

ENCLAVE

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

NEWSLETTER OF THE PROJECT ENCLAVE



MAIN PROJECT OUTPUTS:

- **BENCHMARK** PROTOCOL
- COMPARATIVE REPORT & POLICY RECOMMENDATION
- NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT
- TRAINING MATERIAL FOR PROFESSIONALS
- **GUIDELINES FOR VICTIM SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS**

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ENCLAVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

The ENCLAVE project partners from Belgium, Estonia, Greece, Italy, and Spain conducted research through interviews and focus groups in order to assess professionals' needs when working with minor victims/witnesses of violence. The results were integrated into the analytical report on professional training needs and the educational materials for professionals developed in the ENCLAVE Project. The key findings of the Transnational Comparative Report and the Benchmark Protocol Focus regarding the gaps and needs of professionals working with minor victims/witnesses of

violence are also included and presented in the Needs Assessment Report.

WEBINAR FOR VICTIM SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

The webinar organized on the 20th of January 2023, presented the conclusion of the training courses carried out in the partner countries. During the webinar the project and the main achieved results were introduced: the Comparative Report among the partner countries, the Reference Protocol, the training material and the training for the professionals of the judicial sector, the Guidelines and the capacity building carried out for victim support organizations, the developed database of victim support organizations, and the available resources for communication. The webinar recording is available **HERE**.

Conference "Supporting Child Victims and Witnesses of Sexual Abuse: Towards an integrated child protection system"



The Final Conference and Transnational Seminar on the 12th of January 2023, in Brussels, conclude the two years mandate of this European-scale action research project. The event brought together professionals from the justice, care, and health sectors, policymakers, researchers, and volunteers, to disseminate the ENCLAVE project outputs and to foster dialogue towards the need for a common framework for the implementation of the forensic interview procedures with children victims and witnesses of sexual violence.

The Final Conference was initiated with a welcoming speech by the hosting institution (KUL) and followed by contributions from European Commissioner Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska on The Victims' Rights Directive and children's rights, and from Levent Altan, Executive Director at Victim Support Europe, on Designing an interconnected system of Support and Justice.

Next, the ENCLAVE project was introduced, and the main findings and outputs were presented. In the afternoon, the Transnational Seminar hosted three thematic sessions focused on the specialized response to child sexual victimization, delivered by guest speakers experts in the fields of justice and child victim support. To conclude the day, a round table fostered discussion amongst guest speakers, project partners, and assistants on the challenges of daily practice in criminal justice procedures with child victims and witnesses of sexual violence and challenges regarding the interprofessional collaboration of relevant stakeholders of the child victims' journey. Guest speaker's presentations are available on the <u>project website</u>.















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