

ENOC Spring Seminar Day 2

“The role of Independent Children’s Rights Institutions in Europe: current challenges”



10 June 2022

Venue: [Novotel Warsaw Centre](#)

Warsaw, Poland

Draft Agenda

09.30 – 10.00	Participants arrival & registration
Moderator: Caroline Vrijens, Commissioner for Children, Belgium (Flanders)	
10.00 – 10.10	Seminar opening & welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Theoni Koufonikolakou, ENOC Chairperson, Deputy Ombudswoman for Children’s Rights, Greece
10.10 – 11.00	Introduction to General Comment n°2 and to Paris Principles: the importance of Independent Children’s Rights Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Prof. Ursula Kilkelly, Professor of Law, University College Cork
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Panel discussion: experiences and learnings from different children’s rights offices across ENOC
12.30 – 12.45	Wrap-up and launch of a survey led by Prof. Kilkelly
12.45 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Factors for effective operation of ICRI: Ombudspersons’ experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Adequate powers, operational efficiency, accountability, strategic litigation – Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland ✚ Providing effective remedies, visibility, accessibility – Theoni Koufonikolakou, Deputy Ombudswoman for Children’s Rights, Greece ✚ Child Participation & Empowerment – Suzanne Garcia Imbernon, Office of the Commissioner for Children, Malta
15.00 – 15.45	Workshops on experience sharing on the ‘effectiveness factors’

	 5 groups each discussing any or all of the factors
15.45 – 16.00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16.00 - 16.45	Reporting back from the groups in plenary
16.45 - 17.00	Closing remarks and way forward  Theoni Koufonikolakou, ENOC Chairperson
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