

“Listening to children and involving them in the promotion and implementation of their rights”

ENOC 14th Annual Meeting

7-9 October 2010

European Youth Centre
Strasbourg / France

The 2010 **ENOC Annual Conference and General Assembly** will take place in the premises of the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe Strasbourg.

Its main theme will be: “*Listening to children and involving them in the promotion and implementation of their rights.*”

This year, ENOC attempts for the first time to combine ombudspersons’ meeting with a gathering of representatives of youth advisory panels / groups from ENOC members across Europe, aiming at their collaboration and interaction.

After taking stock of children and young people’s input throughout the year on the proposed topics of **violence, education, health, privacy and the risks linked to the use of new technologies**, the 2010 Annual Conference will provide a unique opportunity:

- to develop the possibility for young people to express their views, analysis and proposals concerning topics related to children’s rights in a framework that exceeds the national boundaries. It is expected that young people from 15 member states will take part in the Annual Conference in a parallel meeting to this of ENOC members,
- to allow interaction between ombudspersons and young people on the content of the chosen proposals,
- to present and promote dialogue on recent international developments in the field of implementation and defense of children’s rights,
- to serve as a forum for the exchange of good practices, strategies, key researches, ideas, models and campaigns between ENOC members themselves and between ENOC member institutions and stakeholders, i.e. the Council of Europe, the European Commission, the European Parliament, The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, UNICEF, etc,
- to discuss the current challenges and threats faced by Children’s Ombuds institutions in Europe, in particular related to the financial crisis,
- to adopt commonly constructed recommendations based on the proposals submitted by ENOC members and their young advisors.

Before the Annual Meeting, working groups established with the participation of ENOC members, coordinated by members of its Bureau and operating via internet, have attempted to formulate some proposals that will be discussed with the young advisors during the Conference. Similarly youth leaders responsible for the co-ordination of youth panels have collaborated to facilitate the young persons’ contribution to the debate. The conference is expected to lead to conclusions and recommendations that will hopefully be disseminated afterwards at national and at European level.

Thursday 7 October 2010

(Plenary session, room: S.01)

Moderator: Ms. Dominique VERSINI, ENOC Chair

- 08.30: Registration of participants
- 09.00: Welcome by Ms. Dominique Versini, ENOC Chair
Introduction to the programme, George Moschos
- 09.15: **“Supporting a strategic approach to children’s rights”**
Foreword by Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Questions and Discussion
- 09.45: **“The current stage of the European strategy on the Rights of the Child – The E.U. programme on fundamental rights”**
Mr. Aleksandar Romanovic, Children’s Rights Coordinator, Fundamental Rights and Union Citizenship, DG Justice, European Commission
Questions and Discussion
- 10.15: **“The role of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in combating threats faced by Children’s Ombuds institutions - Introducing the General Comment n°12 on child participation”**
Mr. Jean Zermatten, Vice Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
Questions and Discussion
- 10.50: **“The implementation of the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence”**
Ms Marta Santos Pais, UN Special Representative on Violence against Children
Coffee break
- 11.30: ENOC Business:
- Report on the ENOC annual activities by the ENOC Chair
- Financial report by the Treasurer: approval of the 2009 accounts and 2010 budget

- Election of the Chairpersons for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 and of the members of the Bureau (Secretary and Treasurer)

13.00-14.30: Lunch break

Moderator: Ms. Maria Kaisa AULA

- 14.30: Presentations by members
(Every member will make a short intervention, 2-3 minutes maximum (300 words), on the basis of its summary annual report which should have been sent to the secretariat before the event. A power point presentation of 3 slides, which will include the main characteristics of the institution and the most important and innovative activities of the year will help each intervention.)
- 17.00: Coffee break**
- 17.30: Presentation of the Council of Europe Guidelines on Child Friendly Justice
Speaker: Ankie Vandekerckhove, Council of Europe expert advisor
Foreword by Mr. Edo Korfjan, Council of Europe Public and Private Law Division
- 18.00: Closure of the first day meeting
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- 19.00-20.30: Reception hosted by the Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe of Finland and Ambassador Irma ERTMAN.
Address: 31, quai Mullenheim 67000 Strasbourg

Friday 8 October 2010

(Plenary session, room: S.01)

Moderator: Mr. George MOSCHOS

09.00: “Access to Justice ENOC Working Group”

Ms. Leda Koursoumba, Chair of the working-group

Questions and Discussion

“Progress on drafting of the new Optional Protocol to provide a communications procedure for the CRC”

Mr. Peter Newell, ENOC Expert Adviser

09.30: Parallel workshop sessions

Topics: **Violence** (plenary room: S.01) – **Health** (room: S.3.1).

Participants are divided into two groups, each of which focuses on one topic. The session starts with a keynote speech by the coordinator of the working group, summarizing the contributions of members and presenting proposals for discussion. Two relevant good practices are presented by members. Then, participants discuss in small groups of 5 the presented proposals. Lastly, they assemble and discuss together the proposals that will be included in the agenda of the debate with the young advisors.

11.00: Coffee Break

11.30: Parallel sessions (2nd part):

Topics: **Education** (plenary room: S.01) – **Internet** (room: S.3.1)

Following the above pattern

13.00 – 14.30: Lunch break

Moderators: Ms. Emily LOGAN and Mr. George MOSCHOS

(This session will take place in the Palais de l'Europe, Room 5)

14.30 – 16.00: **Joint session: Ombudspersons and young advisors in open debate**

Opening of the session-“*The value of listening to children*”

By **Mr. Thomas HAMMARBERG**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights:

In the following, young persons address comments and proposals to the ombudspersons, who react to them and discuss. Ombudspersons also ask the young persons’ opinion on the proposals they have prepared so far. All proposals are listed and presented in power point. For every topic, 20 minutes are dedicated to young advisors’ proposals/questions and 20 minutes to ombudspersons proposals/questions.

→ Education

→ Violence

→ Health

→ New technologies

16.00: Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.30: Joint session: Ombudspersons and young advisors in open debate (continuation and conclusion)

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19.15: **Reception hosted by the Mayor of Strasbourg**

Address: 9 Place Broglie



Saturday 9 October 2010

(Plenary session, room: S.01)

Moderator: Elected ENOC Chair

**9.00: Evaluation of the Ombudspersons and young advisors
in open debate and outcomes**

10.00: Adoption of ENOC recommendations on strengthening the
Children's Ombuds institutions in Europe
(Produced during the ENOC Malta meeting)
Introduction by Mr. Peter Newell, ENOC Expert Adviser

11.00: Coffee break

11.20: Presentation of two good practice/innovative projects

11.50: Discussion and brainstorming about 2011 annual
conference's main topic and ENOC activities throughout the year.

13.00: Closure.

13.00: Lunch break