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Enhancing the capacity of legal & justice professionals on forensic interview procedures for child victims and witnesses of violence



“We always need to know the victim’s story”
The ENCLAVE PROJECT

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The Context

- The **2012/29/EU Directive** establishes minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime for Member States;
- Many Member States' judicial codes and procedures seem to **partially implement** the Directive;
- **Lack of capacity** of professionals involved in the process (legal, justice and victims support organizations) regarding the **forensic investigation of crimes & violence against children**;
- Local reports and assessments by engaged entities highlight the **poor levels of implementation of the forensic investigation** and judicial process;
- Critical need to ensure **children safety & mental welfare** during investigation.



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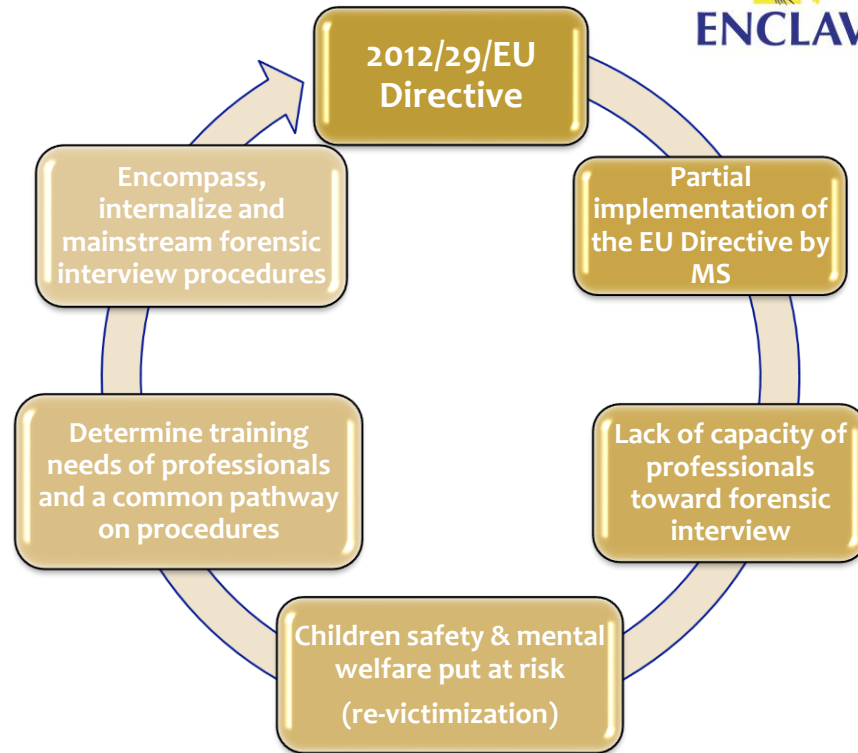
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Project Context

The 2-year EC funded project, aims at analyzing the context and procedures, and determine the training needs of **legal and criminal justice professionals and victims' support services** at 5 EU countries (**EL, ES, IT, BE, EE**) towards the maximization of the application of the Directive 2012/29/EU.



Project Context: Aims



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Project Context: Activities

- Context analysis
- Benchmark protocol
- Comparative country report
- Training for legal and justice professionals
- Training for victim support professionals
- Advocacy meetings with policy makers
- Webinar for victim support professionals
- Transnational seminar and Final Conference



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The aim:

- To understand the context and organize a comparison mechanism
- highlight “good and bad practices” and provide room for discussion – brainstorming
- To set up a “practice standards” agenda and promote the “change”
national/European level
 - National and international context
- Develop a data base and material available to professionals at any level of engagement (maximize awareness)
- Training and evaluation of material – processes and levels of collaboration
 - **Need for cross professional training – promotion of multiagency**
- Discuss the next steps - Discuss at a wider context of research (World Society of Victimology / EU research)
- **Raise the topic at the agenda**



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ENCLAVE's remarks

- Poor implementation of the Directive
- To design and implement similar processes to raise the capacity of relevant professionals
- Introduce and implement multiagency collaboration
 - *Need for a collaborative action of legal community and social Services to maximise safety of child*
 - **Trauma informed care activities** at any level of abstraction !
- Sensitize the justice community on the process and accuracy of implementation of the process for the welfare of the child
- To set the **minimal safety standards** for the child who is victim / witness of violence applied to EU



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ENCLAVE's path..

- ✓ Capacity Building of professionals
- ✓ Poor / partial implementation of processes
- ✓ Ensure children safety



- *Minimal standards for the safety maximisation for children victims witnesses of any form of violence*
- *Trauma informed care / approach at any level of engagement*
- *Institutionalised multiagency collaboration covering all levels of the process*



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