



Webinar

Determining and Evaluating the Best Interests and Rights of Children in Parental Separation and Care Proceedings: exploring perspectives and best practices across Europe

Tuesday, 21 June 2022 - 9:30-12:30 (CET)

Exchange of views and knowledge among specialists and professionals

This free webinar will provide an opportunity for exchanges of views and knowledge amongst professionals, scientists and others working in the field of parental separation and care proceedings across diverse European countries.

We will explore what constitutes 'good practice' in determining best interests in different contexts; how family law and welfare systems uphold children's rights and international conventions; how support and education for parents can be improved; and how the needs and views of children of all ages up to 18 can be taken into account.

The webinar will include a range of presenters with expertise and perspectives from different European countries. It is aimed at anyone working with children and young people affected by parental separation or state care proceedings.

It will inform and reflect the work of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations in the Council of Europe and contribute to European level advocacy for better support for children and family rights.

Six questions will be addressed in six parallel workshops and two concluding panel discussions.

Q1/ To what extent the recommendations from UN CRC CG 14 and 20 are implemented in the activities of family professionals.

Q2/ The case of young children: elements to evaluate BIC of toddlers and infants (under 5-year-old).

Q3/ Promoting the rights and wellbeing of older children and adolescents experiencing the care system and separation from parents: good practice in resources, support and empowerment.

Q4/ The defence of children and their possibility of recourse and support in cases of violence against their needs in parental separation and care proceedings

Q5/ The participation of children and, specifically, adolescents in expressing their views in situation of parental separation or in care proceedings.

Q6/ Education of parents to raise awareness of the consequences of parental separation on children and to help parents in cooperating after parental break-up

Organisation: Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child (CSC-RC) of the Conference of INGOs (CINGO) of the Council of Europe

Date: Tuesday June 21st (9:30-12:30 CET).

9:30-10:20: Introduction / 10:25-11:25: 6 working groups in parallel / 11:30-12:30: 2 panel discussions and conclusion