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Launching of the HELP course on child-friendly justice

Joint EU-Council of Europe project

Strengthening child friendly justice through effective cooperation and coordination among different Barnahus-type services in the regions of Spain

11 July 2024

Barcelona, Spain

Context

The joint EU DG Reform – Council of Europe project “Strengthening child friendly justice through effective cooperation and coordination among different Barnahus-type services in the regions of Spain” is implemented by the Council of Europe in close collaboration with the Ministry of Social Rights and Agenda 2030 during the period of 06/07/2022-31/10/2024. It is co-financed by the EU Structural Support Reform Programme. Barnahus is a leading European model for a child-friendly multidisciplinary and interagency response to child sexual exploitation and abuse.

The project will support the Spanish Government in improving relevant legislation, policies and tools to introduce the Barnahus model in three selected pilot regions and in strengthening the capacity of relevant professionals working for and with children. The project is divided into two main components:

1. Improving the legislative and policy framework to introduce the Barnahus model in Spanish regions;
2. Strengthening capacities of relevant professionals.

Under Output 2.3 of the project, the development of training tools and programmes is foreseen. The new version of the HELP course on child-friendly justice (2023) has been translated and adapted to the Spanish context for different professionals working for and with children, particularly to judges, prosecutors and lawyers and to the staff working at forensic and medicine Institutes.

Agenda

Thursday 11 July

9.45-10.00	<p>Welcoming remarks <i>Representative CGPJ</i> <i>Lucía Losoviz Adani, Director General of Childhood and Adolescence Rights, Ministry of Youth and Childhood (online)</i> <i>Zaruhi Gasparyan, Head of Cooperation Projects’ Unit, Council of Europe Children’s Rights Division</i></p>
10.00-10.15	<p>Introduction UE-CoE Project “Barnahus in Spain” <i>Mireya García de Murcia, Project Manager, Council of Europe Children’s Rights Division</i></p>
10.15-11.45	<p>Towards the implementation of Barnahus in Catalunya <i>Joan Mayoral Simon, Barnahus Coordinator Catalunya</i> <i>María José Osuna - Chief Prosecutor of Tarragona</i></p>
11.45-12.15	<p>Coffee break</p>
12.15-13.15	<p>The role of the Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences Institutes (IMLCF) <i>Mar Pastor Bravo - Director IMLCF Alicante</i> <i>Inés Landín Roig – Deputy-Director (Tarragona) IMLCF Catalunya</i></p>
13.15-13.45	<p>HELP course presentation and operation of the platform <i>Oana Gîrlescu, EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project Manager</i></p>
13.45-14.15	<p>Two separate classrooms Group session with the tutor – Edurne Uranga Group session with the tutor – Marta Grijalba Mazo <i>Presentation of participants. Presentation of the tutor and his/her role, learning objectives, evaluation criteria, practical aspects and debate. Questions and answers.</i></p>
14.15-15.30	<p>Lunch</p>
15.30-16.00	<p>Transfer to a Barnahus unit</p>
16.00-17.30	<p>Study visit to different Barnahus units</p>