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Conference date : 20 May 2026

Place: De Krook, room Blauwe Vogel (-1), Platteberg 11, Ghent , Belgium or online

All times are in CEST (UTC + 02:00)

Time	Topic
9:00-9:30	Arrival & welcome
9:30 – 9:40	Opening of the day Saar Baert – Ghent University, Belgium
9:40-9:55	Opening remarks Marie-Cécile Rouillon, European Commissioner on the Rights of the Child
9:55-10:10	Introduction to the CHILD project: <i>Towards child-friendly justice after violence against children:</i> Nicholas Spetsidis - Union of Women Associations of Heraklion (UWAH), Crete
10:10-10:35	Strengths and weaknesses on child-friendly justice after violence against children in Europe Prof. Dr. Helena Soletó – Universidad Carlo III de Madrid (UC3M), Spain
10:35–11:00	Coffee break Poster walk on national strengths and weaknesses of child friendly justice
11:00-11:25	Guide for Professionals on Forensic Interviewing and Protection of Child Victims of Violence in Criminal Justice Proceedings Saar Baert, Ghent University, Belgium
11:25- 13:00	Good practices on forensic interviewing of child victims of violence <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Belgian legal framework on forensic interviewing - Raf Tielens, police Belgium- Innovating child forensic interviewing through the Barnahus model: an international journey - Clara Paul, Council of Europe- Implementing the Barnahus model in Spain – Emilie Rivas, Save the Children Spain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interviewing child victims in Romania: A tale of two worlds – Mr. George Visu, Cluj Napoca Court of Appeal, Babeş-Bolyai University <p>Moderator: Prof. dr. Ines Keygnaert – Ghent University, Belgium</p>
13:00-14:15	Lunch break
14:15-14:40	<p>Capacity building of professionals on child friendly justice – experience from CHILD project</p> <p>Pille Tsopp-Pagan - Women’s Support and Information Center (WSIC), Estonia</p>
14:40-16:10	<p>Broadening the Lens: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Child-Friendly Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benoit Van Keirsblick, Child-Friendly Justice European Network (CFJ-EN) - Sara Lembrechts, CESSMIR, Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, Belgium - Emma Hadermann, Leuven Institute of Criminology, KU Leuven, Belgium - Sandra Jovanovic Belotic, European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence - Lucia Dreser, juvenile & family judge, Belgium <p>Moderator: Prof. dr. Cátia Pontedeira – União de Mulheres Alternativa e Resposta (UMAR)</p>
16:10-16:15	<p>Closing remarks & acknowledgements</p> <p>Prof. dr. Ines Keygnaert– Ghent University</p>
16:15-17.15	Reception