



Joint European Union - Council of Europe Child-friendly Justice Project Exchange Visit in Slovenia

25-26 September 2024

Organised by the Ministry of Justice of Slovenia

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In Ljubljana and Online ([Zoom link](#))

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Context

The Joint European Union-Council of Europe Child-friendly Justice project is an innovative 27-month initiative driven by the combined efforts of the Council of Europe and the European Commission and implemented by the Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe. Launched on 1 January 2024, the project aims to improve the protection of children in contact with the law – as offenders, victims, witnesses or parties in non-judicial, judicial (such as civil and criminal cases) and administrative proceedings – across Europe at national and local levels.

Belgium, Poland, and Slovenia have been selected as focus countries to pilot the implementation of activities at national and local level to collect data, identify gaps, improve legislation, policies, and practices. Since July 2024, with the support of experts, the three focus countries have conducted their self-assessment through the roll-out of the Council of Europe Child-friendly Justice Assessment Tool, i.e. collecting and analyzing data related to Child-friendly Justice in each country. Data collected and analysed will help formulating recommendations to adapt Belgium's, Poland's, and Slovenia's legal and policy framework in line with the Council of Europe and European Union standards, strengthen capacities of professionals working for and with children in contact with the law, and raise the awareness of children in contact with the law and their parents.

The objective of the exchange visit in Slovenia is two-fold:

- Exchanging on and improving data collection and data analysis related to focus countries' Child-friendly Justice self-assessment.
- Visiting and learning from Slovenia's experience on CFJ, especially the former co-operation projects aiming at [Supporting the implementation of Barnahus in Slovenia - Phase II - Children's Rights \(coe.int\)](#) and [Improving the juvenile justice system in Slovenia - Children's Rights \(coe.int\)](#) as well as the current co-operation project [Ensuring the best interests of the child in civil court proceedings in Slovenia - Children's Rights \(coe.int\)](#)

Exchange Visit Programme

25 September 2024

8:30-9:00	Welcoming remarks and introductions Facilitated by Anne-Laure Baulieu, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe
9:00-10:30	Workshop 1: Presentation of the CFJ Assessment Tool and Data Collection Facilitated by Sabrina Cajoly, international expert
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:15	Workshop 2: Data Analysis, Recommendations and Reporting Facilitated by Sabrina Cajoly, international expert
12:15-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Visit of the Barnahus Center in Ljubljana set up in the framework of the co-operation project "Supporting the implementation of Barnahus in Slovenia" Facilitated by Andrej Del Fabro, Head of the Child-friendly Criminal Justice Department, Ministry of Justice of Slovenia and Mija Cankar, Head of Department for Supervision over Bailiffs and Insolvency Administrators, Ministry of Justice of Slovenia
15:30-16:30	Presentation of the projects "Improving the juvenile justice system in Slovenia" and "Ensuring the best interests of the child in civil court proceedings in Slovenia"

	Facilitated by Andrej Del Fabro, Head of the Child Friendly Criminal Justice Department, Ministry of Justice of Slovenia and Mija Cankar, Head of Department for Supervision over Bailiffs and Insolvency Administrators, Ministry of Justice of Slovenia
26 September 2024	
9:00-10:15	Workshop 3: Case studies on Data Collection and Data Analysis Facilitated by Sabrina Cajoly, international expert
10:15-10:30	Coffee break [TBC]
10:30-12:00	Workshop 4: Case studies on Recommendations and Reporting Facilitated by Sabrina Cajoly, international expert