

1. Why is the law & policy mapping important?

Law is a foundation stone covering key issues such as:

- Interaction between criminal law proceedings and child protection obligations to child
- Roles & obligations of actors
- Support & services to be provided to children
- Forensic investigations and how they concern children
- Adapted justice procedures for children
- Confidentiality

Guidance may play a variety of roles, it:

- May support interpretation of law
- May provide guidance to policy makers on “system” design
- May provide guidance on procedures
- May provide tools & support for professionals
- May provide support for cooperation between professionals

2. Purpose of mapping of law & guidance

- To provide a comprehensive legal & policy reference document for the project
- To provide a rights based perspective for professionals
- To underpin the guidance of good practices: link good practices to obligations and resources
- To support guidance on creating an enabling environment: law & policy as a driver and support
- May help inform the scorecard (via the links to guidance of good practices)
- To inform the advocacy brief by regional law & policy perspective:
 - help identify the foundations that must be in place,
 - identify what are the gaps and
 - ensure that stakeholders can make a case for specific resources by reference to law and guidance

3. What will the mapping do?

- Identify obligations and guidance
- Help navigate these obligations and resources by presenting them in a way that relates them to key dimensions. For example, we will explore whether to present them by:
 - Rights concerned (e.g. right to survival, life and development, health, information, privacy)
 - Issues involved (e.g. provision of services, support, participation in criminal proceedings et al)

4. How will the mapping be presented?

- Electronic or paper document?
- Make it as readable and as usable as possible.
- For use by both legal and other professionals.



- Draw on examples: e.g. See reference document in: www.connectproject.eu: compilation & grid?
- Design budget to be verified

5. Scope of law & guidance

a. Law

i. Type of Law

- Child Rights generally (in broad “framework” terms)
- Child Rights in Justice Settings [(e.g. CoE guidelines)
- Rights as Victim of Violence

ii. Jurisdictions covered

- International law
 - UN
- Regional law
 - Council of Europe
 - EU: child sexual abuse directive, victim’s directive, trafficking directive
- Examples from national, regional or municipal contexts:
 - Jurisdictions where there is a good MD/IA model
 - Potentially from where there is not a good model
 - Jurisdictions outside the EU where there is a good model (Child Advocacy Centres)
 - Reflect different common and civil law jurisdictions

b. Guidance

- Documents which indicate that they are guidance for key legal instruments or specific fields
- Authoritative guidance UN. COE EU (guidance)

6. Methodology

- Explore synergies between the different deliverables to ensure complementary structures: (Mapping of law & guidance; Enabling document Mapping of practice; Manual of good practice; Scorecard; Advocacy Brief)
- Desk Research of key documents:
 - reference documents/compilations in the field
 - laws & guidance (define guidance)
- Consultation with partners & experts on resources via a questionnaire
- Potentially some interviews with other stakeholders involved in child justice or victims’ rights

