



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

17-18 June 2025

**Organised by the Ministry of Justice of Poland and
the Council of Europe**

In Warsaw

The project is co-funded by the European Union and co-funded and implemented by the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the European Commission, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers

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. From July to December 2024, the three focus countries conducted their self-assessment through the roll-out of the Council of Europe Child-friendly Justice Assessment Tool. Data collected and analysed helped formulating recommendations to adapt Belgium's, Poland's, and Slovenia's legal and policy framework, in line with the Council of Europe's and European Union's 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. These latter activities will be conducted in the three focus countries between June and December 2025.

The objective of the exchange visit in Poland is three-fold:

- Attending the first Training of Trainers session, based on the [Course: Child-friendly Justice | Council of Europe HELP](#), in Poland.
- Visiting and learning from Poland's experience on Child-friendly Justice, especially on Barnahus.
- Holding the third steering committee meeting of the Child-friendly Justice project.

Programme of the exchange visit

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8:30-9:00	Registration of participants
9:00-9:10	Welcoming remarks <i>Zaruhi Gasparyan, Head of Cooperation and Capacity Building Unit, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe</i>
9:10-10:30	Training of Trainers based on the HELP Course on Child-friendly Justice – Introduction Facilitated by Agnieszka Matysek, Ministry of Justice of Poland
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:15	Training of Trainers based on the HELP Course on Child-friendly Justice – Part I Facilitated by Agnieszka Matysek, Ministry of Justice of Poland
12:15-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-16:00	Training of Trainers based on the HELP Course on Child-friendly Justice – Part II Facilitated by Agnieszka Matysek, Ministry of Justice of Poland

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9:30-12:00	Visit to the Barnahus Centre in Warsaw Facilitated by Elżbieta Proga, Ministry of Justice of Poland
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-16:00	Third steering committee meeting to present project's achievements and next steps Facilitated by Anne-Laure Baulieu, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the project: progress and plans. - Exchange visit in Belgium in November – TBC. - Final evaluation by Ecorys at the end of 2025-beginning of 2026.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final conference in Greece at the end of the project. - Potential no cost extension – To be approved by the EC. - Potential Phase II of the CFJ project – To be approved by the EC. - 15:30: online presentation of an interactive educational tool for juvenile offenders by the University of Piraeus and the Mental Health Research University.
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