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**Draft Law on Barnahus in Slovenia:
Taking stock of the results of the public consultation process of
the draft Child Protection in Criminal Proceedings and Comprehensive Treatment of
Children in the Children's House Act**

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Mag. Lilijana Kozlovič, Minister of Justice of Slovenia

After her first law degree obtained in 1997 from the faculty of Ljubljana, she went on to gain a master's degree in law in 2012 from the same faculty. Mag. Lilijana Kozlovič started her career in 1981 at the Koper Police Directorate under the Ministry of Interior and pursued her academic career at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana. In 1997, she became the head of the Civil Registry, Migrations and Public Order Division and later the head of the Internal Administrative Affairs Division. After taking the helm of the Slovenian Environment Agency as Acting Director-General in June 2019, she was appointed Director-General in December 2019.



Regina Jensdottir, Council of Europe Coordinator for the rights of the child, Head of the Children's Rights Division

Holds a law degree from the University of Iceland and a post graduate degree (D.E.A.) from the University of Strasbourg in international public law. Since 1998 she has been working for the Council of Europe and since 2010 acts as the Council of Europe Coordinator for the rights of the child and heads the organisation's Children's Rights Division. She has also led the strategic development of the Council of Europe work on children's rights in several areas such as violence against children, equal opportunities, child participation, child-friendly justice and children's rights in the digital environment.



Sebastien Renaud, Deputy Head of the Unit on Governance and Public Administration, DG REFORM, European Commission

Sébastien Renaud has over 19 years of experience leading infrastructures and reform projects in EU Member States (France and Greece), the USA and international organisations (World Bank, European Commission) and a member of the French Ponts et Chaussées Engineering Corps. As a member of the Task Force for Greece, he worked as an advisor to 3 successive Ministers of Reform in Athens. He was also responsible for the setup of the Syrian refugees "Resettlement office" in Ankara in the context of the EU-Turkey deal on migration in 2016. In DG REFORM he is responsible for the management of the unit and of projects in following fields of competence: Governance and HR reforms, anti-corruption and anti-fraud, efficiency of the State, judicial reform. He directly follows the support to the development of Barnahus in Slovenia, which is considered a key project in DG REFORM.



Matic Zupan, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice

Matic Zupan is a graduate of the Faculty of Security Sciences of Ljubljana (2008). After completing his studies, he taught the subjects "Introduction to state-based law" and "Human rights in criminal justice" at the Faculty of Security Sciences. In 2013, he took a job in the Cabinet of the Minister of Culture, where he oversaw the preparation of the National Programme for Culture 2014-2017. From 2014 to 2018, he served as Head of the Cabinet at the Ministry of Justice. Prior to his return to the Ministry, he was employed by an international NGO Regional Dialogue, which is active in the field of rule of law in Uzbekistan.



Bragi Guðbrandsson, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, "founding father" of the Icelandic Barnahus model, Council of Europe Independent Consultant

Currently an elected Member of the United Nation Committee on the Rights of the Child since 2019 and a Council of Europe independent consultant. Former Director General of the Icelandic Government Agency for Child Protection from 1995 to 2018 and a former Chair of the Council of Europe Lanzarote Committee¹ 2014 to 2016. Pioneer in the establishment of Barnahus (Children's House) in Iceland in 1998, and an Honorary founding member of the Promise project for implementing Barnahus in numerous European countries with the support of the European Union.

Prof. Anna Kaldal, Council of Europe independent expert

Anna Kaldal is a professor in procedural law at the Faculty of law, Stockholm University. Her research involves criminal law, family (custody) law and child protection law with focus on children as victims or witnesses of violence and sexual abuse, their participation in legal proceedings and evaluation of evidence. Anna Kaldal is one of the co-editors of Collaborating against child abuse: Exploring the Nordic Barnahus model (Paalgrave Macmillan, 2017), has participated in the second evaluation study of the Swedish Branhus model and managed a research project in Stockholm Barnahus.



Mirjam Kline, Supreme State Prosecutor

Mirjam Kline serves as the Supreme State Prosecutor and the President of the Association of State Prosecutors of Slovenia. In the past, she was the Head of the Department for juvenile, family and sexual crime at the Ljubljana Prosecutor's Office. She is a regular speaker at professional meetings, and recently she has been outspoken about inappropriate definition of rape in the Slovenian criminal code, which is still based on the model of coercion. Mirjam Kline is a member of the Interdisciplinary Working Party on Barnahus in Slovenia, which was established by a Government degree in 2017.

¹ Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse



Dr Mateja Hudoklin, Director of the Counselling Centre for Children, Adolescents and Parents Ljubljana

Mateja Hudoklin is the Director of the Counselling Centre for Children, Adolescents and Parents Ljubljana. Her field of work includes diagnosis and treatment of children and adolescents with learning difficulties, school failure and psychosocial adaptation problems, counselling to parents, teachers and school counsellors, development and research work on cognitive processes related to learning, motivation, individual differences and learning disabilities. Mateja Hudoklin is a member of the Interdisciplinary Working Party on Barnahus in Slovenia, which was established by a Government degree in 2017.



Dr Simona Drenik, Council of Europe independent expert

Simona Drenik is a Doctor of Legal Sciences, Assistant Professor of Constitutional and International Law and currently working as an assistant to the Head of the Human Rights Centre at the Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia. She is also a member of the Legal Working Group for the European Network of National Institutions for Human Rights (ENNHRI) and of the Committee of ENNHRI on the Rule of Law and International Investment Law. Dr Simona Drenik has a long-standing professional relation with the Council of Europe.



Dr Primož Gorkič, Council of Europe independent expert

Primož Gorkič passed the national bar exam in April 2005 and attained his doctoral degree in November 2009. He served as a part-time advisor to the Supreme Court of Slovenia in 2007-2009 and at the Supreme Prosecutor's Office in 2014-2015. He is currently working as Assistant Professor with the Chair for Criminal Law at Ljubljana Faculty of Law and a part-time researcher at the Institute of Criminology at Ljubljana Faculty of Law. His research focuses on criminal procedure, evidenced-based law practice and human rights in the context of criminal justice. He teaches criminal procedural law (undergraduate and graduate studies) at Ljubljana Law Faculty.



Dr Mojca M. Plesničar, Council of Europe independent expert

Mojca M. Plesničar is a Research Associate at the Institute of Criminology of Ljubljana and Assistant Professor in Criminology and Criminal Law at the University of Ljubljana. Her research focuses on questions of punishment, sentencing and penal decision-making, and incorporates various strands of related topics, such as the role and impact of new technologies on criminal justice, vulnerable groups in criminal justice (women, minors, migrants), prisons, sexual and violent crimes. Published nationally and internationally and held visiting positions at Universities of Trieste, Cambridge and Warwick. She is currently heading a three-year research project on objectivity and subjectivity in

criminal justice, funded by the Slovenian research agency. In her future research, she plans to explore the roles and decision-making strategies of professionals in criminal justice systems (judges, prosecutors, attorneys), especially considering the changing nature of criminal justice in recent decades.



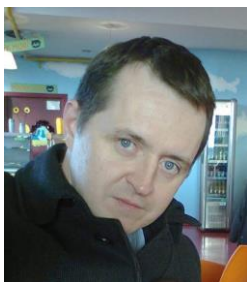
Dr Zsuzsanna Rutai, Council of Europe independent expert

Zsuzsanna Rutai worked as a seconded policy adviser at the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee, Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe where she designed and piloted participation of children in the monitoring of the Lanzarote Convention. Currently, she is working as an independent consultant supporting the participation of children and young people in various projects of the Council of Europe and other organizations. Furthermore, she is finalizing her PhD dissertation about the participation of children in international human rights monitoring mechanisms.



Mitja Svete, President of NGO Združenje za MOČ NGO

Mitja Svete is the President of the NGO Združenje za MOČ (Reclaim the Power Association), which provides comprehensive psychosocial assistance and support to victims of sexual violence. Since 2010 he has been working with socially vulnerable children and victims of violence. He is also a PhD student at the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Ljubljana. His doctoral research is focused on working with children and youth in crisis situations.



Mag. Andrej Del Fabro, Project Manager for the Barnahus project at Ministry of Justice of Slovenia

Currently serving as the Project Manager for the Barnahus Project, Mag. Andrej Del Fabro is one of the key persons in promoting the Barnahus model in Slovenia. Also served as the Director-General of Family Affairs Directorate at Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia. In the beginning of his career he worked as a policy adviser in the National Assembly. Holds a university degree in sociology-human resource management and a master's degree in political sciences. He is a former member of the Council of Europe Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child and the Council for Children and Families of the Republic of Slovenia.

Mirka Honko, Senior Project Officer, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe

Mirka Honko holds a European master's in Human Rights and Democratisation and has a longstanding experience from planning, managing and evaluating projects on human rights, including notably child rights, as well as on advocacy, development cooperation and emergency response. She has been working at the Council of Europe since 2017 in a number of countries, including Ukraine, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova and has previously worked in Cambodia with the International Labour Organisation, in Pakistan with the EU Delegation, with the Ministry of International Affairs in Finland as well as at the European Parliament and with several NGOs in Brussels and Helsinki. Since 2018, Mirka Honko has been managing the joint EU DG Reform-Council of Europe Barnahus projects (phase I and II) in Slovenia.