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EUROPEAN SEMINAR ON MONITORING SYSTEMS OF CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse: which kind of data for monitoring?

Florence, Istituto degli Innocenti

18 January 2007

Seminar Programme

- 8.30** Registration
- 9.00** Welcome address
- 9.30** **Introduction to the Seminar**
Main results of the ChildONEurope survey on national systems of statistics and registration on child abuse
Ms. Donata BIANCHI, ChildONEurope Secretariat, Italian National Childhood and Adolescence Analysis Centre
- 10.00** **First session, plenary – Why should we collect data on child abuse?**
Data collection and monitoring as a mean for the implementation of children's rights
Ms. Susan BISSELL, Senior Project Officer, UNICEF's International Research Centre (UNICEF-IRC)
A picture on the state of the art: the results from the United Nations Study on Violence against Children
Ms. Amaya GILLESPIE, Director of the Secretariat of the UN Study on Violence Against Children
EUROSTAT experience on the matter of the harmonisation of data at European level
Mr. Ian DENNIS member of unit F3 responsible for Living Conditions and social protection statistics, EUROSTAT
- 11.00** **Coffee break**
- 11.20** **Second session, plenary – Models and Experiences on monitoring**
Methodological issues on child abuse data collection
Ms. Barbara FALLON, Manager, Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse & Neglect, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto – Canada
The Protection Register in England: the use of data as a concrete advantage for policy planning
Ms. Jenny GRAY, Policy adviser, Department for Education and Skills – United Kingdom
Work in progress: the implementation process of a national monitoring system in France
Mr. Paul DURNING, General Director, Observatoire National de l'Enfance en Danger (ONED) – France
The public health approach to preventing child maltreatment
Mr. Dinesh SETHI, Technical Officer, Violence and injury prevention, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe

13.05 Start-up and presentation of working groups

13.15 Lunch

14.30 Third session – Working groups

1. The advantages of the collection of data for policies and intervention

- a. Chairperson: Ms. Rosa CLEMENTE, Assistant of the Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity - Portugal
- b. Resource person: “The USA experience of an existing system for collecting data and monitoring the incidence of child abuse”, Mr. John FLUKE, Vice President for Research, Walter R. McDonald & Associates, Inc. – USA

2. How to build a good system of collecting data: criteria and processes

- a. Chairperson: Ms. Annita KONI, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Family Violence, Head of the Family and Child Service of the Social Welfare Service of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance – Cyprus
- b. Resource person: Ms. Françoise MULKAY, Researcher, Observatoire de l'Enfance, de la Jeunesse et de l'Aide à la Jeunesse de la Communauté française de la Belgique – Belgium

3. Integration between sectoral data and the general one for outlining qualitative and quantitative indicators on the phenomenon

- a. Chairperson: Ms. Monique BORSEMBERGER, Researcher, Centre d'Etude de Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-Economiques (CEPS) – Luxembourg
- b. Resource person: Mr. Roberto RICCIOTTI, Statistician, National Childhood and Adolescence Documentation and Analysis Centre - Italy

16.30 Fourth section, plenary – Outcomes and Future Steps

a. Report of the working session outcomes

b. “Building a Europe for and with Children”

Ms. Elda MORENO, Programme Manager, Council of Europe

c. “The rights of the child in the European Union”

Mr. Patrick TROUSSON, Deputy Head of Unit JLS/C4JLS Coordinator for Children's Rights, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission, European Union

17.30 Conclusions

18.00 Cocktail



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Aims:

- **analysing** the institutional and normative framework explaining the need for a concrete effort in data collection and monitoring on the phenomenon of child abuse, and the state of the art
- **disseminating** the results of the survey on child abuse undertaken by ChildONEurope
- **sharing** knowledge on the ongoing experiences in EU Countries and at international level
- **identifying** methodological issues and minimum common criteria and basic principles for the development of national systems of data on child abuse and for setting up the basis for data comparison at European level

Targets:

- ChildONEurope Members and Associated Members
- Representatives of the Intergovernmental Group *L'Europe de l'Enfance*
- Experts from national or international organisations e.g. Unicef, Eurostat, European Union, Council of Europe, etc
- Other experts in the field

Seminar structures:

The Seminar will have two plenary sessions, a third session with working groups and a final one again in plenary for the reporting from working groups, additional contributions and conclusions.

The sessions are organised as follows:

- **introduction** dedicated to the report of the final results of the ChildONEurope survey on child abuse;
- a first **plenary session** aiming at giving a **general framework** on the reasons to collect data on child abuse, in particular: underlying that data collection and monitoring should be considered as a mean for the national and international implementation of children's rights; presenting the state of the art of data on child abuse and policies affecting the living conditions of children as the matters are depicted by the UN study on violence against children and by the EUROSTAT work for the harmonisation of EU statistics;
- a **second plenary session** dedicated to a presentation on methodological issues and on existing systems for monitoring the incidence of child abuse developed at European and extra-European level;
- a **third session** will be organised in **working groups**. In each group there will be a resource person who will introduce the topic with a in-depth contribution which should give the floor to the discussion among participants. The **working groups** will be devoted to the identification and discussion of **critical points and good methodological and operational criteria**, which will be proposed by chairpersons and resource persons. The aim is to draft a final document presenting results of the working groups and further steps towards the identification of minimum shared guidelines for the implementation of national data collection and monitoring system on child abuse;
- finally a **fourth plenary session** aimed first of all at **reporting the results of the working groups** and secondly at focusing on the European engagements in this field with a contribution by the EU and the Council of Europe, followed by a debate and a closing intervention.