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### **“Ensuring child-friendly justice through the effective operation of the Barnahus-units in Finland”**

# Final Conference

## Draft Agenda

**When:** 6 February 2024, 9h30 – 17h00

**Where:** *Jugend Hall* at GLO Hotel Art, Lönnrotinkatu 29, 00180 Helsinki, Finland

### Context

The European Union / Council of Europe project on “Ensuring child-friendly justice through the effective operation of the Barnahus-units in Finland” is proud to be hosting its final conference, following 24 months of great results and excellent collaboration with the European Commission DG-REFORM, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, and the Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare (THL).

The event will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the project and present its concrete results along with the next steps for their implementation, in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, the European Union, Council of Europe, other national stakeholders, members of the academia, as well as national and international experts. It will also create the necessary momentum to follow-up on the milestones achieved during the project and reconfirm the commitment in the sustainability of results.

The conference will aim at showcasing the several products developed to improve the quality, efficiency coordination and operation of the five existing Barnahus-units to respond to and manage child sexual abuse cases in a child-friendly manner and in line with promising practices. The present programme is based on the different outcomes of the project: Legal amendments to the Barnahus law (Outcome 1), Capacity-building and interagency coordination activities (Outcome 2), and Awareness-raising (Outcome 3). During the event, the links between these different outcomes will be emphasised to show their interconnectedness and pivotal role of improving the work of the Barnahus-units from different angles.

The event is designed to ensure interactivity and participation, as well as full understanding of the impact of the project through its key high-quality deliverables. All the final material will be shared with the participants at least 2 weeks prior to the event and will be available on the project dedicated webpage, so that they can best prepare their interventions.

| Agenda        |   |
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| 09.30 – 10.00 | Registration  |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | <p><b>Welcome and opening remarks</b></p> <p><i>Laura Rissanen</i>, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health</p> <p><i>Aleksandra Marchewka</i>, Policy Officer at Directorate General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) at the European Commission</p> <p><i>Roberto Olla</i>, Head of Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department at the Council of Europe</p>  |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | <p><b>Overview, process &amp; Barnahus in Europe</b></p> <p><i>Zaruhi Gasparyan</i>, Head of the Cooperation Projects Unit at the Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe</p>   |
| 10.45 – 11.05 | <p><b><u>Session I</u></b></p> <p><b>Legal amendments to the Barnahus law</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Anna Bracco</i>, Project Officer at the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legal Analysis and Legal amendments</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Jani Hannonen</i>, Council of Europe independent expert</p>   |
| 11.05 – 11.20 | Q&A   |
| 11.20 – 11.50 | Coffee break  |
| 11.50 – 13.30 | <p><b><u>Session II</u></b></p> <p><b>Inter-agency coordination and capacity-building of professionals working with children</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Liisa Järvillehto</i>, clinical forensic psychologist at the Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychology Unit, Helsinki University Hospital (HUS)</p> <p><i>Taina Laajasalo</i>, Lead Researcher at Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training gap analysis</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Anna Ovaska</i>, Deputy Director, Legal Specialist at Protect Children</p> <p><i>Julia Korkman</i>, Professor of practise at Abo Akademi University Finland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OCSEA Training of Trainers for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Maria Hietajärvi</i>, Detective Chief Inspector, Crimes against Children Unit at Western Uusimaa Police Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Basic training in crimes against children</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Rasmus Ahlgren</i>, Council of Europe independent expert from HUS</p> <p><i>Pekka Santtila</i>, Professor at New York University Shanghai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training of trainers on forensic interviewing</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Tom Pakkanen</i>, Forensic psychologist, PhD, Forensic Psychology Center for Children and Adolescents at Helsinki University Hospital (HUS)</p> <p><i>Hanna-Mari Lahtinen</i>, Dr, University of Eastern Finland</p> |

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|                      | <p><i>Julia Korkman</i>, Professor of practise at Abo Akademi University Finland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Study to measure progress on average duration of judicial proceedings involving children victims of child sexual abuse</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Monica Fagerlund</i>, University Instructor at Tampere University<br/> <i>Noora Ellonen</i>, Research Director at Tampere University</p>  |
| <b>13.30 – 14.45</b> | Lunch break  |
| <b>14.45 – 15.10</b> | <p><b><u>Session III</u></b></p> <p><b>Awareness raising</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Taina Laajasalo</i>, Lead Researcher at Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Survey on perceptions of child sexual abuse in Finland</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Sakari Sandqvist</i>, Senior Insight Manager at Taloustutkimus<br/> <i>Sari Roth</i>, Senior Insight Specialist, Psychologist at Inspirans Oy</p>   |
| <b>15.10 – 15.15</b> | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>15.15 – 15.45</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enhancing the right to life without abuse for children in migration</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Liisa Järvillehto</i>, forensic psychologist at the Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychology Unit, HUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Production and dissemination of informational video on Barnahus Finland</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Katariina Leivo</i>, Senior Specialist at Suojellaan Lapsia (Protect Children)</p>                          |
| <b>15.45 – 16.15</b> | Coffee break   |
| <b>16.15 – 16.35</b> | <p><i>Moderators: Sini Stolt</i>, Leading expert of the Barnahus project at Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)<br/> <i>Taina Laajasalo</i>, Lead Researcher at Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communication Strategy, Action Plan and dissemination tools</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Tom Wilen</i>, Client Service Director at Source Creative<br/> <i>Elli Collan</i>, Senior Communication Consultant at Source Creative</p> |
| <b>16.35 – 16.45</b> | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>16.45 – 17.00</b> | <p><b>Concluding remarks and main take aways</b></p> <p><i>Taina Laajasalo</i>, Lead Researcher at Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)</p> <p><i>Sini Stolt</i>, Leading expert of the Barnahus project at Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)</p> <p><i>Liisa Järvillehto</i>, forensic psychologist at the Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychology Unit, HUS</p>  |