

# Children's rights at the core of our fight against their disappearance or sexual exploitation

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# Foundation for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children



Created out of  
shock, anger  
and hope

# HISTORY

OOSTENDE



22 AUGUST  
1995



28 MAY 1996

BERTRIX



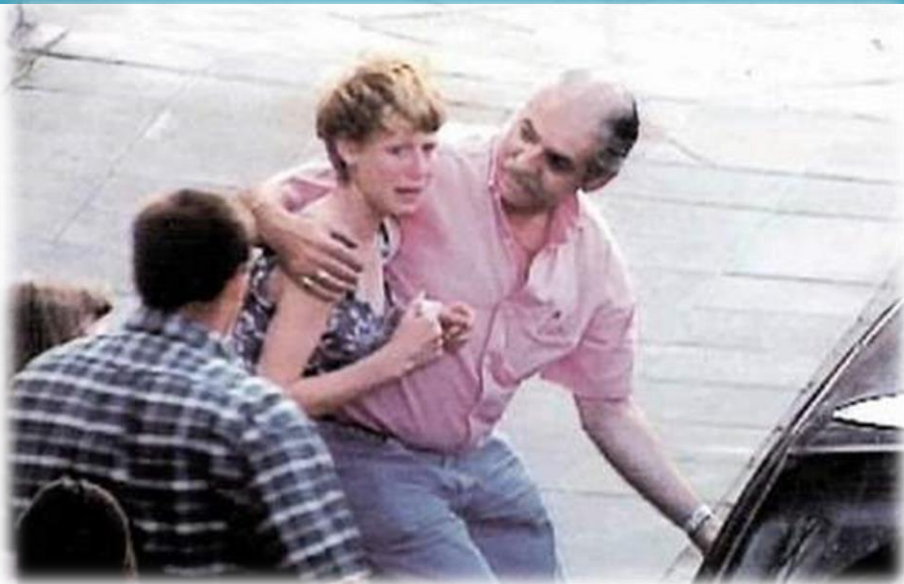
9 AUGUST 1996

LIEGE

24 JUNE 1995



# HISTORY



15 AUGUST 1996



# HISTORY



**BELGIUM IS IN SHOCK!**

# HISTORY

## 20 OCTOBER 1996: WHITE MARCH IN BRUSSELS – NEVER AGAIN!



# ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD FOCUS



**24 MAY, 1997: SIGNATURE OF THE CHARTER OF GENVAL BY PARENTS OF MISSING/MURDERED CHILDREN – MISSION STATEMENT**

**10 JULY, 1997: ROYAL DECREE CREATING NGO CHILD FOCUS**

**31 MARCH, 1998: CHILD FOCUS IS OPERATIONAL**

# Who are we ?



**TWO SUBJECTS: MISSING & SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

**OPERATIONAL & PREVENTATIVE LEVEL**

**REAL LIFE & ONLINE**

**IN BELGIUM & ABROAD**

**24/7**

**€ 116 000**







## Missing

- Runaways
- Parental abduction
- Non-accompanied minors
- Abduction by third parties

## Sexual Exploitation

- Teen prostitution
- Online risks: sexting, sextortion, grooming
- Child Sexual Abuse Material
- Child sex tourism



# Our vision

**We believe that all the children have the right to grow up and develop in a world that offers every opportunity and protects their rights.**



# Our vision

**For EVERY child without any discrimination**





**PROVISION**



**PROTECTION**



**PARTICIPATION**



# Our Operational work



**M I S S I N G**



**Younes JRATLOU**  
Le Bizet  
(Comines Waasten)  
26/10/2009

4 ans  
1m70  
Capacité normale  
Yeux bruns  
Cheveux bruns,  
courtés bouclés  
Pell. col roux bleu  
Porte un large  
Est pieds nus

4 jaar  
1m70  
Normale schaam-  
bouw  
Bruine ogen  
Kort gekruld bruin  
haar  
Blauwe pulf met  
roze kraag  
Draagt een lichte  
Stroep veters





# Research

## WEGLOPEN: BANDEN VERBREKEN... OM BANDEN TE ZOEKEN

Onderzoek naar de profielen en de  
drijfveren van weglopers



### Invitation

**Bouncing back: The well-being of children in international  
child abduction cases**

**23-24 November 2017  
Elzenveld, Antwerp**

Every year, thousands of children in the EU become a victim of international child abduction by a parent. The 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention and the Brussels IIa Regulation can help to resolve these cases.

#### Day 1

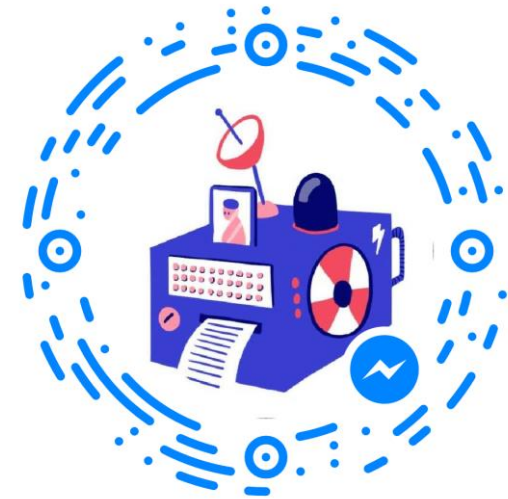
9:30 - 10:00: Registration  
10:00 - 10:15: Welcome by François Cornelis,  
President of Child Focus  
Opening by Delphine Moralis, Secretary  
General of Missing Children Europe  
10:15 - 10:30: Perspective of an abducted  
child  
10:30 - 11:30: Keynote speeches  
11:30 - 12:30: Results of the research by Kim  
Van Hoorde, Marieke Putters and Gwenaëlle  
Buser, Project Researchers  
12:30 - 13:30: Lunch  
13:30 - 14:30: Workshop session 1  
14:30 - 15:00: Coffee break  
15:00 - 16:00: Workshop session 2  
16:00 - 17:00: Feedback from the workshops

#### Day 2

9:30 - 10:00: Opening speeches  
10:00 - 10:30: Results of the legal research  
by Sara Lembrechts, Project Researcher  
10:30 - 11:00: Coffee Break  
11:30 - 12:30: Workshop session 3  
12:30 - 13:30: Lunch  
13:30 - 14:30: Workshop session 4  
14:30 - 15:30: Feedback from the workshops  
15:30 - 16:00: Conclusions and wrap up

**Register**

# Prevention and awareness raising



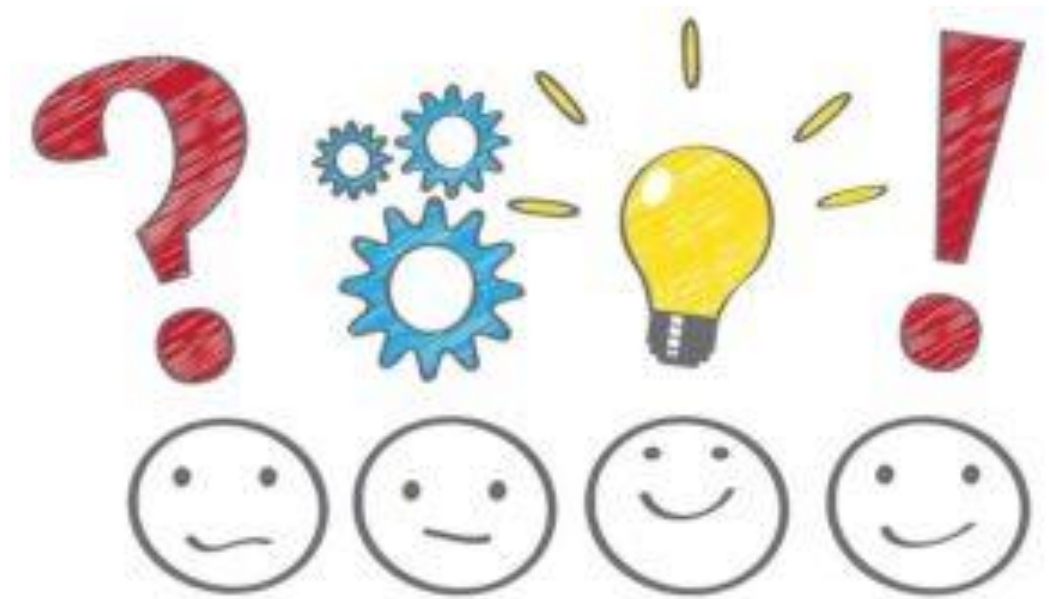


# Prevention and awareness raising



# Lobbying







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