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## Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)

Second meeting, 26 March – 27 March 2024

(Online on Zoom

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*Agenda*

<b>Tuesday, 26 March</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Opening remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director, Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII)</i></li></ul>
<b>14:10</b>	<b>Brief recap of CGU mandate, priority thematic topics for 2024 and purpose of second meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to the Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)</i></li></ul>
<b>14:15 - 15:30</b>	<b>Debrief from the Chairs on the work of the three Thematic Dialogue Groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Dialogue Group on Transnational procedures and cooperation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Philippe Lortie, Chair of the Group, HCCH First Secretary, Lawyer</i></li></ul></li><li> Dialogue Group on Guardianship<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator, Independent Child Rights Expert</i></li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Dialogue Group on Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care</li> <li>- <i>Laura Korhonen, Chair of the Group, Professor of child and adolescent psychiatry, Director of Barnafriid, the Swedish National Centre on Violence Against Children</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:30 - 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:45 - 17:20</b>	<p><b>General discussion on methodology and workplans of the CGU and its Thematic Dialogue Groups</b></p> <p> <b>Some questions to guide the discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What would you like to see among the priorities of the Groups' work?</li> <li>▪ Do you find the deliverables presented by the Chairs of the Dialogue Groups useful?</li> <li>▪ Have your expectations evolved since the start of the work of the CGU?</li> </ul>
<b>17:20 - 18:00</b>	<p><b>Discussion of proposed deliverables, CGU thematic priorities, and ways forward</b></p> <p><i>Session moderated by Regína Jensdóttir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and Council of Europe Coordinator on the Rights of the Child, Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, and Jean-Claude Legrand</i></p>
<b>Wednesday, 27 March</b>	
<b>14:00 - 15:30</b>	<p><b>Understanding access to education (schooling) for Ukrainian children in Council of Europe member States</b></p> <p><i>Opening and moderation, Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Initiatives by the Council of Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Arzu Burcu Tuner, Senior Project Officer, Language Policy Division, Education Department, Council of Europe</i></li> </ul> </li> <li> Frameworks, challenges and possible solutions: some national practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ukraine:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Oksana Kovalenko, Chief Specialist of the Department of Educational Content, Language Policy and Education of National Minorities, Directorate of School Education, Ministry of Education and Science</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>France:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Patricia Janissin, Deputy Director for International and Multilateral affairs, Ministry of National Education and Youth</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Belgium:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Peter Bex, Policy Advisor, the Flemish Department of Education</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>The Netherlands:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Drs. Hester de la Parra, Senior Policy Advisor on education for children from Ukraine, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Poland:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Piotr Kłysz, Prosecutor - Chief Specialist, Ministry of Justice</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Germany:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Christopher Textor, Member of the Ukraine Task Force of the Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>15:30 - 15:45</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>15:45- 16:30</b>	<p><b>Open discussion and possible future work in this area by the CGU</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p> <b><i>Some questions to guide the discussion:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Does your country experience challenges related to the access to education of the children of Ukraine?</li> <li>▪ Is the enrolment in your local schools obligatory?</li> <li>▪ Do local school systems accommodate Ukrainian language and culture classes? If so, how?</li> <li>▪ How does your country support the remote education of the children of Ukraine in the Ukrainian schools online? Is a balance maintained between the national education system of the host country and the need to maintain a link with the Ukrainian school system? Are approaches different depending on the age of the child? How are the best interests of the child protected? (ex. when the child is following both curricula?) Is there a promising practice?</li> </ul>
<b>16:30 - 16:40</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>16:40 - 17:30</b>	<p><b>Special Update:</b></p> <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator</i></p> <p><b>Progress of the reform of the Ukrainian child protection and alternative care system: Ukraine’s “Better Care Initiative” supported by the European Commission and UNICEF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ukraine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Kateryna Novokhatnia, First Deputy Head of the Coordination Centre for Family Upbringing and Childcare Development, Ministry of Social Affairs</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>➤ <b>Brief complement by UNICEF ECARO</b> - <i>Guzal Kamalova, Child Protection Specialist</i></p>
<b>17:30 - 18:00</b>	<p><b>Wrapping up: concrete takeaways and proposed way forward</b> <i>Open Discussion</i> <i>Session opened and moderated by Regína Jensdóttir, the CGU Secretariat and Jean-Claude Legrand</i></p>