

PROMISE BARNAHUS NETWORK: INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

OVERALL OBJECTIVE & ACTIVITIES

The key objective of the Promise Barnahus network is **to facilitate activities that support the network members to improve their positive impact on the lives of child victims and witnesses of violence and their families** at national and European level.

To this end, the network's activities support members to:

- **Improve practice** by having access to training, mentorship and practical tools, including University certified training in forensic interviews and therapy
- **Gain recognition, and in the longer-term accreditation**, for excellence in practice by having access to training, support, mentoring and tools to benchmark progress to practicing in line with the Barnahus standards
- **Share expertise and learning and helping shape the European Barnahus Movement** by having access to a broad network which actively engages in exchange and mutual learning
- **Extend outreach and visibility** by being part of a broad professional network, visibility in European social media and opportunities to meet other professionals from across Europe
- **Explore funding opportunities** by offering access to expertise and reliant partnerships

Activities:

- Training – in-house, self-training, European competence centre
- Practical tools and guidance
- Data collection, evaluation and research to monitor impact
- Child participation
- Exchange and mutual support
- Peer support through mentorship and training of trainers
- Advocacy and awareness-raising at national and European level
- Exchange and support internationally

ORGANISATION and GOVERNANCE

Secretariat

The CBSS Secretariat, which has acted as the Promise project coordinator since 2015, hosts the **joint Secretariat and acts as the officially appointed coordinator of the network** in its premises in Stockholm, including desk, HR, admin, communication and finance support.

General Assembly/European Barnahus Forum

The General Assembly is held annually and consists of all full and developing members. The General Assembly approves the annual work plans, budget and operational and financial reports and elects steering group members. Associate members and network supporters are invited to join the General Assembly as observers.

The General Assembly coincides with a biannual European Barnahus Forum.

Steering Group

The Steering Group guides and oversees the work of the network. The Steering Group is accountable to the General Assembly. The Steering Group functions include:

- To provide strategic direction, leadership and guidance
- To develop and support activities promoting the European Barnahus Movement, including project proposals;
- To make budgetary decisions, including activities which affect the budget;
- To approve or delay applications for membership of the network;
- In the longer term, to approve or delay applications for accreditation;
- To decide and inform in cases of loss of membership or in the longer term, accreditation.
- In the longer term, to publicise new accreditations, and award the accreditation publicly at the Barnahus Forum.

Special Advisors and Experts

The network wishes to capitalise on the strong leadership and commitment from key experts in Europe. The Special advisors are invited to hold Steering Group membership until resignation or majority decision of the Steering Group.

Technical Advisors

The network wishes to involve actors with specific technical expertise to join Steering Group meetings as relevant. This may involve actors with specific technical experts, researchers, practitioners etc, including for example the developers of the Promise case management and tracking tool.

Network Coordinator

The network appoints a network coordinator who facilitates and manages the network activities and the daily running of the network.

The network coordinator is accountable to the Steering group and is line managed by the Head of the Children's Unit at the CBSS Secretariat.

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND FEES

The network embraces a broad and diverse membership **from across Europe and its near neighbourhood**, drawing on existing and emerging Promise partnerships with stakeholders from across Europe+ and across sectors. The network membership fully embraces multi-disciplinary and interagency collaboration, promoting involvement and exchange from all relevant and interested sectors.

The network offers different membership categories: **Full Membership, Developing Membership, Associate Membership and Network Supporters**. This approach ensures that we can involve a broad variety of stakeholders that subscribe to the network's vision and mission, while at the same time keeping the establishment and successful operation of Barnahus at the centre of the network.

Each full member, developing member, associated member and supporter adds value and ensures broad representation of interests, enrich exchange, build multidisciplinary knowledge and contribute to reach and dissemination of the network's collective knowledge, activities and outputs.

Overview of membership and benefits

Benefit	Full Membership	Developing Membership	Associate Membership
Fee	300 – 5000 pa	300 – 5000 pa	250 pa
Access to Website & Publications	YES	YES	YES
Network Advocacy at international, regional or national level on members' behalf	YES	YES	YES
Online Member Space, peer exchange and support, access to PROMISE experts and advocates, access projects (action grants)	YES	YES	NO
Training Courses at European Barnahus Competence Centre	YES (fully paid or heavily subsidised depending on available funding)	YES (fully paid or heavily subsidised depending on available funding)	By invitation and payment, based on capacity
Other training & Capacity building, including webinars	YES	YES	By invitation and if applicable, payment, based on capacity
European Barnahus Forum & other conferences	YES	YES	By invitation and if applicable, payment, based on capacity
European Barnahus Case Management Tool	YES	YES	N/A
Contributions to development of policy and tools	YES	YES	By invitation only
Vote in General Assembly	YES	YES	NO (May observe GA)
Representation on network steering group	YES	NO	NO
Barnahus Accreditation (Gold, Silver, Bronze)	YES	PENDING - SUPPORT TOWARDS ACCREDITATION	NO

Full Members (Barnahus and similar services)

Full membership is open to a formally established Barnahus or similar service in a European country as defined by the Council of Europe.

In order to join as a full member, the service must comply with the following requirements:

- A functioning multidisciplinary service with representation from law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and mental health services
- Full compliance with the Barnahus Criteria
- Commitment to take all possible action to (progressively) practice according to the Barnahus Quality Standards, within the boundaries of the national context
- Some form of formal interagency agreement, preferably a written interagency agreement
- Child-friendly facilities and interventions
- Clear and transparent governance and finance
- Service provision fully compliant with national & European law and requirements for example on different sectors of the multidisciplinary service provision, protection of data and privacy, rights of victims and defendants;
- Non-for profit – service provision is free
- Service provision only carried out by competent, qualified and specialised staff
- Policy and procedures for safeguarding children from harm are in place

In the longer term it is envisaged that full membership only will be offered to Barnahus that have earned accreditation by the network (Accredited Member). For this purpose, an accreditation system will be developed based on the Barnahus Quality Standards, using three different categories: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Accreditation will be subject to a decision of the Steering Group, involving a committee of experts.

Full members enjoy:

- 1 vote per service in the General Assembly, eligible to hold a position on the Steering Group
- Fully or partly subsidised participation in training, conferences, PROMISE tools, and other activities of the Network (sliding scale per number of participants)
- Members-only access to the PROMISE Network Member Space offering peer exchange and support, access to PROMISE experts and advocates for special support for national level impact and needs, access to funds via solid partnerships (action grants)

Membership fees for full members 2020

Annual income in Euro	Annual Fee in Euro
-100 000	300
100 001- 500 000	500
500 001 – 1000 000	1000
1000 001 – 2000 000	1500
2000 001 – 3000 000	2000
3000 001 – 4000 000	2500
4000 001 – 5000 000	3000
5000 001 -	5000

Developing Members

Membership in this category is open to developing and pilot Barnahus or similar multidisciplinary interagency services that are working towards compliance with the Barnahus criteria, in a European country as defined by the Council of Europe.

In order to join as a developing member, the service must comply with the following requirements:

- A multidisciplinary service with representation from at least some of the following actors: law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and mental health services
- Commitment to take all possible action to (progressively) comply with the Barnahus Criteria
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Once the accreditation system is in place, this category will be replaced by a new membership category “Accreditation Track Members” consisting of services that are working toward implementing the standards for accreditation but aren’t fully there yet.

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Membership fees for developing members in 2020

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0-100 000	300
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Associate Members

This membership category seeks to involve the many stakeholders across Europe that play a crucial role in promoting and supporting the establishment, development, competence and dissemination of Barnahus in Europe, including for example Governments, national and local authorities, Universities, research institutes, centres of expertise, NGOs, regional and international organisations, child rights organisations and champions.

In order to join as an associate member, the stakeholder must comply with the following requirements:

- Be an organisation or individual that fully supports and wants to promote the vision, mission and objectives of the PROMISE Barnahus network
- If the applicant is an organisation, it should be formally constituted as a non-governmental, inter-governmental, governmental, academic, educational, children's rights or child victim support organisation operating at a national, regional or international level

Associate members enjoy:

- Special levels of visibility/participation at the Barnahus Forum, website, other communications
- Participation in training, conferences, and other activities of the Network as relevant, for a fee or partly subsidised
- May observe the General Assembly

The associate membership annual fee is 250 EURO.

Supporters and sponsors

The PROMISE Barnahus network works actively to engage network supporters and sponsors, including private foundations, corporate foundations, private benefactors, and other donors. This category can also include Governments, national and local authorities, Universities, research institutes, centres of expertise, NGOs, regional and international organisations, child rights organisations and champions that aren't affiliated as associate members.

Application documents

- [Network Statutes](#)
- [Information for applicants](#)
- [Membership application form 2020](#)
- [Roadmap guidance](#) and [sample format](#)

Contact

For more information, contact the PROMISE Barnahus Network Coordinator:

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Barnahus Criteria

The Barnahus model refers to multi-disciplinary and interagency interventions organized in a child-friendly setting fulfilling the following criteria:

- The forensic interview is carried out according to an evidence-based protocol;
- The evidentiary validity of the child's statement respects *due process*, whilst avoiding a need for the child to repeat her/his statement during court proceedings if an indictment is made;
- A medical evaluation is carried out for forensic investigative purposes and to ensure the child's physical well-being and recovery;
- Psychological support is available, including short and long-term therapeutic services addressing the trauma of the child and non-offending family members and caretakers;
- An assessment of protection needs is carried out and followed up concerning the child victim and siblings in the family.

Membership Criteria

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