

Agenda for the National Training in BULGARIA
Fostering Access to Immigrant Children's Rights (FAIR) Project
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Sofia, 21-22 January 2017

Legal Clinic for Refugees and Immigrants and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ - European Institutions office) as part of the European Project "Fostering Access for Immigrant Children's Rights" (FAIR Project), organize a training for lawyers on the protection of migrant children's rights. The project is supported by the Rights, Citizenship and Equality programme of the European Union and OSIFE.

The focus of the training in Sofia will be on the access to international human rights mechanisms, such as the European Court of Human Rights and the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, in order to equip Bulgarian lawyers to be able to use international human rights law and European law, to defend the rights of migrant children and to effectively represent them. The training will cover procedural rights, including the right to be heard and the best interest of the child principles. The training will involve analysis of relevant jurisprudence and the participants will take part in a number of practical case studies and role-play scenarios.

DAY 1

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Registration (and gathering of supporting documents) |
| 09.30 – 09.45 | Welcome and Introduction
Highlights of the agenda and objectives
<i>Professor Blagoy Vidin, LCRI and NBU</i>
<i>Assoc. prof. Katerina Yocheva, LCRI and NBU</i> |
| 09.45 – 10.00 | Brief overview of the FAIR Project
Participants' expectations (pre-event questionnaire)
<i>Karolína Babická, PhD, Legal Adviser at International Commission of Jurists – European Institutions</i> |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | SESSION 1: Guiding principles and definitions
Child-friendly justice, Best interests of the child principle,
Overview of international mechanisms
<i>Karolína Babická</i> |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |

- 11.30 – 13.00** **SESSION 2:** The Right to be heard and participate effectively in proceedings
- explanation of the right to be heard (CRC) and related procedural rights
Angela O’Connel, Researcher, Expert on the right to be heard and communication with children for lawyers, University College Cork
- 13.00 – 14.30** *Lunch break*
- 14.30 – 17.00** **SESSION 3:** The Right to be heard and participate effectively in proceedings:
- Child development
- practical tips on communication with migrant children
Angela O’Connel
- 17.00 – 17.30** **Wrap-up of the day**
- 18.00** **Dinner**

DAY 2

- 9.00 – 9.15** **Review of previous day**
Overview of the second day
- 9.15 – 10.30** **SESSION 4:** Access to international mechanisms
Accessing the European Court for human rights, European Committee on Social Rights, UN Committee on the Rights of the child, UN Human rights Committee, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
Including case-law analysis and strategies when accessing international mechanisms
Valeria Ilareva, PhD, head lawyer FAR
Karolína Babická
- 11.00 – 11.30** *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 13.00** **SESSION 4** (continued)
Valeria Ilareva
Karolína Babická
- 13.00 – 14.00** *Lunch break*
- 14.00 – 15.30** **SESSION 5:** Moot court exercise
Valeria Ilareva
Karolína Babická
- 15.30 – 16.00** **Wrap-up of workshop**
Post-event evaluation

