



ENOC/UNICEF

Capacity Building Seminar

(For newly established or newly appointed Ombudspersons for Children¹ in Europe)

16 May 2017, Sofia

Seminar venue: Office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
George Washington str. 22
1202 Sofia/Bulgaria

DRAFT Programme

<p><i>Starting time:</i> 9:00 am</p>	<p>1. Role of ICRI's (Independent Children's Rights Institutions). Independence. Relations with different sectors and institutions.</p>
<p><i>Coffee/tea break</i></p>	<p><i>Ms. Vanessa Sedletzki, human and children's rights expert</i></p> <p><i>Discussion: How ICRI's operate in an independent manner and deal/interact with legislative, judiciary and executive powers?</i></p> <p>2. Mandate: Monitoring, Advocacy, Investigative powers, Handling individual complaints.</p>
<p><i>Lunch</i></p>	<p><i>Discussion: How do you organise field visits - and interviews with children/young people (different children settings such as care centres, care institutions, hospitals, schools and etc.), how to ensure complaints mechanisms are "friendly" and accessible to children?</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children, Ireland</i></p> <p>3. Promotion of children's voice and their direct contact with Ombudspersons for Children's Offices.</p>
<p><i>Coffee/tea</i></p>	<p><i>Ms. Stamatia Papadimitriou, Senior Investigator, Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights, Greece</i></p> <p><i>Mr. George Moschos, Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights, Greece</i></p> <p><i>Discussion: How do you consult children and/or involve children in your daily activity or what kind of Projects do you implement with and for</i></p>

¹ Or General Human Rights Institutions having the explicit mandate to protect and promote children's rights.



<i>break</i>	<i>children?</i>
End: 5.30 pm	<p>4. Collaborating with civil society, international partners and Treaty Bodies.</p> <p><i>Discussion: What is the added value and how do you collaborate with civil society, international partners and treaty bodies, including in the context of monitoring and advocating for children's rights?</i></p> <p>5. How to secure and improve visibility of ICRIIs?</p> <p><i>Dr. Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children, Ireland</i> <i>Mr. Marek Michalak, Ombudsman for Children, Poland</i></p>

Wednesday 17 May (9.30 am-12.00)

A Round Table organised by UNICEF and Bulgaria's Ombudsman's Office for exchange of experience between Ombudspersons

This will be an opportunity for Ombudspersons to exchange experience and lessons learned amongst each other and build networks.