International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children) meeting on Transnational Child Sex Offenders, Brussels, Belgium, 15 May 2014

33. Ms SCAPPUCCI informed the Committee of her participation in the above meeting to present the Lanzarote Convention benchmarks on transnational child sex offenders. She also highlighted that participants in the meeting agreed that it was imperative to enhance cooperation to address the serious issues raised by offenders who travel globally to sexually abuse children.

34. The Lanzarote Committee viewed itself as an appropriate platform to bring this discussion forward and considered that its future capacity building activity at INTERPOL headquarters should be seen in this context.

35. Mr BARNETT, US representative involved in the organisation of the ICMEC meeting, welcomed the Lanzarote Committee's commitment and underscored his authorities' resolute objective to effectively act together to protect children from travelling sex offenders.

b. 6th World Conference of the International Working Group on Women and Sport, Helsinki, Finland, 12-15 June 2014

36. Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) indicated that the purpose of his participation in the [World Conference](#) had been to present the Lanzarote Convention at a side event on the protection of girls against victimisation in sport. The extensive interaction with the audience, comprised of large numbers of representatives of national sports associations, made it possible to raise awareness of the Convention most effectively.

c. Information seminar on Council of Europe Conventions, Jerusalem, Israel, 7 and 8 July 2014

37. Ms VERZIVOLLI (Albania) reported on her participation on the Committee's behalf in the seminar in Jerusalem to present Council of Europe conventions to experts from various Israeli government departments. After briefly presenting the content of the convention, she had encouraged the representatives of the Israeli authorities to ratify it. The Chairperson underlined

the importance of members of the Committee taking part in this type of event to publicise the Convention and encourage more countries to ratify it.

d. *Regional Conference on Sexual Abuse of Children, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2 September 2014*

38. The Chairperson highlighted that the conference had focused on preventing the sexual abuse of children. The strategies of the Nordic countries and their good practices had been presented to the participants. Particular attention should be drawn to the recent changes in the child protection system in Denmark.

e. *European Days of Action on the Protection of Children against Sexual Violence*

39. Mr POUTIERS firstly recalled that the idea of a European Day on the fight against Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of Children was included in the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015). In May 2014, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe had supported the establishment of such a day and in July 2014 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe had asked the Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper on the matter by the end of the year. It was against this background that the Secretariat had instructed two consultants to prepare a document which was due to be finalised by the end of September 2014.

40. The consultants' first suggestions were not for a specific day but for three European days of action so as to facilitate the organisation of activities of all kinds for the various stakeholders, while ensuring flexibility. The social media would have to be used before the three days so as to give them the necessary prominence.

41. Mr POUTIERS said that it would probably be suggested that the days of action be held in October, as it is a time of year when there are not too many commemorative days and when teachers and pupils have enough time to prepare activities.

42. The three days of action would ensure that the ONE in FIVE Campaign was continued by other means and would support the efforts made at national level and the various plans and strategies with a view to the ratification and implementation of the Lanzarote Convention. The first three days of action could be held in 2015, providing an opportunity to end the campaign in a co-ordinated manner that was attractive for the media and motivating for the future, while celebrating its successes and underlining what still had to be done.

43. Mr HERBERT (Missing Children Europe) suggested that the three days of action be held on the occasion of 25 October, the date the Lanzarote Convention had been opened for signature. The Chairperson thanked him for the suggestion, which would be passed on to the consultants and suggested that the Committee come back to the matter at its 10th meeting (2-4 December 2014).

f. *Future activities of the European Committee for Social Cohesion, Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS) and of the Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2019) (DECS-ENF)*

44. Mr POUTIERS recalled that the Council of Europe's current Strategy for the Rights of the Child ended in 2015. The Committee of Ministers had decided that it should be followed by a new strategy for the rights of the child for the period from 2016 to 2019. Responsibility for drafting the new strategy had been assigned to a new intergovernmental committee, the Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (DECS-ENF), which was a subordinate body of a new steering committee, the European Committee for Social Cohesion, Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS). The DECS-ENF's first meeting would be held on 13 and 14 November 2014.

45. The Council of Europe's 47 member states had all been invited to appoint their representatives to the DECS-ENF. The Lanzarote Committee could take part in the work of the DECS-ENF, as a "relevant Council of Europe intergovernmental committee". The Committee should therefore appoint a member to take part in the DECS-ENF meetings and should consider topics to be suggested for inclusion in the new strategy (see 4.2.b below).

g. *Work done by Missing Children Europe, ECPAT and eNACSO on the transposition of European Directive 2011/93/EU in EU member states*

46. Mr HERBERT (Missing Children Europe) presented the state of progress of the work done jointly by Missing Children Europe, ECPAT and eNACSO on the transposition of European Directive 2011/93/EU in EU member states. The work could be useful for the Committee, as the Directive was very largely based on the Lanzarote Convention.

47. The reports submitted to date by the partner organisations were being summarised. The analysis would show the different ways in which the Directive was implemented and would identify any problems and good practices.

48. A workshop would be held in Brussels in February 2015 to present the results of the study on four aspects: grooming, employer supervision, victim identification and a fourth subject to be determined.

49. Further to a request by the Chairperson, who said that the work was a very important and useful contribution to the Committee, Mr HERBERT said that the reports would be published online and representatives of the Committee would be invited to the workshop.

h. *Drafting of a Handbook on children's rights in Europe*

50. Ms SCAPPUCCI informed the Committee that the Council of Europe and the Fundamental Rights Agency of the EU were preparing a "Handbook on the rights of the child". She highlighted that this Handbook should be ready in English in 2015. The Handbook will include a chapter on Child protection against violence and exploitation which, *inter alia*, refers to the Lanzarote Convention.

i. *Child-friendly version of the Lanzarote Convention*

51. Ms SCAPPUCCI explained that a child-friendly version of the Lanzarote Convention was underway and was currently being tested with children through the "Our Voices" project. The English version should be finalised in the first half of 2015. The Committee took due note and thanked the Secretariat for these efforts to disseminate the Convention to those for whom it was intended.

4. Other business

4.1 *Examination of the draft of the 1st Lanzarote Committee activity report*

52. Mr POUTIERS presented the draft activity report. In particular, the report covered all the work during the setting-up phase of the Committee, from its first meeting on 20 and 21 September 2011 up to this meeting. In future, the Committee would have to adopt annual activity reports.

53. The Committee thanked the Secretariat for the draft activity report, which it adopted, with the addition of two new appendices, one covering outside events in which the Lanzarote Committee had participated and the other listing the international governmental and non-governmental organisations, experts and Council of Europe departments which had presented their activities at meetings of the Committee.

54. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to forward the activity report, as adopted, for information, to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) and the Committee of Ministers. It noted that its Chairperson was due to take part in an exchange of views with the Ministers' Deputies when the activity report was discussed.

4.2 Working methods and rules of procedure

a. Appointment of thematic Rapporteurs for the monitoring work

55. The Committee appointed the following Rapporteurs for the future work on the replies to the Thematic Questionnaire:

- Mr George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) for question 1 (data collection);
- Mr Charlie AZZOPARDI (Malta) for question 9.a (legal safeguards to protect and assist the victims);
- Ms Joanna PAABUMETS (Estonia) for question 13 (best interest of the child in investigation and criminal proceedings);
- Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) for question 14 (child-friendly investigations and procedures).

56. It also instructed the Secretariat to draft observations on question 12 (aggravating circumstances).

b. Appointment of a representative to the DECS-ENF

57. The Committee appointed Ms Ina VERZIVOLLI (Albania) to represent it on the Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2019) (DECS-ENF).

c. Rules of procedure

58. The Committee asked the Secretariat to prepare revised Rules of Procedure for its 10th meeting (2-4 December 2014) on the basis of the discussions held in previous meetings.

5. Dates of the next meetings

59. The Committee took note that its next meetings will be held as follows:

- 2-4 December 2014
- 17-19 March 2015
- 15-17 June 2015
- 13-15 October 2015

Appendix I

Agenda

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

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Appendix II

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Appendix III

State of play of the replies to the questionnaires

States parties to the Convention	Date of receipt of the replies to the GOQ	Date of receipt of the replies to the TQ
Albania	31/01/14	31/01/14
Andorra	<i>Deadline to reply: 31/03/15</i>	No obligation to respond
Austria	31/01/14	31/01/14
Belgium	03/06/14	03/06/14
Bosnia and Herzegovina	06/04/14	06/04/14
Bulgaria	22/08/14	22/08/14
Croatia	21/01/14	21/01/14
Denmark	27/01/14	27/01/14
Finland	10/03/14	10/03/14
France		
Greece	11/09/14	11/09/14
Iceland	07/04/14	07/04/14
Italy	06/02/14	06/02/14
Lithuania	29/01/14	29/01/14
Luxembourg	31/07/14	31/07/14
Malta	10/02/14	10/02/14
Republic of Moldova	03/02/14	03/02/14
Montenegro	14/02/14	14/02/14
Netherlands	24/03/14	
Portugal	03/02/14	03/02/14
Romania	31/01/14	31/01/14
Russian Federation	28/08/14	No obligation to respond
San Marino		
Serbia	31/01/14	31/01/14
Slovenia	<i>Deadline to reply: 31/08/14</i>	No obligation to respond
Spain	25/03/14	25/03/14
Sweden	21/02/14	No obligation to respond
Switzerland	<i>Deadline to reply: 28/02/15</i>	No obligation to respond
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"		
Turkey	31/01/14	31/01/14
Ukraine	05/03/14	05/03/14

Other member States of the Council of Europe	Date of receipt of the replies to the GOQ
Armenia	29/01/14
Azerbaijan	06/02/14
Cyprus	14/03/14
Estonia	25/02/14
Georgia	24/03/14
Germany	31/01/14
Latvia	04/03/14
Monaco	14/02/14

Appendix IV

1ST MONITORING ROUND - INDICATIVE TIME-TABLE

Committee meeting	Replies to questions on the agenda of the meeting
8-10 April 2014	Overview of the replies to the General Overview Questionnaire (GOQ) - at a minimum of questions: 1, 3, 5 and 6
1st sub-theme / 1st part of the implementation report	
9-11 September 2014	Preliminary assessment of replies to the following questions of the Thematic Questionnaire (TQ), including of the replies to the GOQ to contextualise such replies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 10 (criminal law offence of sexual abuse) – 11 (corporate liability)
2-4 December 2014	Preliminary assessment of replies to the following questions of the Thematic Questionnaire (TQ), including of the replies to the GOQ to contextualise such replies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1 (data collection) – 9.a (legal safeguards to assist and protect the victim) – 12 (aggravating circumstances) – 13 (best interest of the child in investigation and criminal proceedings) – 14 (child friendly investigations and proceedings)
Spring 2015	Assessment of the draft implementation report on the 1 st sub-theme
Autumn 2015	Finalisation and adoption of the report on the 1st sub-theme
2nd sub-theme / 2nd part of the implementation report	
End of 2015	Preliminary assessment of replies to the following questions of the Thematic Questionnaire (TQ), including of the replies to the GOQ to contextualise such replies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2 (children's education) – 4 (awareness raising strategies) – 6 (participation by children in the development and implementation of policies, programmes) – 7 (preventive and intervention programmes)
Spring 2016	Preliminary assessment of replies to the following questions of the Thematic Questionnaire (TQ), including of the replies to the GOQ to contextualise such replies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 3 (recruitment and screening) – 5 (specialised training) – 8 (reporting) – 9.b (denial of exercise of the professional or voluntary activity)
Autumn 2016	Assessment of the draft report on the 2 nd sub-theme
End of 2016 / (beginning 2017)	Finalisation and adoption of the report on the 2nd sub-theme