



20 years of ENOC

European Network of Ombudspersons for Children

Council of Europe Recommendation

1996, Council of Europe

“European Strategy for Children”

“...a commissioner (ombudsman) for children or another structure offering guarantees of independence, and the responsibilities required to improve children’s lives, and accessible to the public through such means as local offices”.

1st Meeting

June 1997 Trondheim, Norway

Establishment of ENOC

Trond Waage
elected as first ENOC chairperson

11 institutions represented
(Norway, Sweden, Austria, Belgium
Czech Rep, Denmark, Finland,
Germany, Hungary, Spain, Russia)



- UNICEF office in Geneva agrees to provide a Secretariat for ENOC for the first 10 years

Agenda
Meeting of European Ombudsmen for Children
8-9 June, Trondheim, Norway

Sunday, 8 June

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| <i>13:30-14:00</i> | <i>Informal Get Together</i> |
| <i>14:00-14:15</i> | <i>Introduction and Background</i> |
| <i>14:15-14:30</i> | <i>Presentation of the Participants</i> |
| <i>14:30-16:30</i> | <i>National Challenges: Ombudswork at the national level
(Each Ombudsman will have the opportunity to briefly present the work s/he is doing, with a focus on challenges faced)</i> |
| <i>16:30-16:45</i> | <i>Break</i> |
| <i>16:45-17:00</i> | <i>Intro/Vision of a Network</i> |
| <i>17:00-18:00</i> | <i>Expectations of and Contributions to the Network
Group Work (3 Groups)</i> |
| <i>18:00-18:30</i> | <i>Reporting Back and Discussion</i> |

Monday, 9 June

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| <i>8:30-9:00</i> | <i>Finalisation of Terms of Reference and
Establishment of the Network</i> |
| <i>9:00-10:30</i> | <i>Identifying common issues and initial activities of the
Network</i> |
| <i>11:00-11:15</i> | <i>Break</i> |
| <i>11:15-12:00</i> | <i>Where do we go from here?</i> |
| <i>14:00</i> | <i>Opening Ceremony, Urban Childhood Conference</i> |

2nd Meeting

Sep 1998 Gentofte, Denmark

New Chair: Per Schultz Jørgensen
12 members represented



- ENOC is trying to formulate its identity and the ways of its operation....
- Thematic discussions: Involving children in the work of Ombudspersons

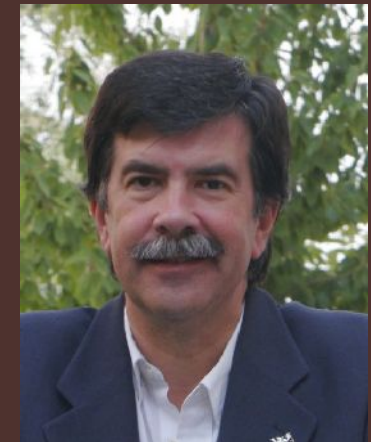
3rd Meeting

1999 Madrid, Spain

Agreement on criteria for membership

New Chair: Javier Urra Portillo

**ENOC agreed on criteria for membership,
while acknowledging the need for flexibility
and a variety of models to suit different states**



“ENOC recognises that the concept of independent offices for children -children's ombudspersons, commissioners and so on- is a developing one, and that its criteria for membership will need to be kept under review”

4th Meeting

2000 Brussels, Belgium

New Chair: Ankie Vanderkerckhove
13 members represented

**Discussion: The role of Ombudspersons
for Children in CRC reporting process**

Decision to ask UNCRC for a meeting

Statement adopted on unaccompanied children

**Formation of working group to draft minimum
standards for ENOC members**



5th Meeting

2001 Paris, France

Agreement on ENOC Standards for Independent Children's Rights Institutions

New Chair: Claire Brisset
21 members represented



ENOC Standards: Incorporating the
Paris principles (1993). Reference to:

- Competence and responsibilities
- Composition – independence
- Methods of operation
- Hearing and considering complaints from children and their representatives

Statement adopted on **Corporal Punishment**

6th Meeting

2002 Brussels, Belgium

New Chair: Claude Lelievre

Discussions about ENOC Statutes...

**New Working Group on establishing
an ENOC Secretariat**



7th Meeting

Oct 2003 Stockholm, Sweden

New Chair: Lena Nyberg



23 members represented
40 participants

Adoption of three Statements:

1. "Europe's children's champions challenge governments to respect young offenders' rights"
2. "Statement on communication with children"
3. "Childhood and commercial pressure"

8th Meeting

Oct 2004 Cardiff, Wales

New Chair: Peter Clarke



25 members represented
47 participants

Statement adopted later this year

“Violence in a children’s rights context”

- ENOC Submission to the Europe and Central Asia Regional Consultation for the UN Secretary General’s Study on Violence against children, Ljubljana July 2005



9th Meeting

Sep 2005 Warsaw, Poland

New Chair: Pavel Jaros

25 members represented

59 participants



2 working groups were set up:

- *Network operation*
- *Financial support of ENOC*



Special members' meeting

May 2006, Dublin

Hosted by Emily Logan

Review of ENOC Statutes!!!!

New criteria for membership – 5 members Bureau





10th Meeting

Sep 2006 Athens, Greece

Chair: George Moschos

28 members represented

70 participants

Followed by conference on
“Ombudswork for Children”



- Decision to open a new office in Strasbourg and a bank account in France

Adopted Statement:

“State Obligations for the Treatment of Unaccompanied Children”



11th Meeting

Sep 2007 Barcelona, Catalonia

New Chair: Xavier Bonal

23 members represented

88 participants

10th anniversary of ENOC

Adopted Statement on

“Children and Young People with Disabilities”





Participation of ENOC in first European Forum on the Rights of the Child

Berlin, June 2007



12th Meeting

Sep 2008 Dublin, Ireland

Towards the implementation of UNCRC

New Chair: Emily Logan

32 members were represented

100 participants



**Examples of best practices for CRC implementation
presented by members**

Children participated in workshops



2008: ENOC opens a new office in Strasbourg

Polina Atanasova recruited in ENOC secretariat



ENOC/CRONSEE Conference

May 2009 Dubrovnik, Croatia

“Children facing conflictual parental divorces”



13th Meeting

Sep 2009 Paris, France

The best interests of the child

New Chair: Dominique Versini

32 members represented

91 participants

Children participated in workshops

Adopted Statement

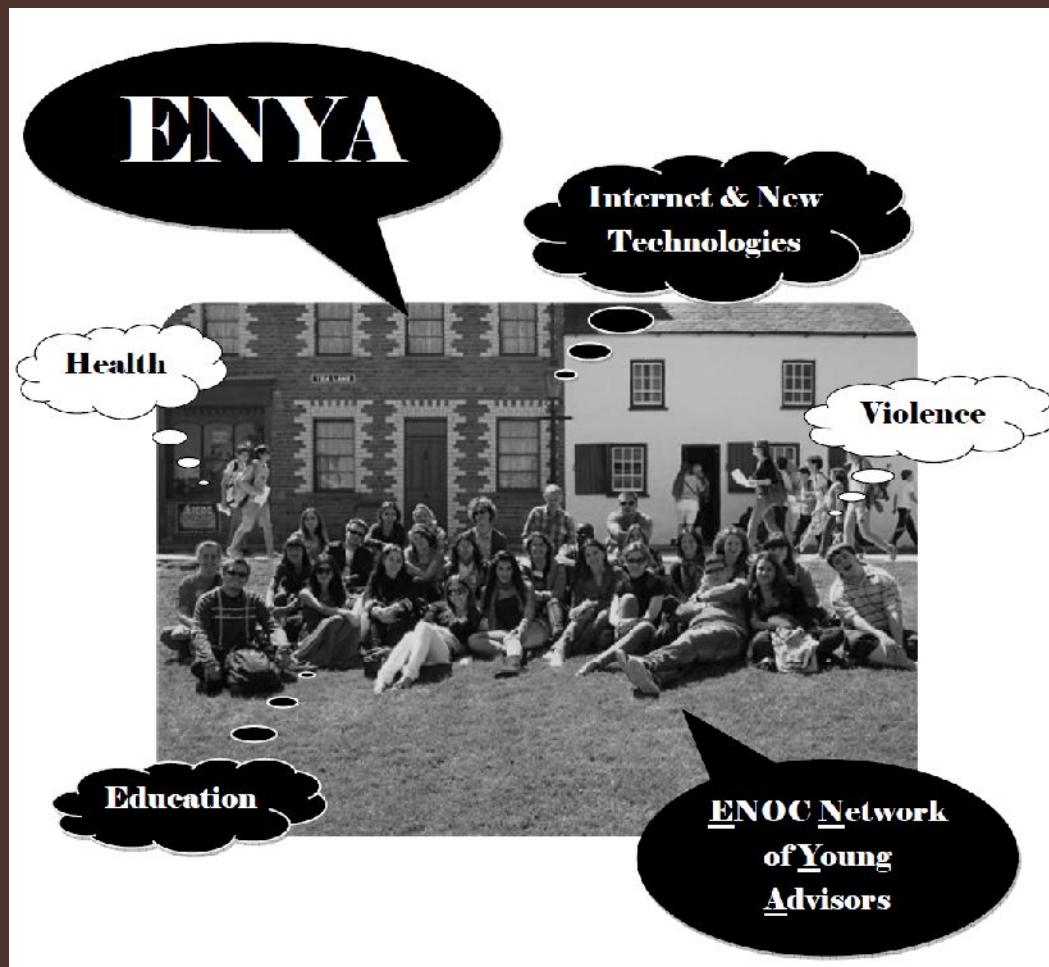
“Marking the 20th anniversary of CRC”





2010: Creation of ENYA

Network of our Young Advisors



Groups of ENYA formed by 16 ENOC members.

Their communication was supported by electronic forum, focusing on 4 Themes (Education, Health, Violence and Internet)

Seminar to discuss ENYA issues

June 2010, Malta



14th Meeting

Oct 2010 Strasbourg, France

**Listening to children and involving them in the
promotion of their rights**

New Chair: Patricia Lewsley

32 members represented

81 participants

+ 35 members of ENYA

and 16 coordinators



Common workshop of Ombudspersons with ENYA



ENYA seminar

July 2011 Belfast, N.Ireland



15th Meeting

Sep 2011 Warsaw, Poland

Children in Institutions

New Chair: Marek Michalak

34 members represented

75 participants



- Presentation of ENOC survey on
The situation and the respect of children's
rights living in institutional care



ENYA Seminar

August 2012 Warsaw, Poland



16th Meeting

Oct 2012 Nicosia, Cyprus

Children in Conflict with the Law

New Chair: Leda Koursouba

35 members represented

85 participants



Adopted Statement

“Respect of the right of children in conflict with the law”



17th Meeting

Sep 2013 Brussels, Belgium

Children on the move

New Chair: Bernard de Vos

36 members represented

102 participants



Adopted Statement

“Children on the move: children first!”



2013 ENYA Project

Children on the move

Documentary filmed in 8 countries
of ENOC / ENYA members



18th Meeting

Oct 2014 Edinburgh, Scotland

The impact of austerity and poverty
on the realization of children's rights

New Chair: Tam Baillie

35 members represented

90 participants

Involvement of 15 young persons

Adopted Statement

"Children and Austerity"

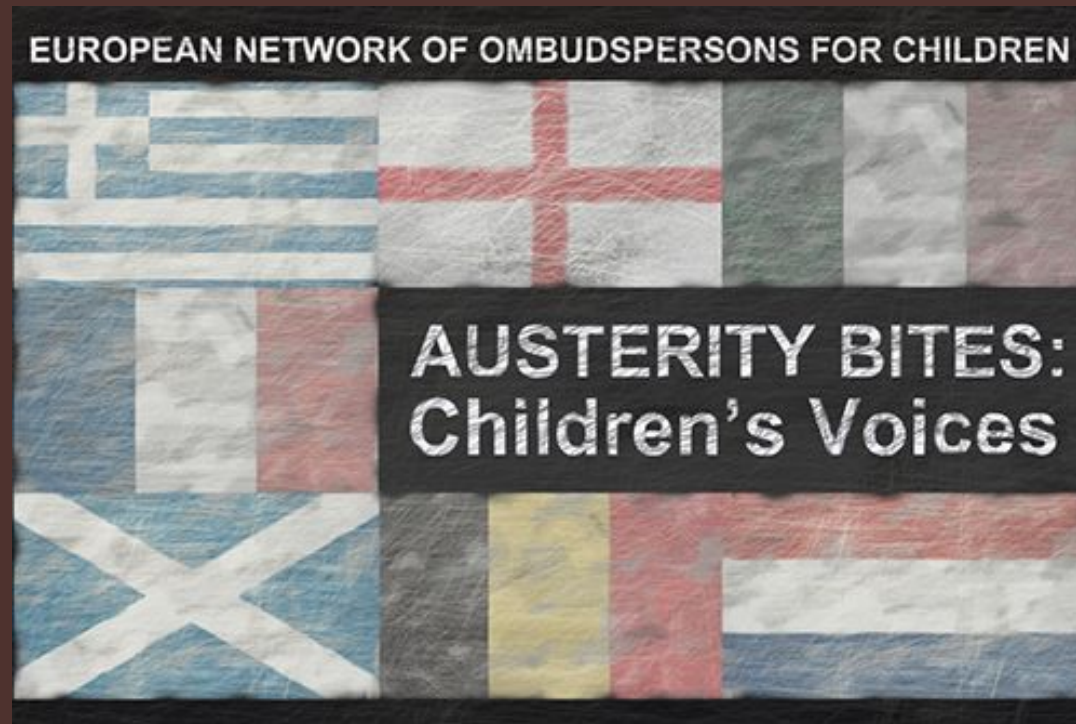




2014 ENYA project

“Austerity Bites!”

8 members participated – 32 short films created



2015 ENYA Project

“Let’s talk young! Let’s talk about violence”

After a training Seminar for ENYA Coordinators in Brussels, 11 members prepared a video. A first presentation of countries’ work took place in a meeting in Athens (June 2015)



19th Meeting

Sep 2015 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Violence against children

New Chair: Marc Dullaert

32 members represented

102 participants



Adopted Statement

“Violence against Children”

- Create **“Task Force on Children on the Move”**



Task Force on Children on the Move

First Report released in Jan 2016

Netherlands /Sweden coordinated, 11 members contributed

- Wide publicity of Report
- Open letters addressed to EU / CoE Leaders (January and April 2016) with specific requests
- Meetings with EU Commissioner of Justice
- Conference in Paris / France in June 2016



ENOC Seminar

June 2016, Dublin

Preparing the Statement on Equal Opportunities in Education



20th Meeting

Sep 2016 Vilnius, Lithuania

Equal Opportunities in Education

New Chair: Edita Ziobiene

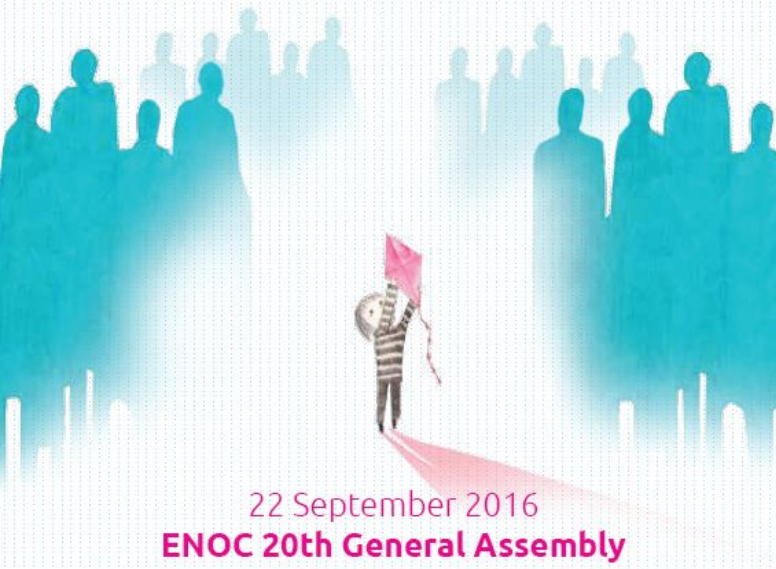
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Adopted Statement
“Equal Opportunities in Education”

20 – 21 September 2016
ENOC 20th Annual Conference

„EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ALL CHILDREN IN EDUCATION“



22 September 2016
ENOC 20th General Assembly



2016 ENYA Project

"Equality in Education"

6 members participated
1 video (+ a "making of" WebDoc) created

CYPRUS
FRANCE
GEORGIA
GREECE
MALTA
SCOTLAND



ENYA 2016
EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

Remarkable persons...

ENOC brain and special advisor Peter Newell



Remarkable persons...

ENOC and children's best friend in UN
Marta Santos Pais



Remarkable persons...

ENOC and children's beloved Commissioner
at the Council of Europe
Thomas Hammarberg



Remarkable persons...

ENOC big smile...
and strong voice
Ankie



Remarkable persons...

ENOC

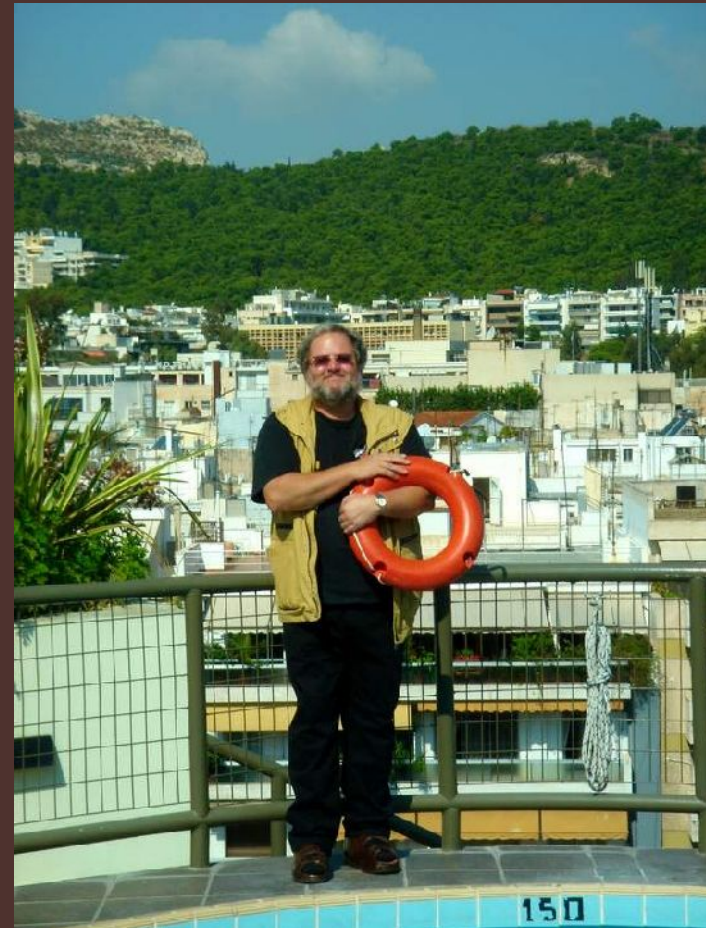
**persistent objector
and challenger**

Knut Haanes



Remarkable persons...

ENOC history keeper
Robert Soisson



Remarkable moments...



Scandinavian conspiracies...

Remarkable moments...



British collaborations...

Remarkable moments...



Balkan dialogues...



Remarkable moments...



International cooking attempts...

Remarkable moments...



Sacred ceremonies...

Remarkable moments...



Musical improvisations...

Remarkable moments...



and traditional dancing exercises....

Throughout these 20 years,
ENOC has become a real Family...

