



Towards a child friendly justice in Europe

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The vision

- ▶ Since 1949
- ▶ 47 States
- ▶ Values and objectives

Human rights
Democracy
Rule of Law



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The action

5 main tools

- ▶ **Legal standards**
- ▶ **Monitoring**
- ▶ **Policies**
- ▶ **Assistance**
- ▶ **Awareness raising and capacity building**



▶ **Action for children's rights**

Programme "Building a Europe for and with children"

- ▶ **promote children's rights**
- ▶ **eliminate all forms of violence**
 - **specific action for specific forms of violence**
 - **national integrated strategies**



Integrated strategies

- **Culture of children's rights**
- **Culture of cooperation**
- **Framework: laws, policies and institutions**
- **Research**
- **Child friendly services and mechanisms**



Council of Europe approach to Children and Justice

1. Putting Children's Rights at the heart

- **The CoE key human rights instruments**
- **Integration of the children's rights perspective in other standards and actions**
 - Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states:
 - on European rules on community sanctions and measures (1992)
 - on mediation in penal matters (1999)
 - concerning new ways of dealing with juvenile delinquency and the role of juvenile justice (2003)
 - on the Rights of Children living in institutions (2005)
 - on assistance to crime victims (2006)
 - European Rules on juvenile offenders subject to sanctions or measures (2008)- 142 rules !
 - Child Friendly Justice guidelines (2010)



2. Holistic and Integrated approach

- **All situations in which children come in contact with the justice system**
- **Justice as a piece of a bigger puzzle: relations with social, health, family and education policies, the media and the private sector**



3. Involving and mobilising all stakeholders and networks

- **To analyse trends, address new issues, set standards and support their implementation**
 - Venice Commission
 - Consultative Councils of magistrates and prosecutors
 - Conferences of Ministers of Justice and other experts Committees,
 - Ombudsman networks, Civil Society, Children





4. Monitoring progress and effectiveness

- **Committee of the prevention of torture**
- **Commission for the Efficiency of Justice**
- **Conference of Directors of prisons administration (2011)**



5. Creating synergies and communicating to

- **consolidate progress achieved**
- **better resist to attempts to question values and principles and**
- **keep making progress!**



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