

Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)

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Draft Agenda

10:00 - 10:30	 Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor, Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)</i>- <i>Agnes Von Maravic, Head of the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division</i>
10:30 - 11:30	 Supporting Children of Ukraine's Access to Psychosocial Support and Trauma-informed Care: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debrief of the work of the Dialogue Group on Psychological Support and Trauma-informed Care• Presentation of a report "Invisible Wounds: Navigating Mental Health Challenges and Support for Ukrainian Adolescent Boys and Young Men"<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Diana Biclineru, Project Manager at Plan International</i>- <i>Oleksandra Loshenko, MHPSS Specialist</i>• Presentation of the revised Manual for Professionals on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Children in Crisis and Emergency Situations<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Sarah Upward, Child Protection Practitioner</i>

	<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>
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 12:45	<p>✚ Ensuring Strategic Coordination for Children of Ukraine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief of the work of the Dialogue Group on Transnational Procedures and Guardianship • Review of the 1st draft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of the Mapping study on the practice of establishing focal points coordinating all actions and decisions concerning children of Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ton Liefwaard, Full Professor of Children’s Rights, Head of the Department of Child Law and Health Law and the UNICEF Chair in Children’s Rights at Leiden University</i> - <i>Laura Sofia Marchetti Cardenas, Education and research staff member at Leiden University</i> ➤ Discussion in break-out groups for initial feedback <i>Provide initial feedback from four different points of view:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Optimist – What kind of findings would be most helpful to support your work with children of Ukraine? ○ The Sceptic – What potential gaps, challenges or risks do you see? ○ The Strategist – How does this fit into the long-term goals of the CGU? ○ The Clarifier – Which aspects need more explanation? ➤ Briefing by the Rapporteurs of each Break-out group <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Benoit van Keirsbilck, Co-chair of Thematic Dialogue Group, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</i></p>
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch break

<p>14:00 - 15:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Special Update on Ukraine’s “Better Care Reform” supported by the European Commission and UNICEF: Approaches to the Development of Family-Based Forms of Care and Family-Like Settings in Ukraine - <i>Mykola Lytvynenko, Deputy Head of the Coordination Center for Family Upbringing and Child Care Development, responsible for Legal Aspects of Reform Implementation</i> • Followed by a discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Kateryna Novokhatnia, First Deputy Head of the Coordination Center for Family Upbringing and Childcare Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How useful and effective was the call for information on Developing a Foster Care Matching Process and Enhancing Training for Guardians, Caregivers, and Foster Parents, to which CGU members have contributed? ○ In what ways can the information-sharing among CGU members be improved? ○ What are the next steps? <p><i>Session moderated by Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator, Independent Child Rights Expert</i></p>
<p>15:00 - 15:15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>15:15 - 16:15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Follow-up action to the CGU’s Special Hearing on Pre-conditions for Safe Return of Children of Ukraine from CoE Member States • Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Iryna Postolovska, Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine for European Integration</i> • Review of the 1st draft: Checklist for host states <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mariana Ianachevici, Child Protection Consultant, Member of the UN Committee of the Rights of the Child</i> ➤ Discussion in break-out groups for initial feedback Provide initial feedback from four different points of view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Optimist – What is promising or innovative about the checklist? ○ The Sceptic – What potential gaps, challenges or risks do you see? ○ The Strategist – How does this fit into the long-term goals of the CGU? ○ The Clarifier – Which aspects need more explanation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Briefing by the Rapporteurs of each break-out group <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Morten Kjaerum, Lead Expert and Moderator of the Special Hearing</i></p>

16:15 - 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 - 17:00	<p> (Continued) Follow-up action to the CGU's Special Hearing on Pre-conditions for Safe Return of Children of Ukraine from CoE Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantiating the idea of developing a process to strengthen direct bilateral cooperation in return decisions and outline of the work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Peter McEleavy, Professor, Independent Expert on International Family Law</i> - <i>Aude Fiorini, Independent Expert on EU & Comparative Private International Law & International Family/Child Law</i> <p><i>Session opened and moderated by Morten Kjaerum, Lead Expert and Moderator of the Special Hearing</i></p>
17:00 - 17:30	<p> Wrapping up: final remarks, concrete takeaways, and proposed way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jean-Claude Legrand, CGU Facilitator, Independent Child Rights Expert</i> <p><i>Session moderated by Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor to CGU</i></p>