

How will it affect you?

We want to include the opinions of:

Children:

- Children with intellectual disabilities
- Unaccompanied minors
- Children without parental care

Professionals and representatives:

- Governments
- Social workers
- Psychologists
- Legal professionals (police, prosecutors, lawyers and judges)
- Families and guardians

YOU can tell us what works well or not for children in the criminal justice system in your country.

This will be included in a book called a **research report**.

YOU can help us create a book with instructions for people working in the criminal justice system to understand you better and make good decisions.

This book with instructions is called **training materials**.

YOU can tell us your story and the story of your country.

This will help us talk about what works well for children in an event called a **Conference**.

Child-friendly Justice

Developing the Concept of Social Court Practices project

Read to learn:

- What is this project about?
- How are the people working in it trying to help you?
- What can you do to participate?



Participating Organisations



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What is the project all about?

We want to help children feel understood, safe and comfortable to talk in the criminal justice system.

Criminal justice system are all the services involved in law, crime and punishment working together.

We want to help children affected by a crime and children that police think broke the law.

We will train police, lawyers, judges and other people on how they can help you tell your story and what happened to you.

The court needs to hear you, make you feel safe and understand you to make good decisions.

The Problem

In many countries in Europe, children feel scared and ignored when talking to people in the criminal justice system.

People working in the criminal justice system sometimes make decisions without talking to children first. Also sometimes they think what children say is not important.

We will work in Bulgaria, Romania and Italy to try to show how professionals can talk to you and hear your story.

