

HUMAN DIGNITY AND GENDER EQUALITY DEPARTMENT

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Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)

Third meeting, 1-2 July 2024

In presence, Strasbourg

Meeting Room 11, Palais, Council of Europe

Draft Agenda

Monday, 1 July

9:30 – 9:45	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director, Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII)</i> <p>Brief introduction of purpose of the 3rd plenary meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Regína Jensdóttir, Head of Children's Rights Division and Council of Europe Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, (DGII)</i> <p>Brief recap of CGU mandate and working strategy for 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to the Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)</i>
9:45 - 10:45	<p>Debrief of the 2nd meeting of the Dialogue Group on Transnational Procedures and Cooperation and discussion of 1st phase deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on the <i>Information note on adoption of Ukrainian children during war time / Compendium and Gap Analysis</i>- Discussion with CGU members <p><i>Session moderated by Philippe Lortie, Chair of the Group, HCCH First Secretary, Lawyer</i></p>

10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:00	<p>Debrief of the 2nd meeting of the Dialogue Group on Guardianship and discussion of 1st phase deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considerations, scope, Compendium and Gap Analysis - Discussion with CGU members <p><i>Session moderated by Delphine Leneutre, one of three revolving Chairs of the Dialogue Group, Legal Associate at the UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</i></p>
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Debrief of the 2nd meeting of the Dialogue Group on Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care and discussion on 1st phase deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the Compendium and Gap Analysis - Discussion with CGU members <p><i>Session moderated by Laura Korhonen, Chair of the Group, Professor of child and adolescent psychiatry, Director of Barnafriid, the Swedish National Centre on Violence Against Children</i></p>
14:00 - 14:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:15 - 15:15	<p>Discussion of priority areas for 2nd phase deliverables and ways forward</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Regína Jensdóttir and Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann</i></p>
15:15 - 16:00	<p>Special Update:</p> <p>Progress on the reform of the Ukrainian child protection and alternative care system: Ukraine’s “Better Care Initiative” supported by the European Commission and UNICEF</p> <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Kateryna Novokhatnia, Deputy Head of the Coordination Center on Family Upbringing and Child Care, complemented by UNICEF ECARO</i>
16:00 - 16:15	<i>Short break</i>
16:15 - 17:30	Screening of a documentary “Girl Away from Home” (Meeting room 11, Palais)
17:30 - 19:00	Cocktail reception in the Parliamentarians’ Bar, Palais

Tuesday, 2 July

9:00-11:00

SPECIAL THEMATIC HEARING:¹ understanding the risks of trafficking of children of Ukraine for the purposes of sexual and labour exploitation

Moderation: Benoît van Keirsbilck, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, CGU member

✚ Opening of the hearing (9:00-9:15)

- *Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of GRETA*
- *Benoît van Keirsbilck, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, CGU member, CGU member*

✚ The experience of Ukraine and neighbouring member States dealing with the phenomenon of THB (9:15-10:15)

➤ *Legal and policy perspectives*

- *Vasyl Lutsyk, Head of the National Social Service of Ukraine*
- *Iryna Suslova, representative of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Child Rights, Ombudsman of Ukraine*
- *Silvia Tăbușcă, Human Rights Law Professor, Romanian-American University, Director of the Center for Human Rights and Migration and Coordinator of REACT Initiative (Research Excellence against Child Trafficking)*

➤ *Law enforcement perspectives*

- *Colin Carswell and Bernie Gravett, Counter Trafficking Network, Directors, Council of Europe Experts*

✚ The perspective of international standards and the work of the international organisations (10:15-11:00)

- *Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of GRETA*
- *Zsuzsanna Felkai-Janssen, Team Leader in the Office of the EU Anti-trafficking Coordinator*
- *Heather Komenda, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist for Migrant protection covering South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Organization for Migration (IOM)*
- *Tetiana Rudenko, Senior Co-ordination Adviser, OSCE Office of Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings*

¹ By unanimous approval of the CGU, this special hearing has been exempted from the Chatham House rule and will be held in a hybrid fashion and is open to interested persons. The rest of the CGU plenary will be in-person only.

<p>11:00 - 11:15</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>11:15 - 13:00</p>	<p>SPECIAL THEMATIC HEARING CONT'D via ZOOM (same details as above):</p> <p>✚ <i>The role of Civil society in combating trafficking of children (11:15-12:00)</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Civil society perspectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Natalka Kryva, Head of Social Programme Department, Caritas Ukraine</i> - <i>Julia Sachenko, Director of Child Protection and Anti-Trafficking, Save Ukraine</i> - <i>Alyona Samar, Project Officer, Missing Children Europe</i> - <i>Branko Kišš, Project Manager with extensive experience combating organized crime, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)</i> <p>✚ <i>Discussion (12:00-12:50)</i></p> <p>🔍 <i>Some possible questions to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is there reliable data available to your authorities/other relevant national actors (i.e., civil society) on trafficking of Ukrainian children in your countries? ▪ Has the situation related to the trafficking of children within Ukraine and in neighbouring states / your respective countries changed since February 2022? ▪ What is the reporting procedure and which entity is responsible for granting the status of a victim of trafficking in your country? ▪ What mechanisms are in place in your country to prevent and combat trafficking of Ukrainian children (screening of potential victims, etc.)? ▪ How does your country address risk factors with regard to the protection of children of Ukraine against trafficking? (ex. asylum centres and other precarious residential or informal labour situations, exclusive reliance on online education, etc.) ▪ What do you consider the greatest challenges in combating trafficking of children in your member States? ▪ What do you consider promising practices from your national contexts? ▪ Are there good practices of intergovernmental cooperation (bilateral or multilateral) to prevent, investigate and prosecute the cases of THB? <p>✚ <i>Closing of the hearing: reflections on the main findings (12:50-13:00)</i></p>

<p>13:15 - 14:15</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p>14:15 - 15:00</p>	<p>Discussion on how the CGU can effectively contribute to the prevention of human trafficking to better protect children of Ukraine in Council of Europe member States, possible reflections on concrete deliverables</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Kristina Stepanova, Lanzarote Committee Representative for Lithuania</i></p>
<p>15:00 - 15:15</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>15:15 - 16:15</p>	<p>Discussion on the Mapping Study on Ukrainian children’s access to education in different CoE member States</p> <p><i>Presentation by Council of Europe expert preparing the study</i></p> <p><i>Session moderated by Regína Jensdóttir</i></p>
<p>16:15 - 17:00</p>	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Wrapping up: final remarks, concrete takeaways, and proposed way forward</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann and Jean-Claude Legrand</i></p>