

## JudEx +

### Towards a child friendly justice in cases of sexual violence against children

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#### **Objectives:**

- \* To promote Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child [[UNCRC](#)] and the [CoE Convention on the Protection of children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#), in relation to the right of the child to be heard and involved in decision making, whether at home, in the general life of the community, at school or in individual legal and administrative matters in cases of sexual violence
- \* To improve the child's experience position when entering the judicial system in cases of sexual violence against children
- \* To improve the skills of professionals involved in representing children in judicial proceedings through trainings which take into consideration children's rights, their developmental needs, and social background in countries where the [Lanzarote Convention](#) has recently been ratified

#### **Activities:**

- \* Researching on country specific judicial procedures in cases of sexual violence against children
- \* Researching on the child's perspective on judicial procedures in cases of sexual violence
- \* Holding Focus Groups with Stakeholders
- \* Reviewing existing training programmes and developing [Multidisciplinary Curriculum and Methodology](#)
- \* Pilot testing with experts on childhood issues (child sexual violence issues)
- \* National databases of "interested parties"
- \* Publishing [Transnational Justice & Rights for Children manual](#)

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#### **Results:**

- \* [Judicial Proceedings in Cases of Sexual Violence Against Children: The Child's Experience – Italy](#)
- \* [Comprehensive mapping of practices in partner countries and usage of the GMap for future cases of sexual violence against children](#)
- \* Transversal awareness raising and multilevel cooperation between governmental bodies, private sector, civil society
- \* Better trained professionals able to recognize the rights of the children during judicial proceedings
- \* Harmonized [child friendly methodology and judicial practices](#) in cases of sexual violence against children
- \* Advocacy of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

#### **Partners:**

- \* Coordinator: Hfc "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center (Cyprus)
- \* Frederick University (Cyprus)
- \* Rinova (United Kingdom)
- \* Know and Can Association (Bulgaria)
- \* Folkuniversitetet (Sweden)
- \* University of Primorska (Slovenia)
- \* CESIE (Italy)

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