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**WORKING TOGETHER
IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THE CHILD**



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VISION: A EUROPE WHERE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN TO PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE, TO SUPPORT AND TO BE HEARD ARE FULFILLED.

- Promoting progress at national level in several European countries
- Ensuring commitment from key authorities and facilitating inter-agency dialogue: national roundtables, developing plans and roadmaps, inter-agency agreements and frameworks
- Contribute to building a competent and committed workforce, including professionals from law enforcement, judiciary, medical and mental health staff and social workers
- Tailor-made training to Barnahus staff: forensic interviews, psychotherapy, medical treatment, multi-disciplinary collaboration and data collection
- A methodology will be developed to help Barnahus and child-friendly services gather children's views on their experience in Barnahus
- Communications activities
- Read more about the PROMISE Vision, including principles, criteria, goals and challenges at www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/vision

FROM 0 TO BARNAHUS – A WEBINAR SERIES FOR THE EUROPEAN BARNAHUS MOVEMENT

PROMISE I (2015-2017)

- Launched the European Barnahus Movement in June 2017 in the presence of the EU Commissioner for Justice and Consumer Rights, and the UN Special Representative on Violence against Children.
 - Confirmed Barnahus as a good practice, validated the Barnahus model as a widely accepted concept
- Held a series of exchange meetings, study visits and capacity building efforts supported government officials and practitioners from more than 11 countries to establish Barnahus or similar institutions.

PROMISE Project Series www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/publications

- **The Barnahus Quality Standards** offer ground-breaking guidance and constitute the first attempt to define the principles and good practice standards for services that want to operate according to the Barnahus model.
- **The PROMISE tracking tool** provides a framework for services to assess their practice against the standards.
- **Enabling Child-Sensitive Justice** gives an overview of how the Barnahus model has emerged and gradually expanded in Europe
- **PROMISE Compendium of Law and Guidance** provides a comprehensive review of international and European law and authoritative guidance concerning the rights of child victims and witnesses.
- **Promoting Progress on Barnahus in Europe** guides the development of national and regional advocacy strategies.

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WEBINAR: WORKING TOGETHER IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

Discussions on the formal agreements and the daily work of multidisciplinary interagency cooperation

- Moderator: Turid Heiberg, Council of the Baltic Sea States
- Ana Marija Spanic, Psychologist, The Child and Youth Protection Center of Zagreb, Croatia
- Anders Forsberg, Head of Barnahus Stockholm
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STANDARD 2: MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

- A formal interagency agreement, including a clear definition of the agencies' respective roles and responsibilities has been signed by authorized representatives, committing the services to multi-disciplinary and interagency collaboration in the service.
- The service is recognised and regulated by a national or local social or child protection services, law enforcement/judicial system or the national health system through law or formal agreement.

Relevant Legal Obligation: Multi-disciplinarity/ coordination/cooperation

Legal Instruments: Victim Rights Directive: Recital 38, 62, Article 26.1; Lanzarote Convention: Article 10.1, 10.3, 11.1.

See the [Barnahus Quality Standards](#) to find examples of: interagency and collaboration agreements and frameworks, cost sharing, regulating the establishment and use of Barnahus, policy for safeguarding children.

STANDARD 5: INTERAGENCY CASE MANAGEMENT

- The interagency team and the respective agencies share information relevant about the case throughout the criminal investigation and judicial process as appropriate for the benefit and in the best interest of the child.
- A designated professional of the team monitors and coordinates the multi-disciplinary response, including interagency case assessments. Interagency case assessments form the basis for individual plans for each child.
- The service ensures continuous documentation and access to relevant case information to the interagency team members on the progress of the case until case closure.
- The privacy of the child is guaranteed. There is a clear plan for dealing with the confidential information from the clients, the storage of this information and who has access to it.
- A designated, trained individual or member of the team monitors the multi-disciplinary response to ensure that there is continuous support and follow up with the child and non-offending family/care-givers

See the [Barnahus Quality Standards](#) to find examples of: a collaboration agreement, a Barnahus planning meeting agenda, how to ensure information exchange and regulating the exchange of information, a privacy protocol, and more.

STANDARD 5: INTERAGENCY CASE MANAGEMENT

Relevant Legal Obligation: Ensuring the best interests is a primary consideration in the application of the obligations in the Directives

Legal Instruments: Victim Rights Directive: Article 1 (c) 2; Sexual Abuse Directive: 18.1, 19.2; Lanzarote Convention: Article 30.1.

Relevant Legal Obligation: Individual assessment of each child's circumstances and non-offending family members' needs

Legal Instruments: Victim Rights Directive: Recital 9, 55, 56, 58, Article 22.1-7; Sexual Abuse Directive: 19.3

Relevant Legal Obligation: Multi-disciplinarity/ coordination/ cooperation

Legal Instruments: Victim Rights Directive: Recital 62, Article 26. 1; Lanzarote Convention: Art 10.1

Relevant Legal Obligation: Circle of Trust provisions

Legal Instruments: Victim Rights Directive: Recital 18; Sexual Abuse Directive: Recital 30, Article 19.1; Lanzarote Convention: Article 14.1.

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STANDARD 2 INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION IN ICELAND

Investigation

- The CPS
- The court judge
- The Prosecution
- The police
- The medical doctors



Therapy

- The CPS
- The Prosecutor
- The Police
- Child psychiatry unit



POLL QUESTION:

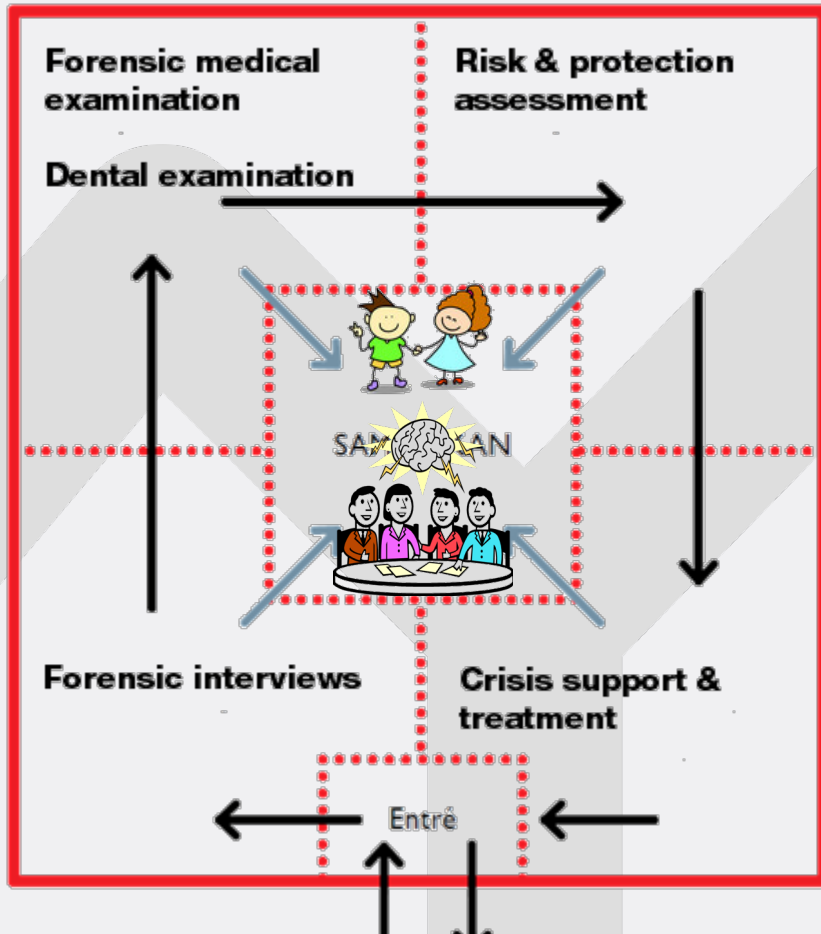
Do you think that your country needs to make changes in the law before you can establish Barnahus?



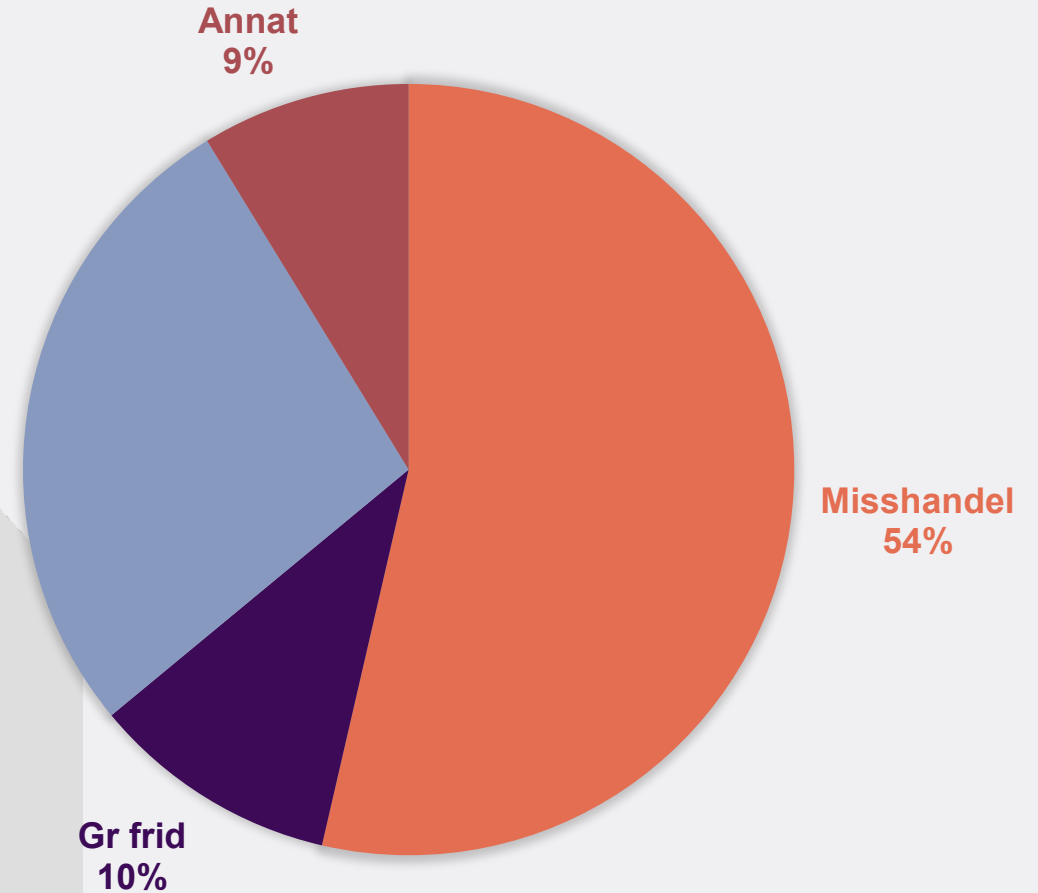
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MULTIDISCIPLINARY WORK

WHAT TYPE OF CRIME?



Sexualbrott
27%



POLL QUESTION:

Is your Barnahus or similar setup co-located with law enforcement and CPS/mental health? Do you think it would be possible in your country?

POLL QUESTION:

Do you have a good model for how the case manager does their work?
Do you have a case manager for every case?

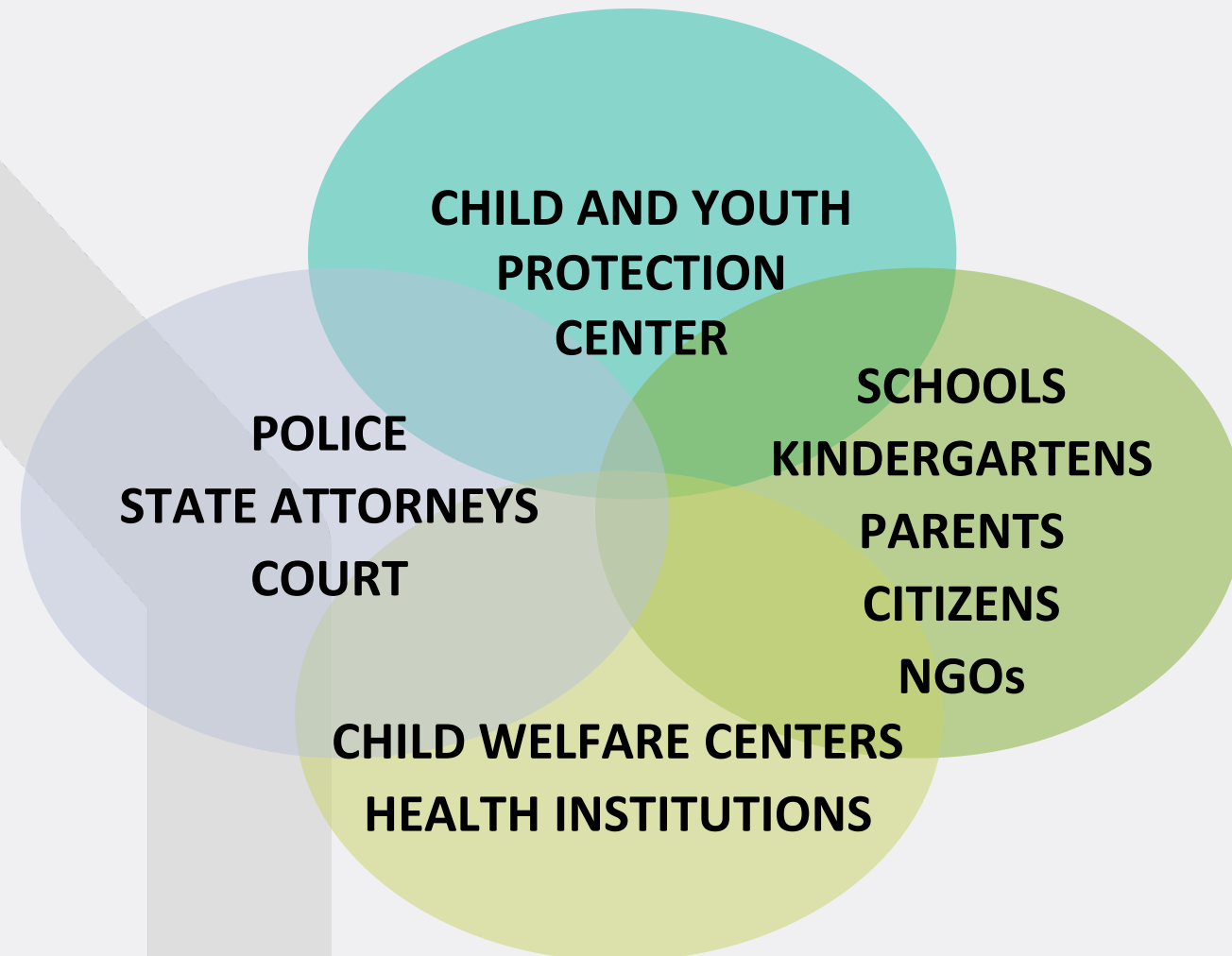
CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION CENTER OF ZAGREB, CROATIA

Multidisciplinary team

- 13 psychologists
- 4 psychiatrists
- neuropaediatrician
- 2 social workers
- 2 special educators
- speech therapist
- 6 nurses
- jurist



Interagency collaboration



POLL QUESTION:

What are the challenges you perceive in your country when it comes to multidisciplinary and interagency collaboration?

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FACTS OF BARNAHUS IN SWEDEN

Every center is Governmental controlled and financed by the state.

It should include:

- Child protection close to the local social services
- Criminal investigation including police and prosecutors
- The child's physical health
- The child's mental health.

CO- WORKERS IN BARNAHUS STOCKHOLM

- Police: about 50 police employees of which 40 are investigators who does the Forensic interviews
- Social service: Seven socialworkers/Coordinators
- Mental health team: Five psychologists specialized in trauma
- Physical health team: pediatricians and specialist nurses from a children hospital and one forensic dentist
- Prosecutors from three districts
- Leadership: Directors from all disciplines



CHALLENGES ON SWEDISH LEGISLATION FOR OUR BARNAHUS/CAC

- Lots of police reports
- Few criminal convictions
- Reported parents should be offered parental support if they are supposed to keep living with their children
- Reported children should be offered support!



ALL PROFESSIONS IN THE SAME HOUSE IS A WINNING CONCEPT!

- Small talks over a cup of coffee -make steps forward
- Availability
- General increase of knowledge

Important with respect for each other's knowledge and legislations

A joint management is important

National guidelines!



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