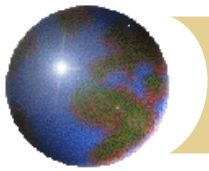


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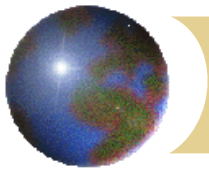
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International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates (IAYFJM) and international dimension of cooperation at European level: why, how and with whom

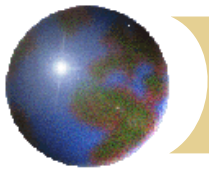
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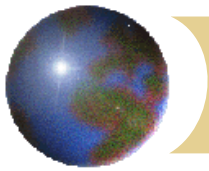
Juvenile and Family Justice is a specific matter in which the **multi and inter-disciplinary approach**, requested by the international legislation, i.e. Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice of the Council of Europe, is fundamental.



Why?

Many European countries are experiencing in civil and penal matters a series of **rapid reforms** raising concerns that **not enough consideration is being given to the international and European framework** and the **need for harmonization** - with the result that the special nature of justice for children may be undermined.

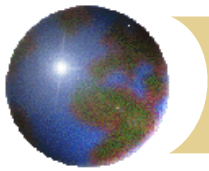
The **European Policy Makers** (i.e. European Commission), **need support** to process and write Regulations, Directives, and other legislative act, from **professionals working in the field**.



Why?

European Countries are faced with **new problems of a trans-national nature** which need **more open and focused cooperation**, i.e.:

- ⊕ refugees children and unaccompanied foreign children;
- ⊕ child trafficking and child exploitation;
- ⊕ international adoption
- ⊕ divorce or separation of couples of different nationalities with children;
- ⊕ minors in forced marriages;
- ⊕ child abduction.



How?

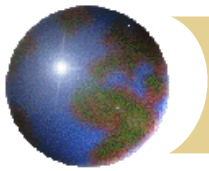
The creation of a **IAYFJM European Section (2010)** by the following steps:

⊕ Amendment of the IAYFJM Statutes (art.15 paragraph 15):

*“The Council may authorize the **creation of a Regional Section**. It then emits a certificate which sets the geographic area of the new regional section.”*

⊕ **Mandate** of the IAYFJM European Section

⊕ **Annual meetings** to share **data, national legislations, experiences and good practices**, each focused on a specific topic, i.e.: unaccompanied foreign children, juvenile justice systems, youth deprivation of liberty, juvenile justice in a European perspective, youth involved in radicalism / fundamentalism.



With whom?

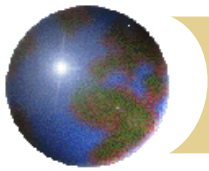
To **strengthen the international dimension of cooperation** in two ways with:

⊕ 1. International Governmental Organisations, in particular European Union and Council of Europe, i.e.:

Support in a **survey on juvenile justice** (made by the European Commission/FRA);

Support in the elaboration of the **European Parliament legislative Resolution of 9 March 2016** on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council **on procedural safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings**

(<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2016-0079+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>);



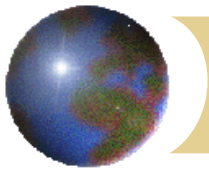
With whom?

To **strengthen the international dimension of cooperation** in two ways with:

⊕ 2. Other professional groups, in particular lawyers, police, social workers, teachers, educators and prison guards, i.e.:

Put in contact with each other **lawyers experts** on juvenile and family justice of the EU Member States and support them to **create a Network** at European level;

Initial and on going **training** with a multidisciplinary approach, **involving other professional groups** dealing with juvenile and family justice (i.e. by the Institute of Judicial Training of Brussels, www.igo-ifj.be/);



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