



## 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting of NGOs Children's Rights Coalitions in Europe

20-22 October 2010  
**Florence, Italy**  
Istituto degli Innocenti  
P.za Santissima Annunziata 12

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**09:00 - 09:30 Registration**

**09:30 - 11:00 Opening Plenary Session**

### Opening Statement

- *Arianna Saulini*, Coordinator of the Italian NGO Group for the CRC

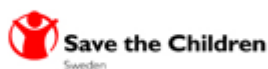
### Welcome

- *Alessandra Maggi*, President of Istituto degli Innocenti
- *Maria Teresa Tagliaventi*, Italian National Centre for Childhood
- *Luigi Citarella*, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

### Overview of the Meeting

- *Nigel Cantwell*, moderator of the Meeting - A follow up from the previous meeting (Bucharest 2008)

**11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break**





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### **Keynote speech: key child rights challenges in Europe today**

- *Maria Herczog*, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

**Presentation of the NGO Group for the CRC**, *Lisa Myers*, NGO Group for the CRC

**Presentation of the Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)**, *Jennifer Thomas*, Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)

**New initiatives to monitor and to promote the CRC General Measures of Implementation** - *Camilla Nygren*, Save the Children Sweden and *Jyothi Kanics*, UNICEF

**13:00 - 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 - 18:00 Network Governance**

- Plenary Introduction - *Conchi Ballesteros*, Plataforma de Organizaciones de Infancia (Spain)

### **Working Groups**

- Working Group 1 – Structure & Governance - Structure and membership of NGO Children's rights coalition. Moderator *Jef Geboers*, Kinderrechtcoalitie Vlaanderen vzw (Belgium)
- Working Group 2 - Priority issues & plan for action of a Children's rights coalition - Reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, what else? Moderator *Marianne Hagen*, Norwegian Forum for the CRC (Norway)
- Working Group 3 – Accessing resources to support Children's Rights Coalitions - Different experiences at national level: foundation, EU funds –budget lines available. Moderator *Beata Stappers-Karpinska*, Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights (The Netherlands)

**Plenary - Reporting back from Working Groups**



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**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010**

### 09:30 – 10:00 Monitoring the CRC from an NGO perspective

- Plenary Introduction - *Viviana Valastro*, Italian NGO Group for the CRC

### 10:00 – 11:00 Working Groups

- Working Group 1 – About the CRC Reporting Process - How to sustain the monitoring process beyond the Concluding Observations. Evaluation instruments to check if and how recommendation of the CRC Committee and the ones of the Children's Rights Coalitions are taken into account at national level. *Moderator Catherine Hodder, Children's Rights Alliance in England (UK)*
- Working Group 2 - Opportunity of using the CRC monitoring outcome with other human rights monitoring mechanisms - Sharing experiences and opportunities connected with other human rights monitoring mechanisms (eg. CERD, UPR, CAT). *Moderator Jennifer Thomas, Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)*
- Working Group 3 – Child Participation in the CRC Reporting Process - Child led monitoring. *Moderator Lisa Myers, NGO Group for the CRC (Geneva)*

**11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

### 11:15 – 12:30 Working Groups continue

### 12:30 - 13:00 Plenary - Reporting back from Working Groups

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

### 14:30 – 18:00 Further Children Rights networking

- Plenary Introduction - *Maria Corbett, Children's Rights Alliance (Ireland)*

### Working Groups

- Working Group 1 – Co-operation with Ombudsman Role of the Ombudsman in monitoring the CRC, cooperation model with NGO coalitions, good practice. *Moderator Vanessa Sedletzki, UNICEF Innocenti Research Center*
- Working Group 2 - Networking on thematic issues at European level - How to strengthen collaboration across borders/among European networks on specific issues (eg. Separated Children in Europe Programme (SCEP)). *Moderator Mihaela Manole, Save the Children Romania*
- Working Group 3 - National advocacy targeting changes at the EU level - How best to link national advocacy to what's going on at EU level. *Moderator Camilla Nygren, Save the Children Sweden*

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**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**

### **09:30 - 11:00 Concluding plenary session: implementing Children Rights at European Level**

- *Olivia Lind*, Save the Children Brussels Head of Office, EU strategy and Children's Rights. Role and Competence – How does it affect our work at national level?
- *Tiina-Maria Levamo*, Programme Adviser CoE, the Programme "Building a Europe for and with Children"
- *Roberta Ruggiero* – ChildOnEurope, The European Network of National Observatories on Childhood, improve collaboration with NGO network at national level

### **11: 00 – 11:30 Special Address by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Children**

- *Marta Santos Pais*, UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children

**11:30 -12:00 Coffee Break**

### **12:00 – 13:00 Closing session**

- *Nigel Cantwell*, Moderator of the Meeting
- *Arianna Saulini*, Italian NGO Group for the CRC