

CHILD-FRIENDLY EUROPE

*Under the patronage of the Minister for human rights and minorities,
Czech Republic*

held by the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU

Congress Centre Prague
Prague, Czech Republic
6th – 7th April 2009



Program of the conference

6th April 2009

8.00 – 10.00 Registration of participants

9.00 – 9.50 Meeting room 4.1.

Meeting of ministers

- 1. „The Best Interest of Children“ in European child rights strategies**
- 2. The Council of Europe program BUILDING A EUROPE FOR AND WITH CHILDREN**
- 3. Discussion on the conclusion proposals of the Czech Presidency in the area of Children's Rights**

Michael Kocáb, Minister for human rights and minorities, Czech Republic

Dr. Jur. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

Dr. Jan van den Burg, Ministry for Youth and Families, The Netherlands

Ing. Ján Figel', Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, European Commission

Karin Johansson Bc., State Secretary to the Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Dr. Rimantas Jonas Dagys, Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

Jadranka Kosor, Dipl. Jur., Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of the Family, Veteran's Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity, Croatia

Maret Maripuu, LL.M. Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia

Dr. Jur. Łukasz Rędziniak, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Poland

PhDr. Romana Synková, Director of the Cabinet of the Minister for human rights and minorities, Czech Republic

MUDr. Eva Vaníčková, Adviser to the Minister for human rights and national minorities in child rights and Chairman of the Child Rights Committee of the Government Council for Human Rights, Czech Republic

10:00 – 11:00 Conference Hall

General opening

Michael Kocáb, Minister for human rights and minorities, Czech Republic

Ing. Ján Figel', Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, European Commission

Nadine Morano, DESS, Minister of State to the Minister for Labour, Labour Relations, the Family, Solidarity and Urban Affairs, with responsibility for the Family, France

Karin Johansson Bc., State Secretary to the Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Cultural program: Violin concert, Prague Music School

11.00 – 11.30 Congress Foyer 4 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 13.00 Conference Hall

Media and Children

Prof. Jan Sokol, PhD., CSc., Vice-Dean, Faculty of Humanity Studies, Charles University, Prague

Children and their rights

Prof. PhDr. Petr Macek, CSc., Vice-Dean, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic/Institute for Research of Children, Youth and Family

Psychosocial Evolution of Children, the Media and Internet

Prof. PhDr. Jan Jiráček, PhD., Vice-Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague/Centre for Media Studies

Media education and the meaning of their cognition for the life in the new millennium

Prof. Peter Smith BA PhD CPsychol FBPSS, Professor for Psychology, Head of School and Family Studies, Goldsmiths College, London, UK

Cyber-bullying: risks and responsibilities in children's use of new technologies

13.00 – 14.00 Conference Hall

Panel discussion to the topic: Media and Children

Prof. Gitte Bang Stald, Innovative Communication Group IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Dr. Jur. Tone Dolčič, Deputy Human-Rights Ombudsman for Children's Rights and Social Security, Slovenia

Cecilia von Feilitzen, Ph.D., The International Clearinghouse on Children, Youth and Media, NORDICOM University, Göteborg, Sweden

Karin Johansson Bc., State Secretary to the Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Dr. Ágnes Lux, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights, Hungary

Dr. Fredrik Malmberg, Children's Ombudsman, Sweden (to be confirmed)

Dr. Jur. Łukasz Rędziniak, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Poland

Prof. PhDr. Pavel Říčan, CSc., Psychology Department, Academy of Science, Czech Republic

Dr. Jur. Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, Children's Rights Ombudsman, Lithuania

13.00 – 14.00 Meeting room 4.2

Workshop: A way for parents to safer internet

Ing. Pavel Vichtera, chairman of Safer Internet Institute, ČR

14.00 – 15.00 Congress Foyer 4 **Lunch**

15.00 – 16.30 Conference Hall

Human Rights Education of Children and Protection

Elda Moreno, Head of the Children's Rights and Family Policies Division, Council of Europe, Manager of the program Building a Europe for and with Children

Children human rights: learning by enjoying

Dr. Marta Santos Pais, Director, Innocenti Research Centre, UNICEF, Florence, Italy

A culture for children's rights in child protection systems

Karin Fagerholm, Rädda Barnen/Save the Children Sweden

Beyond CRC Training–how to make child rights a reality in school

Mgr. Anna Čurdová, Member of Parliament, Czech Republic

Children's Rights must not become a duty

Prof. MUDr. Miloš Velemínský, CSc., Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Studies, University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Czech Republic

Education of children, pedagogues and general public in children's rights in Czech Republic

16.30 – 17.00 Congress Foyer 4 **Coffee break**

17.00 – 18.00 Conference Hall

Panel discussion to the topic: Human Rights Education of Children and Protection

Prof. Karsten Aström LLM, MA, Professor for Sociology of Law, Lund University, Sweden

Agneta Björklund, Chairperson, Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk, Council of the Baltic States

Dr. Jan van den Burg, Ministry for Youth and Families, The Netherlands

Dr. Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of the Equality and Civil Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna

Irma Ertman, Ambassador of Finland to the Council of Europe, Council of Europe Thematic Co-ordinator on Children

Jadranka Kosor, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of the Family, Veteran's Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity, Croatia

Dr. Jur. Kathleen Marshall, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People, United Kingdom

Denis Sinyolo, Coordinator for Education and Employment, Education International, Belgium

Prof. Per Wickenberg, Director of Sociology of Law Department, Lund University, Sweden

17.00 – 18.00 Meeting room 4.2

Workshop: Other people and violence

MgA. Matěj Šefrna, Pedagogic College, Litomyšl

18.00 – 19.00 Congress Foyer 4 **Diner**

19.00 – 20.00 Congress Foyer 4

Cultural program: Roma dancing ensemble CIKNE ČHAVE
Art director: Irena Daňková

7th April 2009

9.00 – 9.50 Meeting Room 4.1.

Meeting of children ombudsperson:

- 1. „The Best Interest of Children“ in European child rights strategies**
- 2. Experiences from international cooperation in the field of children's rights**

Dr. Jitka Seitlová, Vice-Ombudsman, Czech Republic

Dr. Jur. Tone Dolčič, Deputy Human-Rights Ombudsman for Children's Rights and Social Security, Slovenia

Dr. Emily Logan, Ombudsman for Children, Ireland (to be confirmed)

Dr. Ágnes Lux, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights, Hungary

Dr. Fredrik Malmberg, Children's Ombudsman, Sweden (to be confirmed)

*Dr. Jur. Kathleen Marshall, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People
United Kingdom*

Mgr. Marek Michalak, Ombudsman for Children, Poland

Dr. Jur. Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, Children's Rights Ombudsman, Lithuania

Dr. Carmen Zammit, Commissioner for Children, Malta

*Mgr. Jana Kolářková, Vice-Minister for Human Rights and Minorities, Czech
Republic*

*Mgr. Markéta Millerová, Secretary to the Committee for Children's Rights by the
Government Council for Human Rights, Czech Republic*

10.00-11.30 Conference Hall

Positive parenting – education without violence

Dr. Jur. Peter Newell, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children
Implementing a ban on all corporal punishment - in the best interests of children

*Prof. Dr. Kai-D. Bussmann, Professor for Criminal Law, Martin Luther University
Halle-Wittenberg, Germany*

**The Impact of Abolishing Corporal Punishment in Childrearing - A European
Comparison**

***MUDr. Eva Vaníčková**, Adviser to the Minister for human rights and national minorities in child rights and Chairman of the Child Rights Committee of the Government Council for Human Rights, Czech Republic*

Attitudes of Parents towards Child Education

***PhDr. Jiřina Prekopová**, Society for propagation of holding as life style and therapy, Lindau, Germany*

Love and holding

11.30 – 12.00 Congress Foyer 4 **Coffee break**

12.00 – 13.30 Conference Hall

Panel discussion to the topic: Positive parenting – education without violence

***Dr. Rimantas Jonas Dagys**, Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania*

***Maret Maripuu, LL.M.** Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia*

***Mgr. Marek Michalak**, Ombudsman for Children, Poland*

***Nadine Morano, DESS**, Minister of State to the Minister for Labour, Labour Relations, the Family, Solidarity and Urban Affairs, with responsibility for the Family, France*

***Elda Moreno**, Head of the Children's Rights and Family Policies Division, Council of Europe, Manager of the program Building a Europe for and with Children*

***MUDr. Džamila Stehlíková**, Child psychiatrist, Czech Republic*

***PhDr. Jaroslav Šturma**, Chairman to the Czech-Moravian Psychological Society and Director of the Child Centre Paprsek, Czech Republic*

***Dr. Carmen Zammit**, Commissioner for Children, Malta*

12.00 – 13.30 Meeting Room 4.2

Workshop: Effective parenting step by step

***Ing. Valérie Wágnerová**, Chancellor, Pardubice University, Czech Republic*

***Ing. Bc. Eliška Vondráčková**, Head of the Family Services Section, Centre for Family and Social Care, Czech Republic*

13.30 – 14.30 Congress Foyer 4 **Lunch**

14.30 – 15.15 Conference Hall

Closing ceremony

1. Presentation of the conclusions of the Czech Presidency in the filed of Children's Rights

***Michael Kocáb**, Minister for human rights and minorities, Czech Republic*

***Nadine Morano, DESS**, Minister of State to the Minister for Labour, Labour Relations, the Family, Solidarity and Urban Affairs, with responsibility for the Family, France*

Karin Johansson Bc., *State Secretary to the Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Sweden*

2. Cultural program: Children's choir Bruncvík

Art Director Lenka Pištěcká

15.00 – 16.00

Conference Hall

Press Conference

POSTER SECTION

There will be presented an exhibition of successful projects in child protection by non-governmental organisations during the conference.

1. **„Children will tell you“**, Czech Radio 1 - Radiozurnal
2. **„European Youth Campaign „All different – All equal“**, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in cooperation with Czech Council for Children and Youth
3. **„Without barriers inside of us – from the French inspiration to the Czech practice in multi-disciplinary support of the endangered child and his or her family“**, STŘEP The Czech Centre for the Improvement of Family Life
4. **„Telephone crisis help line“**, Safety Line Association
5. **„Children of convicted parents“**, Czech Helsinki Committee
6. **„Family care program–fatherhood competency“**, Paleček Family Centre
7. **„Human rights education“**, Amnesty International Czech Republic
8. **„It is important no to be alone“**, Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Disability, Prague, Czech Republic
9. **„ABC to human rights“**, Our Child Foundation, Prague
10. **Family well-being – Step by step Theatre**, Civic Association Life Together, Ostrava

The conference will be covered by the Children Press Agency.

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The idea of this conference, keen to make a significant contribution to the enhanced protection of children's rights in Europe, is the idea that, in all cultures, the child's interests are central to respect for the rights of the child. The aim for every child in Europe is to enjoy the same degree of protection, esteem, and respect.

The 50th anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, is a unique opportunity to form a European programme accentuating the fact that adults influence and mould the world not to their advantage or in pursuit of their own vision, but in the interests of their children. We all know that childhood plays an inimitable role in shaping each individual, so it is logical for all actions and policies to be subordinated to the interests of the child, i.e. to the advancement and essence of the human rights dimension which is increasing in magnitude, significance and importance as the society develops.

Children's rights are already the focus of programmes and projects to build and support child-friendly communities and child-friendly justice; changes in public thinking and attitudes fuel the ambition to build and support a child-friendly Europe in the spirit of Council of Europe programmes.

As the 2009-2012 strategy of the 'Building a Europe for and with Children' programme encompasses the mainstreaming, protection and participation of children in Europe, as outlined by Sweden in 2008 during its chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, attention will be focused on Professor Eugene Verhellen's three categories which are traditionally used to classify rights in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and which smooth the way for the balanced fulfilment of all rights of all children in Europe. And that is the vision of Child-Friendly Europe.

A child-friendly Europe is synonymous with a society in which respect for and the fulfilment of disabled children's rights, socially disadvantaged children's rights, and the rights of children of all cultures and nationalities are accepted as the norm.

The results of the UN's First World Report on Violence against Children provide an incentive to draw up, integrate and coordinate national strategies aimed at preventing all forms of interpersonal violence against children; in Europe, they should be formulated with the close cooperation of all countries and experts. Violence is a phenomenon that knows no boundaries; a pan-European approach, the regular exchange of experience and appointment of an expert team are therefore imperative today.

The aim of the Child-Friendly Europe conference is to deal with selected aspects of contemporary life which significantly affect the quality of life enjoyed by children and the conditions required for their healthy, harmonious development. In keeping with the parental

care priorities of the Czech Presidency, the conference wishes to draw attention to the essential support for positive parenthood, which is a basic parental social skill and helps shape the personal identity of children, their self-confidence, and attitudes to life and other people that will be key factors in determining their quality of life and the quality of life enjoyed by their loved ones. This concept links up with the priority of protecting children against all forms of violence.

The first part of the conference will address the issues of the media and children, with a presentation of the results of reputable studies and proposals to protect children by means of a rating system for television programmes. This panel will be complemented by information on enhancing the protection of children in contact with new technologies and is fully in line with the priorities of the Czech Presidency regarding the increased protection of children. In accordance with the International Online Charter adopted in 2008, the conference wants to make the warning that the media literacy of children is dependent on the accompanying fundamental media guidance and awareness of parents and adults.

The third part focuses on human rights education, paving the way for an understanding of rights, respect for rights, and the participation of children. The conference will highlight the need for the human rights education of parents, teachers, other professionals and the general public. There will also be a presentation of a collaborative project with the Visegrad countries that will contribute to the fulfilment of the Czech Presidency's priorities in relation to Europe. The programme will be complemented by a workshop taking the form of a practical example of the human rights education curriculum at the Teacher Training College, which trains nursery-school teachers.

The Preparatory Committee of the Child-Friendly Europe conference is convinced that the conference will provide a new angle on certain issues of children's rights and will lay the foundations of respect, as a matter of principle, for the interests of children in the building of a child-friendly Europe.

The conference will be co-moderated by students of Prague secondary grammar schools, the Children's Press Agency will be in attendance, and children will feature in the accompanying cultural programme. As part of the conference preparations, children are making ceramic bells by hand in the hope that conference delegates will ring the knell of violence and lack of respect for the rights of children in Europe!

The logo for the EU2009.CZ conference. It features the letters 'EU' in blue, followed by the year '2009' in a multi-colored font (yellow, green, orange, red), and '.CZ' in blue.

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