

Access to Criminal Justice for Children with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities. International Perspectives.

CAN JUSTICE BE CHILD-FRIENDLY?

International Webinar on Child-Friendly Justice
9 December 2021



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**How can justice become accessible and participatory for children with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities?
What are the barriers for the Individual Assessment to become an effective tool?
Are children with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities receiving the same treatment as local children when
involved in criminal proceedings?**

This International Preconference webinar aims at exchanging experiences and practices about child-friendly regulations and law implementations to ensure the child's best interest within the justice system in Romania and from International perspective.

Special focus will be on legal support and procedural accommodations for children with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities involved in legal procedures as suspects and/or victims with judicial approaches and practices in Romania.

The Preconference webinar will offer broad international participation with the aims to:

- discuss the results of the work of project in Romania and specifically whether it is possible to ensure in Europe inclusive, participatory and child-friendly approach in legal procedures, that affects children with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities
- share existing "promising practices" and instruments in terms of protecting the child's best interest, in particular, the right to an individual assessment
- raise awareness, through the sharing of real experiences, about the impact of the regulations and practices and how to transpose them in different regulations which will be shared with the purpose to identify some of the related challenges but also proposing some concrete solutions in the justice system.

AGENDA

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12:00 CET	Introduction	
	Georgiana Iorgulescu Executive Director, Centre for Legal Resources	Opening Remarks
	Bruno Monteiro Project Manager, Validity Foundation	Introduction of the Project <i>Can justice be Child-Friendly?</i>
	Panel 1	<i>Challenges, from an international and national perspectives, faced by children with disabilities victims and suspects or accused of committing a crime</i>
12:20	Gábor Gombos Selfrepresentative, former Member of the CRPD Committee	<i>Challenges facing children with disabilities – the need for procedural accommodation</i>
12:40	Giuseppe Divita Project Manager, PRISM Impresa Sociale s.r.l.	<i>EU models for Child-Friendly Courts. Presentation of models of individual assessment in name of the child's best interest from Italy</i>
13:10	Aleksandra Ivankovic Deputy Director, Victim Support Europe	<i>Inspirational International practices for justice accomodation</i>
13:40	Adina Codreș Psychologist, Senior advisor, National Authority for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Children and Adoption, Romania	<i>Making Individual Assessments accessible – barriers faced by practitioners</i>
14:00	Wrap-up session Panel 1	
14:20	BREAK	

Panel 2

Latest developments in the international framework regarding children with disabilities rights in the child justice systems

14:30	Georgiana Pascu Program Manager, Center for Legal Resources	<i>Putting disability in context – children with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities in Romania</i>
14:40	Ioana Mihaela Morar Deputy Director, National Authority for Penitenciaras (ANP)	<i>Current coordinates on the assistance of juveniles with disabilities within the Romanian prison system.</i>
15:30	Phenny Kakama Child protection specialist, UNICEF Europe and Asia Office	<i>Access to justice for children with disabilities: Breaking down barriers.</i>
15:50	Janet E. Lord Senior Advisor to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	<i>Protecting the rights of children with disabilities to justice from CRPD</i>
16:20	Wrap-up session Panel 1 and Webinar Conclusions	