

DRAFT CONCEPT

**Meeting of the Parliamentary Network
on the Situation of the Children of Ukraine**

**“RESTORING CHILDHOOD: PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
REHABILITATION OF WAR-AFFECTED UKRAINIAN CHILDREN”**

17-18 October 2025, Tallinn, Estonia

The Parliamentary Network on the Situation of the Children of Ukraine will hold a meeting in Estonia dedicated to the rehabilitation of Ukrainian children affected by the war. The meeting will focus on practical steps which can be taken to support Ukrainian children who have suffered traumatic experiences as a result of war.

The war has left tens of thousands of Ukrainian children with severe physical injuries, untreated chronic illnesses, and invisible psychological wounds. Rehabilitation is not only a matter of restoring health – it is about restoring childhood, dignity, and hope. This meeting will focus on two critical dimensions:

- **Physical rehabilitation** – including medical treatment, prosthetics, rehabilitation centres, and recovery programmes in Ukraine and abroad.
- **Psychological rehabilitation** – addressing trauma recovery, resilience-building, and reintegration into family and community life.

This meeting will bring together parliamentarians from PACE, Ukrainian officials, Estonian experts, and representatives of leading NGOs to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and strengthen cooperation in supporting children’s recovery.

The meeting will include panel discussion, screening of a short documentary, and Q&A session with the members of the Network.

Working languages: English and French

PROGRAMME

Day 1 (October 17) Venue: Conference Hall of the Parliament of Estonia, Riigikogu	
08:30 - 09:00	Welcome coffee and registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome remarks by the Chair of the Network ● Host country welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Lauri Hussar, President of the Riigikogu - Mr Margus Tsahkna, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia - Ms Kadri Tali, Head of the Estonian Delegation to the PACE - Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Member of the Riigikogu
09:30 – 11:10	Session I – Physical Rehabilitation Moderation by Olena Khomenko <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms Karmen Joller, Minister of Health of Estonia (TBC) ● Mr Pavlo Andriev, Head of Physical Rehabilitation Department of Okhmatdyt National Children’s Hospital ● Ms Olga Rudnieva, CEO of Superhumans Rehabilitation Centre ● Ms Kadi Lauri, expert involved in rehabilitation of Ukrainian children treated in Estonia <p>Q&A and discussion with Network members</p>
11:10 – 12:10	Brainstorming Session (moderated by Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross)
12:10 – 12:25	Family photo (White Hall)
12:25 – 13:25	Networking Lunch (Cafeteria of the Riigikogu)
13:30 – 15.00	Session II – Psychological Rehabilitation Moderation by Signe Riisalo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductory remarks by Ms Signe Riisalo, Chairman of the Social Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu ● Ms Thórdís Kolbrún Reykþjard Gylfadóttir, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the situation of children of Ukraine (video message); ● Mr Kyrýlo Lapko, Secretary of the Coordination Centre for Family Upbringing and Child Care Development; ● Ms Roksolana Yurchyshyn, Child And Adolescent Psychiatrist at St.Nicholas Hospital First Lviv Medical Union ● Representative of Ukrainian NGO “Voices of Children” (TBC); ● Ms Katrin Aarma, MHPSS advisor, Mental Health Department, Ministry of Social Affairs

	Q&A and discussion with Network members
15:00 – 16:00	Brainstorming Session (moderated by Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Screening of the documentary “Stolen Childhood” (30 min) Produced by “Gen.Ukrainian”, this documentary highlights the invisible traumas carried by Ukrainian children affected by the war</p> <p>Film Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief remarks from Ms Oksana Lebedieva (Gen.Ukrainian) <p>Open floor for parliamentarians’ reflections and questions</p>
17:00 – 17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other business <p>Closing remarks by Ms Minna-Liina Lind, Undersecretary for Global Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Departure from the Riigikogu to the Ukrainian School by foot</p>
17:30 – 18.30	Visit of the Ukrainian School and meeting with the Director, Ms Olga Selištševa

Day 2 (October 18) Optional Programme	
09:00 - 12:00	Visit of the Ukrainian Cultural Center and meeting with the founder, Mr Anatoli Ljutjuk and Mr Bogdan Ljutjuk
12:30 – 14:00	Networking Lunch