

# PRIORITIZING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL CHILDREN IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

## WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT CAN BE DONE



## Invitation to a Policy Discussion

3 June 2015 | 9:00-12:30 AM | Brussels EU Thon Hotel, 75 Rue de La Loi

Children in Europe and neighbouring countries continue to have their rights violated. Yet, only a fraction of them have access to a fair, timely and effective remedy - in other words, very few have access to justice. Justice systems that are not adapted risk victimising children for a second time, doing more harm than providing redress.

What do we know about children in contact with justice systems in EU Members States? How do children experience access to justice in enlargement and Eastern neighbourhood countries? What has been tried and what works in assisting the most vulnerable children in claiming their rights?

This debate is timely as it happens in the morning of the **9th European Forum on the Rights of the Child** dedicated to child protection systems in Europe.

### PANELISTS

Chair: **Caterina Chinnici**, Co-Chair EU Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights

**Susan Bissell**  
UNICEF, Associate Director  
Chief of Child Protection

**Bragi Guðbrandsson**  
Chair of the Council of Europe  
Lanzarote Committee

**Astrid Podsiadlowski**  
FRA, Head of Sector, Rights of the  
Child, Equality and Citizens' Rights

**Sabina Klaneček**  
Ministry of Justice of the Republic  
of Slovenia

**Tam Baillie**  
Scotland's Commissioner for  
Children and Young People  
Chair of ENOC

### Key sessions:

**New evidence on children's  
access to justice**

**The way forward - Implications  
for EU policies and  
programming**

*Other panelists include the European Commission, EEAS and civil society*

*This event is co-organized by UNICEF and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in partnership with the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights.*