



Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)

Fourth meeting, 21-23 January 2025

In-person, Strasbourg

Meeting Room 11, Palais, Council of Europe

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 21 January	
9:30 – 9:45	 Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Regina Jensdottir, Strategic Advisor, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII)</i>➤ Brief introduction of the purpose and expected outcomes of the 4th Plenary meeting & brief recap of CGU mandate, achievements mid-way, and goals for the rest of the current mandate- <i>Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor, Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)</i>
9:45 - 10:30	 Tour de table: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members and participants briefly introduce themselves and their respective Ministry, state agency or organisation and provide brief update on their country's/organisation's work concerning the protection of children of Ukraine, current challenges, role of the CGU in supporting their work
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break

<p>10:45 - 12:00</p>	<p>✚ Discussions on how to ensure effective follow-up actions to disseminate and implement the findings laid out in the report <u>“Understanding the risks of human trafficking, including for the purpose of sexual and labour exploitation of children of Ukraine”</u>, produced by the CGU Secretariat in collaboration with the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) Secretariat.</p> <p>➤ Brief presentation of the report’s findings and updates on the work of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) relating to children of Ukraine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of GRETA</i> <p>Discussions in break-out groups (11:00-11:40)</p> <p>Debrief session to report back on the ideas developed (11:40-12:00)</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Kristina Stepanova, Lanzarote Committee Representative.</i></p>
<p>12:00 - 13:00</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p>13:00 - 14:00</p>	<p>✚ Special Update:</p> <p>Progress and the current challenges 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Iryna Postolovska, Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine for European Integration, Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine</i> - <i>Kateryna Novokhatnia, Deputy Head of the Coordination Center on Family Upbringing and Childcare</i> <p>Discussion: Sharing of good practice examples, relevant projects to support Ukraine’s “Better Care Initiative”, and ideas on how the CGU can concretely support the process (i.e. training initiatives, etc.)</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator, Independent Child Rights Expert.</i></p>
<p>14:00 - 14:15</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>

14:15 - 14:45	<p>📌 Spotlight Presentations:</p> <p>Updates on relevant projects concerning children of Ukraine’s access to quality education in Council of Europe member states</p> <p><i>Presentation of the World Bank support to Ukrainian children’s learning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrique Alasino, Senior Education Specialist, The World Bank <p><i>Presentation of the Ukrainian Dashboard and draft learning briefs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xinxin Yu, Project Officer at Section for Migration, Displacement, Emergencies and Education, UNESCO <p><i>Session moderated by Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to CGU.</i></p>
14:45 - 15:15	<p>📌 Spotlight Presentation:</p> <p>Ukrainian component (core curriculum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oksana Kovalenko, Chief specialist Directorate for school education, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine <p><i>Session moderated by Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to CGU.</i></p>
15:15 - 16:30	<p>📌 Discussion on how to develop a communication strategy to effectively implement the findings of the Mapping study on children of Ukraine’s access to education in Council of Europe member states produced by the CGU Secretariat in collaboration with the Council Of Europe Education Department</p> <p>Discussions in break-out groups (15:20-16:00)</p> <p>Debrief session to report back on the ideas developed (16:00-16:30)</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to CGU.</i></p>
16:30 - 16:45	Short break
16:45 - 17:30	Screening of excerpt of the film: <i>After the Rain: Putin’s Stolen Children Come Home</i> followed by a discussion with the Film’s Director
17:30 - 19:00	Cocktail reception – Parliamentarians’ Bar, Palais

Wednesday, 22 January

9:30 - 10:00	<p>✚ Debrief of the work of the Dialogue Group on Transnational Procedures and Guardianship and discussions on possible next phase deliverables to address the findings of the Gap Analysis</p> <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Delphine Leneutre, Co-Chair of the Dialogue Group on Transnational Procedures and Guardianship (TPG), Legal Officer UNHCR, and Philippe Lortie, Co-Chair of the TPG Dialogue Group, First Secretary HCCH.</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30	<p>✚ Debrief of the work of the Dialogue Group on Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care and discussions on possible next phase deliverables to address the findings of the Gap Analysis</p> <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Laura Korhonen, Chair of the Dialogue Group on Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care, Professor of child and adolescent psychiatry, Director of Barnafriid, the Swedish National Centre on Violence Against Children.</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	<p>✚ Spotlight Presentation: Specific trauma of children of Ukraine returning to CoE member states following unlawful deportation to the Russian Federation, Belarus, and temporarily occupied or controlled territories</p> <p>- <i>Olena Rozvadovska, Head of the Board, Voices of Children Charitable Foundation</i></p> <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Laura Korhonen, Chair of the Dialogue Group on Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care.</i></p>
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 - 12:30	<p>✚ Conceptualising next deliverables</p> <p>Discussions in 3-4 break-out groups, each break-out group will work on a different topic, followed by a session to report back on the ideas developed.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- addressing specific trauma of children of Ukraine returning to CoE member states following unlawful deportation to the Russian Federation, Belarus, and temporarily occupied or controlled territories;- exploring how to meaningfully and effectively involve the views of the children of Ukraine in the work of the CGU;- gathering best practice examples from CGU members who have designated focal points on issues related to the children of Ukraine;- any other topic identified by CGU members and participants during the Debrief sessions.

12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 14:00	<p>+ Debrief session to report back on the ideas developed on next deliverables</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Terry Smith, Co-Chair of the TPG Dialogue Group, Project Manager European Guardianship Network.</i></p>
14:00 - 14:45	<p>+ Final review of the Information Note on Adoption During War in Ukraine and Contextual Overview</p> <p><i>Session opened by Nigel Cantwell, Independent Child Rights Expert and moderated by Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator.</i></p>
14:45 - 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 - 16:00	<p>+ Final review of the Compendium on Transnational Procedure and Cooperation</p> <p><i>Session opened by Aude Fiorini, Independent Expert on EU & Comparative Private International Law & International Family/Child Law, and moderated by Peter McEavay, Professor, Independent Expert on International Family Law.</i></p>
16:00 - 17:00	<p>+ Wrapping up: final remarks, concrete takeaways, and proposed way forward</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to CGU and Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator.</i></p>

Thursday, 23 January – A separate agenda will be disseminated

9:00-17:30	SPECIAL THEMATIC HEARING ON THE PRECONDITIONS FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF CHILDREN OF UKRAINE FROM COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBER STATES
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