

PROMISE

Launching the European Barnahus Movement

Conference Programme

14th of June, 2017

Venue: European Committee of the Regions

Bâtiment Jacques Delors, Rue Belliard 99-101, Room JDE51, Brussels

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 #EUBarnahus

The first Barnahus (Children's House) in Europe was established in 1998 in Iceland. The Barnahus is an important point of reference for the growing interest in multi-disciplinary and interagency services for child victims and witnesses in Europe. Child victims or witnesses of violence are received in a child-friendly environment in the Barnahus, where relevant disciplines and agencies cooperate under one roof to safeguard the needs of the child and avoid retraumatisation. The interview with the child is recorded and used as evidence in court. Evidence show that the child in the Barnahus setting is more likely to disclose, which is fundamental to securing a successful judicial process. The PROMISE project has since 2015 been part of consolidating and strengthening the Barnahus movement in Europe by exchanging learning and providing quality standards and tools. In PROMISE II, the project aims to support national level implementation, capacity building and cooperation.

9.00 – 09.45 Registration and coffee

09.45 Opening of the Conference

Ms Turid Heiberg, Coordinator of the PROMISE project

10.00 Key Note Speech

Ms Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice,
Consumers and Gender Equality

10.15 Prevalence and Impact of Violence against Children in Europe

Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative to the
UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children

10.30 Introducing the European Barnahus Movement

Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson, Lead Expert in the PROMISE project:
From Iceland to the European Barnahus movement
Child-friendly justice and care in practice
The opportunities in Europe



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11.00 The Barnahus model: Multi-disciplinary and interagency response to violence against children in Europe

Chair: Mr Carl Göran Svedin

Mr Erio Ziglio, former Director of the European Office for Investment for Health and Development of the WHO

Mr Hjörtur Aðalsteinsson, Chief Judge at the District Court of Sudurland, Iceland

Mr Tuomas Kurttila, Chair of ENOC and Ombudsman for Children in Finland

Ms Anna M Petersson, Barnahus Linköping, Sweden

12.00 Lunch

13.00 The Barnahus model: Embodying children's rights

Chair: Ms Rebecca O'Donnell

Ms Susan Bissell, Director, the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children

Mr Claude Janizzi, Chair of the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe

Ms Margaret Tuite, European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child

Ms Åsa Landberg, Independent Expert, Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Sweden

14.30 Coffee break

15.00 The Barnahus Quality Standards

Illustrations of Good Barnahus Practice in Europe

Chair: Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson

Ms Olivia Lind Haldorsson, Senior Researcher, PROMISE: Introducing the PROMISE Good Practice Standards

Ms Ólöf Ásta Farestveit, Head of the Icelandic Barnahus: Forensic interviews and the court proceedings

Ms Resmiye Oral, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of Iowa, USA: Medical evaluation for forensic purposes and the child's physical wellbeing

Ms Gordana B Flander, Director Centre for Child Protection, Croatia: Short and long term psychological support

Ms Janet van Bavel, Project Leader Kenter, Jeugdhulp, Netherlands: Enabling inter-agency information exchange

Questions and Discussion

17.00 Closing of the Conference

Mr Peter van der Linden, Service Exchange Coordinator, PROMISE

Ms Turid Heiberg, Coordinator of the PROMISE project



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