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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

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1. Phase I (2022-2024)

Summary

The European Union - Council of Europe joint project [“Strengthening child friendly justice through effective cooperation and coordination among different Barnahus-type services in the regions of Spain”](#) (hereinafter “Barnahus Spain”) was co-funded by the European Union via the Technical Support Instrument, and implemented by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the European Commission, Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM), and in collaboration with the Spanish [Ministry of Youth and Childhood](#) (former Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda) from July 2022 to October 2024 (32 months). The budget was €555,556.

The project was divided into two main components:

- Improved policies and tools to introduce and/or develop the Barnahus model in Spanish regions (Outcome 1).
- Strengthened capacity of relevant professionals to support the introduction of the Barnahus model at regional level (Outcome 2).

The opportunity to implement this project in Spain emerged after the adoption of the [Organic Law 8/2021 for the Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents against Violence](#) (known as LOPIVI, a summary in English is available [here](#)), together with its subsequent [Strategy](#), and [Organic Law 10/2022 on the Comprehensive Guarantee of Sexual Freedom](#) (known as LOGILS), laid the foundation for providing comprehensive care to children who are victims of sexual violence in the country.

In November 2023, a study on the legal and policy situation at the national and regional levels regarding the protection of children from sexual violence (“[mapping study](#)”) was published. The aim was to define existing practices and identify current challenges for the implementation of the Barnahus model. As a result, a report with recommendations on how to introduce the Barnahus model in Spain and its [Autonomous Communities](#) and Cities (CCAA) was published and disseminated.

Additionally, a [training gap analysis](#) was conducted in the three pilot Autonomous Communities (Extremadura, Cantabria, and the Foral Community of Navarra) to ensure that the capacities of professionals working with and for children could be strengthened in line with the standards of the Barnahus model. On 17 October 2024, a [training](#) on the management of the suspicion of violence that comes from the testimony of children was launched for 90 frontline professionals working for and with children. Furthermore, the [HELP course on child-friendly justice](#) was adapted for legal professionals and staff from Institutes of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, training over 70 professionals.

In the final months, the project developed key strategic documents, including two [Roadmaps](#) (national and regional) for implementing the model in Spain and its

Autonomous Communities, as well as a [Communication Guide](#) to improve communication between national and regional authorities regarding the Barnahus model, communication with children and adolescents, and their access to child-friendly information. In September 2024, a [child participation process](#) was carried out with the State Council for the Participation of Children and Adolescents (CEPIA) to include children's opinions in these strategic documents, with a [conceptual map](#) created by an illustrator to summarize the process. [Adapted materials](#) were designed for this purpose.

During the [Project Final Conference](#), held on 25 October 2024, the strategic documents—approved by the Advisory Group on October 24—were presented, and the achievements and outcomes were celebrated along with the next steps, confirming the commitment of the country and the project partners to continue implementing the Barnahus model through Phase II.

List of implemented activities and main outputs

Output 0.1 Inception report

From July to October 2022, several meetings were held with key stakeholders involved in child protection against violence in Spain. The project team [visited the premises](#) of Spain's first "pilot" Barnahus unit, located in Tarragona. A technical meeting with its staff was organised to learn about the challenges faced in setting up the interagency model in the Catalan region and to share their recently established good practices with the view to possibly replicate them in other regions. On March 2023, CoE and EU representatives were invited to attend the official inauguration of the new and final Barnahus premises in Tarragona.

The Council of Europe Children's Rights Division provided comments to the new [Spanish Strategy for the Eradication of Violence against Children](#) and to the [National Strategy on Children and Adolescents Rights](#), which were incorporated into these policy documents, ensuring the alignment of this policy instrument with the project's outputs.

Based on the numerous consultations held during the inception phase, the project team drafted an [inception report](#) which was shared with the beneficiary authorities and DG REFORM. It included all the necessary information to understand the specific situation of the counterparts and the detailed timeline of activities.

The [kick-off meeting](#) took place on 26 October 2022 at the headquarters of the Ministry of Social Rights and Agenda 2030. It was attended by more than 60 stakeholders in person and more than 70 online. The inception report was adopted by the Advisory Group on 9 February and was consequently published, both in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), on the project website. The AG members additionally adopted the Governance model of the project.

Three pilot regions were selected during the inception phase: Comunidad Foral de Navarra, Cantabria and Extremadura. The selection of three pilot Communities was deemed necessary given the complexity of the system of autonomies in Spain, where there are a total of 17 Autonomous Communities and two Autonomous Cities (Ceuta and Melilla). In Spain, competences in the field of childhood do not depend on the central government but are delegated to the Autonomous Communities. On the other hand, justice competences are delegated to some Communities, with only 5 of them in which the Ministry of Justice has full competences. Among the selection criteria, Extremadura was chosen, in addition to its high poverty risk rate and geographical location, because it is one of the 5 regions described above, which allowed the Ministry of Justice to act in a coordinated manner. Another criterion was to choose regions that are implementing the Barnahus model at different levels: while Extremadura was in an initial phase, Cantabria was carrying out the legal analysis and Navarra was in an advanced phase in which it needed training of professionals. Given the large number of requests received from the territories to participate as pilot regions, it was decided that the pilot communities should play a particularly prominent role in component two of the project. All regions therefore participated in component 1 (see outputs 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3).

Outcome 1: Improved policies and tools to introduce and/or develop the Barnahus model in Spanish regions

Output 1.1 Analysis of the existing legal and policy situation at national and regional level, defining the existing practices and identifying current issues

During the inception phase, it was decided that Output 1.1 (Activity 1.1.1) and Output 1.2 (Activity 1.2.1) were going to be jointly developed. As a result, the “mapping study” (see below) contained an analysis of the legal and policy situation for the protection of child victims of sexual violence and addressed targeted recommendations to national and regional authorities.

Output 1.2 Report containing recommendations on the functioning of the Barnahus model in Spain

During the inception phase, the project was agreed to be dynamic and open to support other Autonomous Communities besides the pilot ones. To this end, the inception report recommended to carry out a mapping study to analyse the existing legal and policy framework in Spain and its regions regarding the protection of children from sexual violence and the different Barnahus-type services already existing in each of the 17 Autonomous Communities and the 2 Autonomous Cities of Spain and the needs of each territory. This “mapping study” (output 1.1) would also include a list of recommendations for each region (output 1.2).

Save the Children Spain was selected from the COE pool of consultants to carry out this report. The methodology and timeline of this activity was presented to the Advisory Group during its meeting on 9 February 2023. A list of regional Focal Points from Childhood, Health, Justice and Equality was provided by AG members to facilitate the exchange of information. A first draft was presented in May 2023 and was discussed during an [inter-regional full-day working meeting](#) organised in Tarragona on 4 July 2023. It was attended by more than 40 participants, including the Ministerial representatives of the Advisory Group, representatives of the Public Prosecutor's Office, representatives from 14 different autonomous territories (out of the 19 that constitute Spain), and representatives of Save the Children. The most important challenge identified during this meeting to implement the Barnahus model in Spain was to increase the collaboration of justice operators and other services already existing for child victims of sexual abuse. A study visit to the Tarragona Barnahus Unit followed the discussions.

Following its endorsement by the project Advisory Group, the final report was presented during an [event](#) organised in Madrid on 10 November 2023. The "[mapping study](#)" (summary in [English](#)) was very welcomed by all national and regional stakeholders, who acknowledged the tight timeline managed by CoE independent consultants and the high quality of the report, which incorporated the conclusions of the meeting in Tarragona (July 2023). This document, together with the [19 annexed regional factsheets](#), was considered a key piece of work that allowed both national and regional authorities to understand the "state of play" and main challenges and to put in place new measures to implement the Barnahus model in each territory, according to the recommendations included in the report.

Output 1.3 Strategy and Action Plan to scale up Barnahus-type services in the regions of Spain

Save the Children Spain and the University of the Basque Country (Rafael Sainz de Rozas) were selected from the pool of CoE independent consultants to carry out this activity by June 2024. The "mapping study" and the training needs analysis (see output 2.3) served as the baseline to build the draft National Strategy and Action Plan. In 2023, the project's Advisory Group agreed to [create a new Working Group \(WG\)](#), where members, guided by CoE independent consultants, participated in the drafting of a National Strategy and Action Plan to scale up Barnahus services in Spain and its regions. This group first addressed the [resistances encountered in the Justice sector](#) (finally published as a report given its relevance), the necessary collaboration with the pilot court on violence against children and the correlation with other services provided to girls victims of sexual violence, and the complementary nature of the two models. They also discussed the actions needed and the timeframe, as well as the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders. It was finally decided to call it "[National Roadmap](#) to implement the Barnahus model in Spain". After five WG meetings, a final draft was available in June 2024.

Since the competencies on child protection are delegated to the Autonomous Communities, the working group additionally drafted a [Regional Roadmap](#). The participation of all regions in the deliverables was considered key to its endorsement and implementation. With the aim of sharing lessons learnt and agreeing on the main regional actions, an [inter-regional working meeting](#) took place in Las Palmas (Canary Islands, Spain) from 14 to 15 March 2024. More than 70 participants, including the Ministerial representatives of the Advisory Group, the General Council of the Judiciary, autonomous representatives from all the 19 regions, and CoE independent consultants attended this meeting. All Autonomous Communities and Cities presented their recent actions and policies in place to implement the Barnahus model in their territories. On 15 March, participants **visited the pilot court on violence against children** (see output 2.3).

A child participation consultation process took place in September 2024 with the National Council on Child Participation (CEPIA) to collect children's views about the two key deliverables (Outputs 1.3 and 2.1). To facilitate this process, the child-friendly storybook "[Let's go to the Barnahus](#)/Anem a la Barnahus" was translated into Spanish for children from 12 to 14 years old (see activity 2.2.2). The conclusions of the process were collected in a [report](#) (summary in [English](#)), drawn in a [child-friendly illustration](#) and were incorporated into the two draft policy documents, which were adopted by the Advisory Group on 24 October during its last meeting and were presented (summary in [English](#)) on 25 October in Madrid during the Project Final Conference.

An [event](#) was organised in Madrid on 10 November 2023 to present the recommendations included in the "mapping study" and the training needs analysis (see output 2.3). Around 60 people (national and regional representatives, the Advisory Group, NGOs, academia, etc) attended the event in person and more than 350 people followed it [online](#).

The National and Regional Roadmaps and the Communication Guide (output 2.1) were presented in the [Project Final Conference "Towards Barnahus Spain Phase II"](#), which took place in Madrid on 25 October. The objectives of the event were to showcase project's main achievements in strengthening the protection of child victims of sexual violence and upholding the rights of the child, exchange views particularly on its implementation at the regional level, and assess the actions planned in Phase II of the project. In addition, two young persons participated in the conference, sharing insights on the aim, materials and conclusions of the child participation process, while an illustrator drew live a child-friendly visual map summarising the child participation process. Over 150 participants, including high-level national and regional authorities and civil servants, the office of the Ombudsperson, civil society representatives and national and international children rights' experts participated in the conference with around 1,000 following it [online](#).

Outcome 2: Strengthened capacity of relevant professionals to support the introduction of the Barnahus model at regional level

Output 2.1 Communication Strategy

Plataforma de Infancia was selected from the CoE pool of independent consultant to carry out this activity by June 2024. In April 2024, during the Fourth Advisory Group meeting, it was decided that the Working Group (WG) created to draft the Barnahus National Strategy/Action Plan (see output 1.3) would also address the Communication Strategy and Action Plan.

The Communication Strategy and Action Plan was decided to be a single document called [Communication Guide](#), aiming at improving strategies, tools and means to enhance communication among national and regional authorities regarding the Barnahus model and at enhancing communication with children, children's access to child-friendly information and roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in providing such information. Regional actions were additionally identified. After three meetings, in June 2024, the WG agreed on the draft calendar with specific activities, timeline and resources (e.g. messages in social networks, pictures, posts, texts, etc.) needed to implement the Strategy. **Children's views** were incorporated to this document (see the child participation process explained in output 1.3). This key strategic document was adopted by the Advisory Group on 24 October at its last meeting (summary in [English](#)) and was presented on 25 October 2024 in Madrid during the Project Final Conference.

Output 2.2 Information and sensitisation materials for relevant stakeholders

During the inception phase, a number of relevant COE publications were selected, together with the beneficiary, to be translated into Spanish and adapted to the Spanish context. The publications served to raise awareness on children's rights in the context of violence against children and were used in awareness raising events and in the drafting process of project deliverables. These publications were:

- [What is Barnahus? Leaflet](#)
- [Tell someone you trust](#)
- [The Lanzarote Convention: A global tool to protect children from sexual violence](#)
- [So, this is sexual abuse?](#)
- [Let's go to Barnahus](#)
- [Kiko y la mano Manual para formadores: Maestras y maestros protectores, niñas y niños protegidos](#)
- [Kiko y los Muchos Yos: vídeo](#)

- [Kiko y los Muchos Yos: guía para padres y madres](#)
- [Kiko y los Muchos Yos: cuento](#)

In addition, the project adapted the child-friendly storybook "Let's go to the Barnahus/[Anem a la Barnahus](#)" into [Spanish](#) for children from 12 to 14 years old, including child-friendly information about the project and the national legal framework. This child-friendly material was used by the National Council on Child Participation during a child participation process that took place in September 2024 (see output 1.3). A [child participation report](#) (summary in [English](#)) and a [child-friendly illustration](#) summarising the process were consequently published and presented by children themselves during the Final Conference.

Regarding activities, a [full-day Conference on the Barnahus model](#) was organized in Madrid on 10 February 2023. The Conference allowed for an exchange on Barnahus services among international, national and regional stakeholders working in Europe and in Spain to improve the response to child sexual violence. It was also an occasion to discuss the implementation of the Barnahus model in the different territories of the country. Over 140 participants participated in the conference and more than 1,000 followed it online.

The Council of Europe participated in several awareness raising events, such as "International Conference on Innovation in Therapeutic Intervention with Children and Adolescent Victims of Trauma" (July 2023), "Strategies to fight sexual violence against children: Celebration of the European Day 18N" (November 2023, Madrid), the webinar organised by the General Prosecutor's Office "Child-friendly model: Barnahus, the Spanish project" (January 2024, online), in a regional working group meeting established for the implementation of the Barnahus model in the Region of Murcia to present the project and its main deliverables (Murcia, February 2024) and in the first working group of the Spanish General Council of the Judiciary to draft guidelines for the judiciary regarding Barnahus, to introduce the project's next steps and the challenges justice operators have encountered when implementing Barnahus-type services (12 July 2024).

Two national representatives participated in the Conference hosted by the Government of Montenegro organised jointly by Council of Europe and UNICEF on "[Elevating Excellence: Uniting for Effective Child Protection with the Barnahus Model](#)", which took place in Podgorica on 17 April 2024. This Conference was an opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge on the Barnahus model, child protection services and children rights with officials from across Europe.

Output 2.3: Tools and trainings for interagency and multi-level coordination

In order to ensure the relevance and suitability of the trainings, a training gap analysis was developed to analyse existing training resources available for target groups in the pilot regions. 5 different CoE multi-disciplinary independent consultants were contracted from the pool of consultants of the project to develop the training needs analysis. The group included professionals from medicine, psychology, justice, and academia who collected and analysed information from their respective disciplines, always taking into account the need for interagency collaboration.

The training gap analysis is formed by a [full report](#) and 6 thematic reports ([training on the legal framework](#), [clinical professionals](#), [forensic medicine](#), [forensic psychology](#), [interdepartmental management](#) and [child victimology](#)). Although the training needs analysis was focused on the three pilot regions, which were at different stages of implementation (initial, intermediate and advance), the results and recommendations could be extrapolated to the rest of the Spanish territory. Following its endorsement by the project Advisory Group, the final version (summary in [English](#)) was presented in Madrid at an event on 10 November 2023 (see output 1.3), alongside the mapping study (see outputs 1.1 y 1.2).

Following the recommendations included in the training needs analysis (activity 2.3.1), it was decided that training materials would be developed on how different professionals should manage the suspicion of violence that comes from the testimony of children (see [conceptual note](#)). Since a similar training was developed under the framework of the joint European Union-Council of Europe project “Ensuring child-friendly justice through effective operation of the Barnahus-units in Finland” by Rasmus Ahlgren, Tatsuro Ibe, Julia Korkman, Marianne Mäenpää and Pekka Santtila, independent international consultants of the Council of Europe, it was decided to translate the video scripts and to adapt them to the national context

Fernando Álvarez Ramos, an independent consultant from the Council of Europe pool, was the professional in charge of adapting these materials into the Spanish legal and administrative framework, especially to the particularities of the pilot regions. This [training tool](#) was launched online in the three pilot regions on 17 October 2024 and 74 front-line professionals (from the fields of education, health, police, social services and forensic psychology) were successfully trained. 94% participants declared that they increased their knowledge and capacities.

In addition, the project adapted the new Spanish version of the Council of Europe Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals ([HELP](#)) [course on child-friendly justice \(2023\)](#) into the national context of sexual violence against children for two different professional groups: a) judges, prosecutors and lawyers; and b) staff of Forensic Sciences and Legal Medicine Institutes. The need for this type of initial training for professionals was identified in the training gap analysis. Priority was granted to professionals working in

the pilot regions. The course was launched on 11 July 2024 in a [full-day event in Barcelona](#) and was followed by a study visit to different Barnahus Units in Catalunya (see activity 2.3.3). 64 professionals successfully completed the training with a 100% satisfaction rate.

Following the launching of the two training programmes in the pilot regions and considering the success rate, both materials were finalised, adopted by the Advisory Group and made available to all regions by the end of October 2024.

Regarding study visit, as mentioned under outputs 1.1 and 1.2, [the first](#) was to Tarragona Barnahus Unit on 4 July for AG members and regional authorities. The aims of the working meeting were to discuss the “mapping study” and to disseminate the implementation of the model in Catalonia while fostering the exchange of good regional practices of different Barnahus-type services existing in the territories of Spain. The working meeting and study visit were very welcomed by the Spanish authorities, as it was the first time that representatives from the different territories of Spain sat together and actively exchanged information on the different Barnahus-services currently in place in their territories.

The [second study](#) visit took place on 14-15 March 2024 to the pilot court specialised in violence against children, located at Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. The aims were to explore synergies and forms of collaboration between the court and the Barnahus model (as highlighted in the project inception report) and to participate in the working meeting organised to discuss the regional actions and guidelines included in the draft “Regional Roadmap to implement Barnahus in Spain” (see output 1.3). The pilot court proved to be a relevant promising practice on child-friendly justice and its methodologies can be incorporated in Barnahus-type services. The working meeting was important from the point of view of sharing lessons learnt among the regions on the Barnahus model and monitoring its implementation. Following the project awareness-raising events and the first inter-regional meeting in Tarragona mentioned above, a significant increase in the commitment expressed by all territories was noted in Las Palmas. These inter-regional meetings and study visits have proved to be very useful to advance towards the implementation of the Barnahus model in the whole country.

All the above study visits were national visits to explore various initiatives already existing in Spain and were always accompanied with working meetings with the representatives of the autonomous communities involved to ensure the buy-in and ownership of the project results by all stakeholders. The logic behind was to really foster partnerships between the different local and regional initiatives to make sure the whole country is implementing the Organic Law 8/2021 on the Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents against Violence and National for the Eradication of Violence against Children and Adolescents, as well as promoting child-friendly, multidisciplinary

and interagency (MDIA) services to respond to violence against children and strengthen child-friendly justice practices uniformly on the whole territory of the country.

Finally, an international study visit was organised to Barnahus Iceland in August 2024 with a Spanish delegation of 11 national and regional representatives. It served as an opportunity to learn about the Icelandic journey in implementing the Barnahus model and the work being carried out by the two countries to uphold children's rights. Although Spain and Iceland have very different populations and administrative systems, they both shared similar challenges when implementing the Barnahus model. Considering the early-middle implementation stage of Barnahus in Spain, the lessons learnt and the exchanges on relevant topics were key to finalise the National Roadmap to implement the Barnahus model in Spain (output 1.3) and the Communication Guide (output 2.1). A **lessons learnt report** was consequently drafted by the beneficiary and circulated internally within the Advisory Group.

2. Phase II (2024-2027)

Summary

The European Union - Council of Europe Joint Project “Strengthening child-friendly justice among Barnahus-type services in Spanish regions (Phase II)” (hereinafter “Phase II”), is being implemented in Spain in close collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Childhood and the Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with the Parliament during the period from 01/11/2024 to 30/04/2027. The Project is co-funded by the European Union via the Technical Support Instrument, and implemented by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the European Commission, Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM).

The **objective** of Phase II (November 2024 – April 2027) is to continue implementing the Barnahus model at national level and to provide tailored assistance to the Spanish regions to adapt the legal and policy framework, in line with the findings from Phase I, including the “[National and Regional Roadmaps to implement the Barnahus model](#)” and the “[Communication Guide](#)”. This Phase also aims to strengthen the collaboration of justice operators and other services for child victims of sexual violence. A key concern is to ensure that the child interview process respects the best interests of the child while also safeguarding the principle of due process.

The project is divided into two main components:

1. The Strategy and Action Plan to scale up Barnahus-type services in Spain and its region is implemented (Outcome 1).
2. Strengthened capacity of relevant professionals working for and with children in Barnahus-type services (Outcome 2).

The project kick-off meeting (output 1) took place online on 28 November 2024. The Advisory Group was established and held its first meeting on 14 January 2025, during which it adopted its Terms of Reference and prioritised the actions of the national Roadmap to be developed over the coming year.

The Advisory Group is composed of representatives from the Ministry of Youth and Childhood, the Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with the Parliament, the General Council of the Judiciary, the Ministry of Equality, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sport, and the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. Other stakeholders, such as the Autonomous Communities and Cities, the Office of the Ombudsperson, and the State Council for the Participation of Children and Adolescents (CEPIA), may participate as observers.

What do we want to achieve?

Outcome 1. Implementing the National and Regional Roadmaps

Output 2: *Report providing an update on the analysis of the existing legal and policy situation*

Output 3: *Implementation report of the Strategy and Action Plan (developed under Phase I of the Project) to scale up Barnahus-type services in Spain and its regions*

Output 4: *Tools and methods for the evaluation and monitoring framework to ensure Barnahus standards in operating Barnahus units in Spain*

Output 5: *Gap analysis on the reporting systems on violence against children, including sexual violence, existing in Spain and its regions*

The Project will:

- Update the analysis of the existing legal and policy framework at national and regional level for the protection of child victims of sexual violence (the [mapping study](#)). The report will review the actions and policies developed in all Spanish territories since July 2022 and provide an overview of the existing situation, together with updated recommendations. It will also include updated regional factsheets.
- Provide technical advice and support for the implementation of the [National and Regional Roadmaps to implement the Barnahus model in Spain](#) by developing protocols, and other tools. A report on the implementation of the National and Regional Roadmaps will be provided in 2027.
- Support the design and implementation of an evaluation and monitoring system for operating Barnahus units in Spain.
- Conduct a gap analysis of the reporting systems on violence against children, including sexual violence, assessing the existing legislation, policies and practices.

Outcome 2. Strengthening capacities of relevant professionals

Output 6: *Relevant tools and training programmes for different professionals working for and with child victims of sexual violence*

Output 7: *Implementation report of the Communication Strategy (developed under Phase I of the project)*

The Project will:

- Develop tools and training programmes for different professional groups working for and with child victims of sexual violence, based on the findings of the [training gap analysis](#) (developed under Phase I). Both basic and specific training materials will be developed focusing on the Barnahus model, reporting systems,

exploratory and forensic interview, medical evaluation, forensic medicine, evidence-based psychological intervention, children in situations of vulnerability, interagency co-ordination, etc. Targeted and/or multidisciplinary trainings will be carried out for professionals working for and with children, including police, child protection services, judiciary and other legal professionals, educators, and health professionals. Phase II does not target pilot regions and provides assistance to the Spanish regions on a case-by-case basis.

- Continue fostering inter-regional working meetings, a key forum where regional authorities share lessons learnt on the Barnahus model and discuss the draft deliverables in the spirit of co-governance, with the aim of encouraging the implementation of the model nationwide. International study visits are additionally foreseen.
- Support the implementation of the [Communication Guide](#), through the development of additional awareness raising materials and campaigns. The focus will be on communicating among various institutions and stakeholders, including children and their families, media and journalists. An implementation report of the Communication Strategy will be drafted.
- Develop child-friendly, age-appropriate materials as part of the Communication Strategy. Building on the successful practice of Phase I, where [children's views](#) were included in the strategic documents, Phase II will continue fostering children's participation through the State Council for Child and Adolescent Participation (CEPIA).