



European Network of Ombudspersons for Children



ENOC 25th Annual Conference

**“COVID-19 & Children's Rights:
Learning for the Future”**

Athens, Greece

27-28 September 2021

ENOC Annual
Conference

29 September 2021

ENOC Annual
General Assembly

Institut Français de Grèce
31 Sina str., Athens



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► 09.00-10.00

Registration and refreshments

► 10.00-10.45

Conference Opening Addresses

Andreas Pottakis *Greek Ombudsman*

Bruce Adamson *ENOC Chair, Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland*

Theoni Koufonikolakou *ENOC Chair-elect, Deputy Ombudswoman for Children's Rights, Greece*

Ewa Kopacz *Vice President of the European Parliament and Coordinator on children's rights*

Dubravka Šuica *European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography*

ENYA opening video

► 10.45-11.30

Presentation of ENOC's report "COVID-19-learning for the future": Findings and Challenges

Simon Hoffman *Professor of International Human Rights and Joint Coordinator of the Observatory on Human Rights of Children at Swansea University*

Rhian Croke *Independent Children's Rights Adviser/Researcher*

► 11.30-11.45

Break and Refreshments

► 11.45-12.45

Panel discussion on child mental health during the pandemic crisis

Moderator:

Theoni Koufonikolakou *ENOC Chair-elect, Deputy Ombudswoman for Children's Rights, Greece*

Gerasimos A. Kolaitis *Professor of Child Psychiatry, Head of Department of Child Psychiatry, Athens University Medical School*

George Nikolaidis *Psychiatrist, former Chair of CoE's Lanzarote Committee, Director of Department of Mental Health and Social Welfare, Institute for Child Health*

George Giannakopoulos *Child Psychiatrist, Assistant Professor of Child Psychiatry, Athens University Medical School*

Sally Holland *Children's Commissioner for Wales*

Q & A

► 12.45-13.30

Presentation of the ENOC-UNICEF project

Afshan Khan *Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia UNICEF*

Véronique Lerch *Expert of the ENOC-UNICEF project*

Vanessa Sedletzki *Expert of the ENOC-UNICEF project*

► 13.30-14.30 Lunch

► 14.30-14.50

Initiatives of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) - Council of Europe

Maria-Andriani KOSTOPOULOU *Chair of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), Council of Europe*

Day 1

27th September 2021

A deep dive into the impact of the crisis

► 14.50-16.00

Workshops Session on the impact of COVID-19 measures under the spectrum of UNCRC general principles (non-discrimination, best interests, survival and development & the views of the child)

- The Right to Education
(Moderator Kjersti Botnan Larsen)
- The Right to Health
(Moderator Elisabeth Dahlin)
- The Right to Protection from Violence and Abuse
(Moderator Bruce Adamson)
- The Right to an adequate standard of living
(Moderator Koulla Yiasouma)
- The Right to participation
(Moderator Theoni Koufonikolakou)

► 16.00-16.20

Coffee Break

► 16.20-17.30

Plenary Session: Feedback from Workshop rapporteurs and discussion

Moderator:

Koulla YIASOUMA Northern Ireland
Commissioner for Children and Young People

► 19.00-23.00

Evening Programme

► 13.00-14.00

Lunch

Day 2

28th September 2021

ENYA Recommendations and ENOC's next steps

► 09.30-10.00

Refreshments

► 10.00 -13.00

ENYA 2021 Project:
Let's talk young, let's talk about
the impact of COVID-19
on children's rights

► 14.00-15.00

Panel Discussion: What's next?
A strategy for the future

Moderator:

Bruce Adamson ENOC Chair, Children & Young
People's Commissioner Scotland

Velina Todorova Vice Chair of the UN
Committee on the Rights of the Child

Valeria Setti European Commission
Coordinator for the rights of the child

Regina Jensdottir Head of the Children's Rights
Division Council of Europe

Dragoş Pişlaru Member of the European
Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup
on Children's Rights

Q & A

Day 2

28th September 2021

ENYA Recommendations and ENOC's next steps

► 15.00-16.30

Plenary session: Update from ENOC members on positive recent child right related developments in their jurisdiction.

Moderator:

Caroline Vrijens, *Children's Rights Commissioner (Flemish), Belgium*

► 16.30-16.40

Closing of ENOC Conference

► 16.40-17.00

Coffee Break

► 09.30-10.00

Refreshments

► 10.00-10.45

Opening of Annual General Assembly

Moderator:

Bruce Adamson *ENOC Chair (2020-2021), Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland*

- Election of new ENOC Bureau

- Discussion on Membership Application Working Group

► 17.00-18.00

Discussion on ENOC's Position Statements
(only for ENOC members):

- COVID-19 & Children's Rights: Learning for the Future

- Violations of the Human Rights of Children on the Move in the context of pushbacks

► 19.30-21.30

Optional Athens Sightseeing Guided Walking Tour

Day 3

29th September 2021

ENOC 25th General Assembly (only for ENOC members)

► 10.45-13.00

Moderator:

Theoni Koufonikolakou

ENOC Chair (2021-2022),

Deputy Ombudswoman for Children's Rights, Greece

- Presentation of ENOC annual activities

- Presentation and approval of ENOC annual accounts

- Endorsement of ENOC position statements

- Update on progress from the Working Group on Standards & Values

- Discussion on next year's priorities

► 13.00 Lunch