

## Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme: action grants to promote and protect the rights of the child by building capacity of professionals in child protection systems

### How much is available?

The budget available under this strand is **€3.3 million**. The EU grant requested cannot be lower than **€100.000**. There is no upper limit. The grant will cover up to 80% of overall eligible project costs.

### What does the programme support?

This call for proposals aims to co-fund transnational projects that support integrated child protection systems and increase the capacity of legal professionals representing children in judicial proceedings, in line with the specific objective to promote and protect the rights of the child.

#### **Target group A: Capacity-building for practitioners/professionals working with or for children in alternative care or detention**

Projects are expected to boost child protection system changes; result in improvements that are sustainable after EU funding ends; and to strengthen interagency and multidisciplinary coordination and cooperation.

- Children in alternative care: projects are also expected to address comprehensive preparations for children reaching the age of leaving care, including the monitoring of educational and other outcomes for children in and leaving care, and bring about improvements in a previously neglected area.
- Proposals on detention and reintegration post-detention are expected to address pre-release planning and services, re-entry preparation and community-based services upon release, including the monitoring of outcomes for children.

#### **Target group B: Capacity-building for lawyers representing children in criminal, administrative and civil justice**

Projects should support the development and delivery of training modules and the implementation of practical tools for legal professionals. This may include innovative methods used to promote and protect the rights of the child, such as:

- test cases and class actions;
- practical implementation of the third optional protocol to the UNCRC on a communications procedure;
- recourse to the European Committee of Social Rights or the European Court of Human Rights

**Target group C: Capacity-building for legal and other practitioners such as social and health workers, youth workers and the police to pilot and roll out multi-disciplinary evidence-based child-friendly practices in the area of diversion**

The specific focus should be on system improvements including through interdisciplinary training on the rights and needs of children of different age groups, on proceedings that are adapted to them in the context of implementation of UNCRC Article 12 as well as on early intervention and preventative approaches (including support to families)

For Target Groups A and C, proposals must make children's involvement central and integral to the project. For Target Group B, proposals must seek to facilitate and ensure children's effective participation and their right to be heard, in line with the Council of Europe child-friendly justice guidelines.

### **Who can apply?**

Applicants and partners must be:

- legally constituted public or private organisations, or international organisations
- based in one of the EU Members States, Iceland or Liechtenstein.
- non-profit-oriented (bodies and organisations which are profit-oriented can apply as partners, only in partnership with non-profit or public organisations)

### **Do I need EU partners?**

The project must be transnational and must be submitted by a partnership of **at least four** different organisations from four different eligible countries.

**For Target Groups A or C, at least one public authority/agency/entity mandated by the State** for the provision of services from each participating country must either be involved in the project (as applicant or co-applicant) or express in writing its support for the proposal. These public authorities can be Ministries and/or agencies responsible for children (e.g. Ministries for children, education, health, child protection, social affairs, justice, children's ombudspersons and/or national human rights institutes for children, responsible regional authorities, etc).

### **How to apply?**

This call is managed via [PRIAMOS](#), the DG JUSTICE online system for managing funding applications. Applicants first need to register and obtain a login and password to access the system. Detailed instructions on how to register and use PRIAMOS can be found [here](#).

The mandatory template for the Grant Application Form is provided once registered. The reference in PRIAMOS for this call for proposals is: **JUST/2015/RCHI/AG/PROF**

Please note that, due to the maintenance of the system, PRIAMOS will not be accessible for two weeks, currently planned from 07/03/2016 to 21/03/2016.

**Timetable:**

Deadline for submitting applications	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 11am</b>
Information to all applicants on the results of the selection procedure	September 2016
Signature of grant agreements and the project start	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2016

**Further information**

[Original text of the calls for proposal](#)

[Guide for applicants](#)

[DG Justice grants website](#)