



# Making justice more child-friendly

Each year hundreds of thousands of children are part of legal proceedings.



Practices vary widely across and within EU Member States.



Often practices are not child-friendly.



Justice systems should cater to children's needs in cases such as criminal proceedings or divorce.



There is a clear need for:

1. Clear, consistent standards;
2. Systematic monitoring;
3. Awareness raising;
4. Special training of professionals.

Making justice more child-friendly:

1. improves child protection;
2. ensures children take part fully in proceedings;
3. is in the child's best interests.



## Children have the... ... right to be heard

The views of children should always be heard...



... in places that make them feel comfortable...

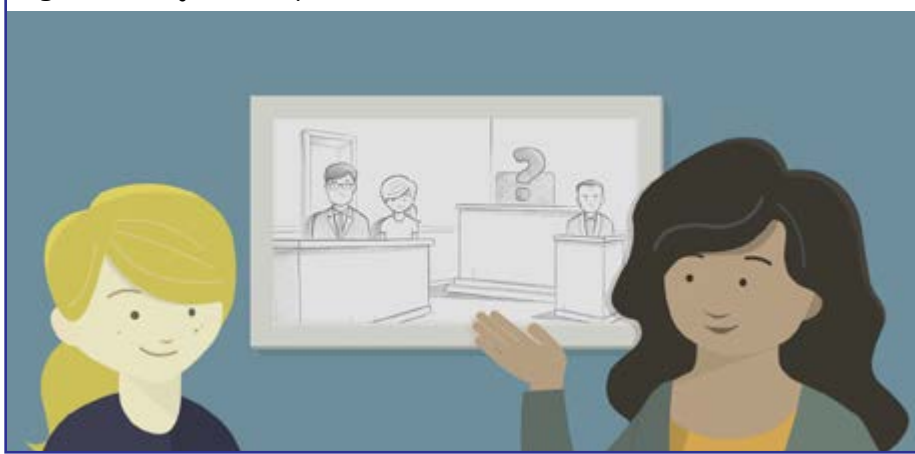


## ... right to information

Mandatory procedures on how to inform children when, on what and by whom are needed.



Children should receive child-friendly material about child rights and judicial procedures.



They should be regularly informed throughout proceedings.

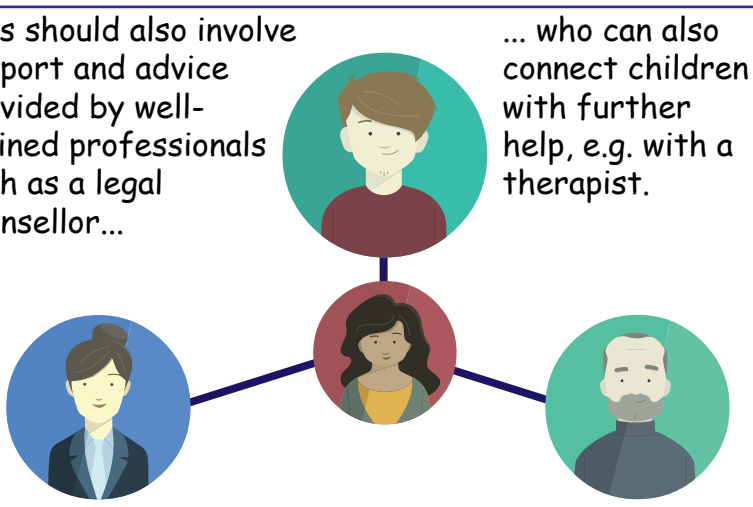


## ... right to protection

Safeguards to protect children should make them feel safe.



This should also involve support and advice provided by well-trained professionals such as a legal counsellor...



Based on FRA's report on:  
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