



Children on the move

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European Network of Ombudspersons for Children

**ENOC 17th Annual Conference “Children on the move:
children first!”**

ENOC 17th General Assembly meeting

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**ATELIERS DES TANNEURS
Rue des Tanneurs, 60
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)

The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) is a not-for-profit association of independent children's rights institutions (ICRIs). Its mandate is to facilitate the promotion and protection of the rights of children, as formulated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

- to serve as a forum of colleagues for the exchange of information, capacity-building and professional support among the members
- to promote and safeguard children's rights and to work on strategies for the fullest possible implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- to promote the establishment of independent children's rights institutions (ICRIs) in countries worldwide and offer support to such initiatives
- to stimulate contacts and support with and among other ICRIs worldwide and their networks.

ENOC was established in 1997 and as of 2008 has an independent Secretariat in Strasbourg, with office accommodation provided by the Council of Europe. Since 2008, ENOC is financially supported by the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme of the European Commission.

By 2013 it has grown to include 43 member institutions in 35 countries, including in 24 of the 28 EU member states.

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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2013

08:00 – 09:15 Registration /Welcoming Coffee

OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremonies: David Lallemand, Communication Advisor to the General Delegate for Children’s Rights, Belgium (French Community)

Morning session

09:15 – 09:30 **Welcoming Address, *Mr. Bernard De Vos*, ENOC Chair elect and General Delegate for Children’s Rights, Belgium (French Community), and *Ms. Leda Koursoumba*, ENOC Chair and Commissioner for Children’s Rights, Cyprus**

Moderator: Tamara Luksic-Orlandic, ENOC Treasurer

09:30 – 11:15 Keynote Speeches

- **“The Rights of all children in the context of International migration”, *Mr. Bernard Gastaud*, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**
- **“The right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts (art. 31) - Introducing General Comment n° 17 of the UNCRC”, *Ms. Theresa Casey*, President of the International Play Association (IPA)**

Discussions

11:15 Departure for the European Parliament

12:00 Reception at the European Parliament. Presentation of the teaser of the ENOC documentary on “Children on the move” followed by a debate with European parliamentarians



Afternoon session**Moderator: Tam Baillie, ENOC Secretary**

- 14:30 – 14:45 Presentation of ENOC’s annual activities by *Ms. Leda Koursoumba*, ENOC Chair and Commissioner for Children’s Rights, Cyprus
- 14:45 – 15:05 **“Presentation of the preliminary results of a research evaluating the impact of Ombudspersons for Children across Europe”**, *Mr. Nigel Thomas*, Professor of Childhood and Youth Research, University of Central Lancashire, and *Ms Sara Imanian*, PhD student, University of Central Lancashire
- 15:05 – 15:20 **“Championing Children’s Rights: Introducing the Global Study of Independent Human Rights Institutions conducted by UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre”**, *Ms. Vanessa Sedletzki*, International consultant, main author of the Study
- 15:30 – 16:15 Presentation and interactive discussion on proposed thematic activities of the ENOC members - parallel workshops: session 1 (3 workshops)
- 16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:15 Presentation and interactive discussion on proposed thematic activities of the ENOC members - parallel workshops: session 2 (3 parallel workshops)
- 17:15 – 18:00 Presentation and interactive discussion on proposed thematic activities of the ENOC members - parallel workshops: session 3 (3 workshops)
- 18: 15 Departure for the Parliament of French-speaking Community of Belgium
- 18:30 – 21:30 Evening programme: Reception at the Parliament of the French-speaking Community/Wallonia-Brussels Federation**



DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2013

08:30 – 09:00 Welcoming Coffee

CONFERENCE WORKS (Continued)

Moderator: Leda Koursoumba, ENOC Chair

Morning session

09:00 – 09:20 **Introduction to the Conference theme, *Mr. Yves Pascouau***, senior analyst on European migration and diversity at the European Policy Centre

09:20 – 10:00 **“The European Convention on Human Rights and the rights of children on the move”, *Ms. Françoise Tulkens***, former judge and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights

10:00 – 10:20 **“Unaccompanied and separated children and children in an irregular migration situation” *Ms. Georgia Dimitropoulou***, expert at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

10:20 – 10:40 **“Guidance on Best Interests Determinations for separated migrant children”, *Ms. Andrea Vonkeman***, Senior Policy Officer, Policy and Legal Support Unit, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **Presentation and screening of the ENOC documentary on “Children on the move”, *Mr. DavidALLEMAND***, Communication Advisor to the General Delegate for Children’s Rights, Belgium (French Community)

Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch at Les Ateliers des Tanneurs



Afternoon session

- 14: 00 – 15:30 **Parallel Workshops on “Children on the move”**
- Workshop 1: “Unaccompanied/separated children”, **Moderator: Bruno Vanobbergen**
 - Workshop 2: “Unaccompanied/separated children”, **Moderator: Tamara Luksic-Orlandic**
 - Workshop 3 : “migrant families (intra-European migration, reception conditions, etc.)”, **Moderator: Tam Baillie**

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END OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

ENOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY (for ENOC Members only)

Chair: Leda Koursoumba, ENOC Chair

15:45 – 17:00 Discussion on the draft statement on “children on the move” to be submitted to the General Assembly (closed for external invitees)

19:00 **Evening programme: Dinner hosted by the General Delegate for Children’s Rights**



DAY 3 – FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2013**ENOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY (for ENOC Members only)**

08:30 – 09:00 Welcoming Coffee

Chair: Leda Koursoumba, ENOC Chair

09:00 – 09:30 Cooperation with other networks (CRIN, Child Rights Connect, Eurochild...)

09:30 – 09:45 Election of new Bureau members

Chair: Bernard De Vos, ENOC Chair

09:45 – 10:30

- Presentation of ENOC annual activities, *Ms. Leda Koursoumba*, ENOC Chair for the period 2012-2013 and Commissioner for Children's Rights, Cyprus
- Presentation and approval of the ENOC accounts, *Ms. Tamara Luksic-Orlandic*, ENOC Treasurer for the period 2012-2013, and Deputy Ombudsman for the Rights of the Child, Ombudsman of the Republic of Serbia
- Proposal for reviewing the system of membership fees, *Mr. Stephan Durviaux*, Advisor to the General Delegate for Children's Rights, Belgium (French Community)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00

- Introduction of ENOC Handbook on the application for membership process, *Ms. Emily Logan*, Ombudsman for Children, Ireland
- Brainstorming about the future activities of ENOC and Working Groups (2013-2014)
- Any other business

END OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12:00 Lunch at Les Ateliers des Tanneurs

12:00- 13:00 Bureau Meeting (For Bureau Members only)



