

Webinar on inclusive participation of children with disabilities in legal proceedings

14 January 2026
11:00-12:30 CET
Online (Teams)

This webinar aims to deepen understanding of how international and EU legal frameworks safeguard the right of children with disabilities to be heard and participate in legal proceedings. It will explore procedural accommodations and the role of professionals. Building on a [workshop held in Brussels](#), the webinar will bring together EU-wide experts, practitioners, and representatives working in the field of legal proceedings and child participation to exchange on strategies ensuring disability-inclusive justice.

Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

AGENDA

- 11:00-11:05 Welcome and introductions**
- 11:05-11:45 Ensuring effective participation of children with disabilities in legal proceedings**
- Overview of international and EU legal frameworks
 - Relevant case-law
- Ruth Farrugia, Lawyer and Senior Lecturer, University of Malta*
- 11:45-12:00 Access to justice and procedural accommodations for persons with disabilities in criminal proceedings**
- Overview of the [Model Disability Rights Benchbook](#), ICJ, 2024
- Karolína Babická, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists*
- 12:00-12:30 Q&A and discussion on good practices**
- What procedural accommodations and strategies ensure effective participation of children with different types of disabilities?

Ruth Farrugia is human rights lawyer and senior lecturer at the University of Malta, specialized in the rights of children. She has been the Director-General of the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society in Malta, and worked as a consultant to the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Policy, Commissioner of Children, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Council of Europe. Ruth has published extensively on issues related to the rights of children and family law.

Karolína Babická is a Senior Legal Adviser at the ICJ specializing in children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities, migrants and refugees and issues related to the rule of law. She carries out research, legal analysis and strategic litigation, and coordinates the work of the ICJ Europe and Central Asia programme. She holds a PhD in international law from Charles University in Prague.