



**Report from the Work of the  
Working Group for Co-operation on Children at Risk  
and  
the Children's Unit  
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## ***Introduction***

The Working Group for Co-operation on Children at Risk, WGCC, has now been in existence for three years. The WGCC has during this time established itself as a node for different activities and programmes in the area of the Baltic Sea. The co-operation on children at risk within the region of the Baltic Sea States has now been operating for almost six years. Starting with the Stockholm Agenda for action from the Stockholm Conference against commercial sexual exploitation of children in 1996, the co-operation took shape in 1998 and developed into its present form between 1998 and 2002. After being the financial responsibility of Sweden and Norway, the co-operation now rests on equal financial grounds with other regional activities seeing financial contributions to the budget from almost all member states in the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

At the meeting in Vilnius in January 2002, the WGCC adopted its terms of reference in which the development of a yearly report was one part. The development and agreement on a priority paper was another and the development of an activity plan for the year was the third.

The quality of the lives of boys and girls in the countries in the Baltic Sea Region on the whole is rising but some children and young persons will not be part of this as their possibilities of a dignified life is impeded by exposure to sexual abuse, exploitation and violence. All countries in the Baltic Sea Region face the important and challenging task of ensuring the best possible care and rehabilitation to children that have been sexually abused, physically violated or exploited in any way. Difficult as it is for professionals assisting children, improved sharing of expertise and increased exchange of knowledge means that more children will benefit from adequate assistance. To do this, networks of professionals need to be built and maintained since these are powerful countermeasures when we as a region move towards creating societies where no child is left out. The goal of the cooperation on children at risk being to fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child where every boy and every girl has a right to be heard and where every child, no matter what her or his experiences are, have a right to develop in accordance to her or his potential.

## ***The Working Group for Co-operation on Children at Risk 2004 - 2005***

Members of the working group for Co-operation on Children at Risk has been:

### **Chair**

#### **Finland**

**Ms Anne Hujala**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

**Vice Chair****Lithuania**

**Ms Audra Mikalauskaite**, Head of Children and Youth Division, Ministry of Social Security and Labour.

**Denmark**

**Ms Lise Færch**, Director of UFC Børn og Familier

**Estonia**

**Ms Monika Luik**, Advisor, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Social Affairs.

**Germany**

**Mr Ulrich Paschold**, Senior Principal, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

**Iceland**

**Mr Bragi Gudbrandsson**, General Director, The Government Agency for Child Protection.

**Latvia**

**To be appointed.**

**Norway**

**Mr Björn Bredeesen**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Child and Family Affairs.

**Ms Siw Ellefsen**, Advisor, Ministry of Child and Family Affairs.

**Poland**

**Ms Magdalena Wantola**, Ministry for National Education and Sports.

**Russian Federation**

**Mr Sergei Apatenko**, Ministry for Education and Science

**Mr Sergei Barinov**, Agency for National Education

**Sweden**

**Ms Agneta Björklund**, Senior Administrative Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs.  
(Until December 2004)

**Ms Jessica Lundahl**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Social Affairs. (From January 2005)

***Meetings of the WGCC***

The WGCC has had two meetings during the year:

**Berlin, October 2004.** The Berlin meeting of the WGCC was special, since it was the first time ever that the WGCC met together with the National Coordinators. The meeting was the result of discussions within the group of National Coordinators and within the WGCC itself on how to increase the information flow between the two groups, As the cooperation has developed, more and more emphasis falls on the National Coordi-

nators. Supporting the National Coordinators and increasing the contacts between the WGCC and the National Coordinators is thus becoming more and more needed. During this meeting the Working Group and the National Coordinators had the opportunity to listen to activities initiated by the German federal government in cooperation with the German based NGO Terre des Hommes. The web based campaign “Please disturb” is an effort to make travellers aware of what they can do in situations where they suspect children are being abused by fellow travellers.

**Warsaw, March 2005:** This meeting, hosted by the Polish Ministry for National Education and Sports included presentations of three different issues, all connected to the regional work: The Polish work with unaccompanied and trafficked children carried out by the organisation Nobody’s Children was introduced, especially the information campaign targeting the border police. The Polish research team presented some of the results from the Polish part of the Baltic Sea Regional Study on Adolescent Sexuality. The Nobody’s Children foundation then presented their study on how children behave on the Internet.

Reports from the meetings of the WGCC are published on the Childcentre web site and are available at

<http://childcentre.baltinfo.org/archive/workinggro>

### ***Budget***

The Children’s Unit is financed by voluntary contributions from the member states. During 2004 all member countries except Russia and Latvia contributed to the budget.

### ***Staff of the Children’s Unit***

Mr Lars Lööf has during the year worked as Head of the Children’s Unit. Until the end of May 2005 Ms Eva Ekmehag, Deputy Director at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has been seconded to the Children’s Unit as Senior Advisor. Her tasks have continued to be specifically related to the activities in relation to unaccompanied and trafficked children in the region. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2005 until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June the Children’s Unit has benefited from having an intern, Ms Jurgita Kornijenko.

### ***Priority Paper***

The Priority Paper for the WGCC was adopted after the Helsinki meeting in September 2002 and was developed and amended in Copenhagen in October 2003. The priority paper is one tool in communicating the mandate of the WGCC to both external stakeholders and other organisations.

For full text version of the priority paper please go to

<http://childcentre.baltinfo.org/archive/workinggro/ifid2552.html>

## **Activity Plan**

The Activity Plan for the work of the WGCC and the Children's Unit is an ongoing working tool where different activities that the WGCC and the Children's Unit strive to implement are noted together with responsibility to make the planned intervention or activity happen, the timeframe and the timing of the evaluation. The plan also includes references to responsible partners and funding. The activity plan is constantly revised and updated at WGCC meetings and it is also posted on the Internet.

<http://www.childcentre.info/archive/workinggro/2004/>

## **Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Children's Issues. Oslo, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Norwegian Minister for Children and Family Affairs, Ms Laila Dāvøy invited her colleagues and national delegations to a meeting on the cooperation on children at risk. The meeting was held at the Grand Hotel in Oslo and included a reception at the City Hall. All ministers were present or had sent representatives except the Russian minister. During the meeting, the distinguished participants listened to presentations from experts involved in different parts of the cooperation: The Baltic Sea Regional Study on Adolescent Sexuality, the Council of Europe recommendations on the rights of children in institutions, programme preventing institutionalisation of children, evidence based work with young persons with antisocial behaviour, the programme fighting trafficking in children and the entire work of the Children's Unit and the WGCC were all discussed and presented at the meeting. The ministers unanimously agreed to continue the cooperation and to give the WGCC and the Children's Unit continued support in their work. The ministers also decided to mandate the WGCC to develop further programmes with an aim to develop the care of children in institutions and also to support alternatives to institutionalisation of children. The conclusions from the meeting have been presented to the XIII Ministerial Session of the Council.

## **Childcentre web site**

<http://childcentre.info>

The Childcentre web site has continuously over the year been used, updated and become a visible presence on the web. Postings of reports and information are made on a regular basis by the National Co-ordinators (NC) in the member countries where some National Co-ordinators are more active than others in posting objects on the site. During the year the web site has changed address. The change of address has been made in order for the site to be even more visible. The number of visitors to the site are around 8 – 10 000 every month with around 50% being repeat visitors, i.e. there is a strong loyalty from the visitors' side. The name and contact details of the National Co-ordinators are posted on the site in order for them to be accessible for professionals, organisations and researchers. <http://childcentre.baltinfo.org/nationalco/> Some NCs have actively involved new users into the secure area. The secure area is a forum where professionals working in the different prioritised areas in the co-operation may discuss relevant issues in a cost-effective way. Most of the forums are kept in English but national discussion forums have been added where professionals from the same country may use their mother tongue to discuss national issues. Some new areas of interest to professionals in the region have been added as discussion forums. The site can easily handle forums accessed by only a few of the registered users and is thus

possible to use both for smaller groups that want to discuss a specific topic and for groups involving all the registered users. The number of registered users varies very much between the countries. In total, the secure part of the site is reached and used by approximately 225 different professionals in the region. The discussion forum allows for continuous exchange of ideas, new reports, and requests for assistance and active search for partners in different programme endeavours. The secure part also holds an archive.

The secure part of the site is reached via a simple log on procedure. This makes the secure part more accessible for the users and also enables the Children's Unit to add new users with no additional cost. The lessened security is met by a heightened awareness from the users on what could be posted on the site and in the discussion forum. The Children's Unit also intends to review how the change works in relation to the goals for the co-operation set out by the WGCC. The costs of maintaining the web has been considerably reduced during 2003 due to the simplified log on procedure and the fact that we do not have to pay expensive license fees. The updated version of the site is also less cumbersome to maintain and update why a minimum of external services for this is required.

The web site is continuously evaluated by the WGCC at each meeting, where the statistics available is analysed and discussed. A new web based form for registering organisations, both public and NGOs working to assist children in difficult circumstances will soon be introduced and used. The part of the site where NGOs, especially local NGOs introduce themselves is one of the most asked for services of the site.

### ***Meetings of the National Co-ordinators***

The National Co-ordinators are the backbone in the co-operation on Children at Risk. Each National Co-ordinator is appointed by the ministry responsible for children's issues in the country and is given the authority to approve the connection of new users to the secure part of the web site. The National Co-ordinator is also responsible for posting reports, research and events available from their national perspective. The overarching goal of the co-operation is that professionals, wherever they are in the region, shall have access to the best available knowledge on rehabilitation, research and education on children at risk of sexual abuse, violence and exploitation. The Childcentre web site works as the hub of this co-operation and this hub in turn is fuelled by the participating professional's dedication and willingness to share their respective findings from their fields of expertise.

The online activity however must always be fed through meetings in person. Conferences on the issue of children and violence and how to assist them is one way of making networks of professionals continue to function. The web site of the Childcentre forms a basis for continuing discussions and ventilating ideas sprung out of meetings and conferences. The offline meetings are a prerequisite for the online activities to develop and flourish. In the budget of the Children's Unit a sum is set aside to be able to finance one meeting of the group of National Co-ordinators and representatives of the Competence Centres.

## **Meeting in Berlin**

The yearly meeting of the National Co-ordinators took place back to back with the meeting of the WGCC in Berlin in October 2004. The meeting was an opportunity for the group of National Coordinators and the WGCC to discuss the common work and how to make the National Coordinators task easier. The groups decided that joint meetings at regular intervals are certainly beneficial. The report from the meeting is available at the Childcentre web site. <http://www.childcentre.info/archive/workinggro/2004/>

## **Competence Centres**

Since the start of the cooperation on Children at Risk, special status in the cooperation has been given to organisations, public or non-governmental, that give direct services to boys and girls that have been sexually abused or in other ways violated or exploited. These organisations were initially only one per member country but have in recent years grown. The Competence Centres, just like the National Coordinators, are called upon in assisting in finding experts on different issues. They are in themselves experts on the issues the WGCC and the Children's Unit work with. The Competence Centres are invited to a yearly meeting. This year, the meeting has been postponed until after the summer of 2005. The Competence Centres are presented online at <http://www.childcentre.info/centres/>

## **Cooperation and Coordination with other initiatives**

In accordance with the WGCC priority paper, the work of the WGCC is streamlined with other regional, European and international initiatives and programmes. This so that we do not duplicate work already being done, but rather benefit from the synergy effects that may come out of transparency and cooperation. This is an important part of the work of the Children's Unit where invitations to expert meetings, roundtable discussions and presentations at events and seminars is an important way of making the work of the WGCC and the CBSS visible in the field of Children at Risk and gaining knowledge on what other organisations do. Trafficking in human beings is an area where a number of initiatives have been launched in the last few years and where bench marking is obviously vital in order not to duplicate efforts. Making certain that the WGCC programme is visible and known to regional actors like the OSCE, the IOM the ILO, UNICEF and other organisations is important.

## **The Nordic Council of Ministers**

The Nordic Council of Ministers is obviously an important organisation for the WGCC to cooperate with in all priority areas. The NCM neighbourhood programme is presently transformed and an emphasis will be put on programme work in North

Western Russia. Regular coordination meetings have started between the unit working with children and young persons in the adjacent areas. These meetings have resulted in more transparency and more knowledge within both organisations on areas of work.

## **The Council of Europe**

The WGCC has been involved in the preparation for the “Yokohama Review”-meeting, organised by The Council of Europe. The meeting will gather government representatives from Europe and Central Asia to look at how the commitments made in Yokohama in 2001 and at the preceding Budapest meeting in November 2000 regarding fighting Sexual Exploitation of Children have developed. The “Yokohama Review” meeting will take place in Ljubljana this summer and the regional cooperation on Children at Risk will be presented as one good example of how governmental cooperation may be organised. The Children’s Unit have been participating as expert in the preparatory meetings.

The Council of Europe has agreed upon a recommendation (Rec 2005:5) “The Rights of Children in Institutional Care”. The work with this recommendation has been closely followed by the WGCC. The WGCC will use the adopted recommendation in setting up activities and programmes in the field of Children in institutional care.

## **NGO cooperation**

One of the most distinct features of the WGCC work is the close and seamless cooperation with NGOs. The cooperation has constant working contacts with both big international NGOs and with small local organisations. The benefit for the NGOs to use time and energy to cooperate with the WGCC and the Children’s Unit lies in the possibility of gaining access to representatives from the ministries responsible for children’s issues. Many of the Competence Centres that are part of the cooperation are NGOs and when expertise on specific issues the cooperation works with are called upon the NGO world is always contacted.

On a more regular basis, the Children’s Unit have regular contacts with both ECPAT and with Save the Children Alliance. In both of these international children’s charities, the Children’s Unit is part of expert groups on issues that are close to the work of the WGCC. The Children’s Unit is thus in the expert group for the present ECPAT project looking at training for staff that come in contact with children that have been trafficked. The Children’s Unit is also on the steering group in Save the Children’s new project assisting boys and girls without documents in a country other than their own.

## **Other organisations**

The UN Study on violence against children will also include chapters on sexual violations and Internet based abuse of children. The latter chapter will be discussed at an expert meeting in Bangkok in June 2005, where the Children’s Unit will participate.

## **Activities out of the priorities set for the co-operation**

- a. The protection of children from all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and trafficking*

### ***The Baltic Sea Regional Study on Adolescent Sexuality***

The network of researchers from seven different countries: Estonia, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden that have all implemented a common study in their respective countries have continued their cooperation. The co-ordination of the project is appointed to one institute, NOVA, Norwegian Institute for Social Research, in Oslo, where senior researcher/associate professor Svein Mossige, is project co-ordinator. The project is connected to one research institute in each of the participating countries with the responsibility of implementing the study in that country.

The implementation of the questionnaire is finished in all participating countries with the exception of Iceland where the present study is combined with another national study. National reports on the outcome of the national studies have been presented and have created debate and press coverage in the respective countries. In Poland and in Lithuania, the results have also been challenged by some arguing that the high numbers of children stating that they have been sexually molested in some form is too high. The involved researchers still discuss how best to use the data from the seven countries in regional presentations and scientific articles.

In total the regional research has collected data from approximately 20 000 young persons in the region, creating the biggest existing database on sensitive issues relating to sexual abuse, commercial sex and experiences and attitudes in relation to these. The ages of the respondents are around 18.

The research coordinator at the NOVA institute has secured funding from the The Research Council of Norway, which has approved a grant from Nordplus Neighbour for the academic period 2004-2005. The network has been awarded a grant of NOK 250.000 making it possible to arrange two network meeting during the year. One in Oslo in November 2004 and one in Höör, Sweden in May 2005. Both meetings have been dedicated to planning of how to interpret the results, comparing the different national results and planning how to present the regional results. The meeting in Höör in Sweden was also specifically looking at how to use the outcome in planning of preventive programmes targeting vulnerable groups.

### ***Child Pornography on the Internet and dangers to children related to new techniques***

The Head of Unit has kept a working relationship with important European and international endeavours fighting sexual abuse of children via the Internet. In February two British psychologists visited Sweden and together with the unit there were two

days of joint meetings with staff involved in sexual abuse cases of children where the Internet has been a key ingredient. In April, the Head of Unit was invited to participate in the roundtable meeting on Child sexual abuse and the new technologies organised in Lyon by the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children in cooperation with Interpol. In the middle of June, the head of Unit will be at the roundtable expert meeting in Bangkok to give input to the UN study on violence with a particular focus on Internet based abuse and sexual violations of children.

***b. Unaccompanied and trafficked children.***

The programme on unaccompanied and trafficked children include all the eleven member countries to the CBSS. Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova have from the start been invited to participate in the technical implementation and cooperation and have agreed to do so. In May 2005 12 of the 14 countries involved in the cooperation have appointed National Contact Points. Germany and Russia have not. The appointed National Contact Points are published on the Childcentre web site and contacts tot these have started on a small scale. During the year the work of implementing the plan of action on unaccompanied and trafficked children have been intensified. The plan of action was adopted at the WGCC meeting in May 2004.

<http://www.childcentre.info/projects/traffickin/dbaFile11217.html>

The activities during the year have focused on following the outcome of the second meeting of National Contact Points held in Oslo in May 2004. This meeting identified three areas where obvious gaps exist in relation to boys and girls that are unaccompanied or trafficked in the region:

- a. In cooperation with the Expert group on trafficking in human beings within the Task Force on Organised Crime, explore the possibility of organising an expert meeting on the exchange of practices on victim assistance to support the police investigations.
- b. How to look at the issue of identification, age assessments, disappearances and family tracing including a view of the effects such efforts may have on unaccompanied and trafficked young persons.
- c. Returning to what? A broad approach regarding prevention, reintegration and assessment, institutional measures and alternative care.

**Expert meeting on Identification, Age Assessment, Disappearances and Family Tracing, Helsinki, December 2004.**

The expert meeting in Helsinki gathered participants from all 14 countries in the co-operation and resulted in a list of conclusions and a list of actions that the experts gathered agreed were important to take note of in the continued regional efforts:

- Starting point for assessing the child is the first meeting with the child.
- To establish the identity of the child is a prerequisite for assistance.
- The identity is important for assessing the child's situation both in the country of origin and in the host country but the situation for children that will not disclose their identity need also be assessed

- In assessing the child's situation in the country of origin, when this is a country in the region, there is a need to contact the country of origin if the child is outside the asylum system.
- Important to determine which authority or agency in the host country that may do the assessment.
- Assistance from the NGO-community in the assessment is crucial.
- Unaccompanied children in the region, from countries in the region, rarely need protection from the asylum system, They do however need protection.

## **Expert meeting on Building Competence and Capacity on Care, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Children and Young Persons Victims of Trafficking**

In April 2005 the Ukrainian Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Norwegian Ministry of Children and Family Affairs and the Nordic Baltic Task Force Against Trafficking made it possible for the WGCC and the Ukrainian hosts to organise a second expert meeting on Care and Assistance to Children that have been trafficked. The meeting was held in Kiev and gathered experts from 12 of the countries in the cooperation. The outcome of the meeting will be twofold:

- a. An updated compiled report on existing resources providing care and assistance to boys and girls that have been exploited.
- b. A report from the meeting as such, with the presentations attached.

The expert meeting recommended that a regional training be organised to assist professionals in the difficult and new task of assisting girls and boys victimised and exploited in trafficking.

## **Secondment to the Children's Unit**

During the year the secondment to the Children's Unit of a full time Senior Advisor has been in place. The Senior Advisor is seconded from the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs for a period of two years. The secondment ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **NGO contacts and activities**

The Swedish NGO network have been active during the year, meeting on a regular basis with the staff at the Children's Unit. One result of last years NGO meeting on Separated and Trafficked Children is that Save the Children Sweden has initiated a study on children without documentation in the region. A pre-study has been presented and will lead to the setting up of a project assisting children without documents in the region. The Children's unit is involved as part of the steering group on this. An NGO conference on best practice and co-operation regarding Separated and Trafficked Children within the Baltic Sea Region took place in Vilnius, Lithuania 14-16 of September 2003.

## **Contacts with other relevant organisations**

The Children's Unit has established contacts with the groups working on the issue of trafficking in human beings in the region: The task force on organised crime and its expert group on human trafficking, the prosecutors network, the Nord Baltic 8 initiative and the Euro Arctic group on trafficking. The WGCC programme was presented at the side event on trafficking at the December meeting of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Health and Social Wellbeing held in Tallinn. Contacts have been established and maintained with the OSCE work on trafficking in Europe as well as with the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and their research into trafficking patterns in the region.

The regional cooperation on children at risk in the region with a focus on children that are victims of trafficking, was presented at the World Childhood Foundation 5<sup>th</sup> year meeting at the Royal Castle in Stockholm in presence of H.M. Queen Silvia and H.R.H. Princess Madeleine. Board members from the World Childhood Foundation in Germany, Sweden, Brazil and the US were present.

At the ISPCAN World Conference in September 2004 the regional work fighting trafficking in children was presented.

### ***c. Street children and children without a family***

The work of the WGCC and the Children's Unit on this topic has been restricted to the follow up of the meeting in Moscow on the subject held in April 2003. The report of the meeting has now been published and disseminated both in paper form and in e-form. The issue is also a part of the networking on the Childcentre web site.

### ***d. The rights of children in institutions and in other forms of protection.***

This topic has been highlighted in the cooperation during the year. The meeting of ministers responsible for children's issues decided to mandate the WGCC to prioritise regional work on this following the recently adopted recommendation by the Council of Europe on the issue. Regularly posting of reports and presentations on children in institutions on the Childcentre web site.

### ***e. Young offenders and self-destructive behaviour of children.***

Regularly updating posting of reports and presentations on the issue of young offenders. The Head of Unit made a presentation on the WGDI meeting on prison conditions held in Tarttu, Estonia in November 2004.

## Participation of the Children's Unit and the WGCC in other major events

### 2004

**19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September:** Presentation of the CBSS Cooperation on Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children at the International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN). Brisbane, Australia.

**4<sup>th</sup> of October** – Presentation of the regional cooperation on children at risk in the region with a focus on children that are victims of trafficking, given at the World Childhood Foundation 5<sup>th</sup> year meeting at the Royal Castle in Stockholm in presence of H.M. Queen Silvia and H.R.H. Princess Madeleine. Board members from the World Childhood Foundation in Germany, Sweden, Brazil and the US were present. Stockholm.

**18<sup>th</sup> of November** - Presentation at the Nordic Baltic 8 countries initiative (NB 8) meeting in Helsinki (on state secretary level) of the CBSS Cooperation on Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children and the idea of joint efforts in the area of reintegration of children victims of trafficking with the NB 8 initiative on trafficking in human beings. Helsinki.

### 2005

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of February** - Meeting with Swedish network of organisations and institutions in their discussions on a joint application to the Equal EU funds regarding trafficking of persons. Gothenburg, Sweden.

**28<sup>th</sup> of February** - Participating in an OSCE meeting on trafficking in human beings with a particular focus on children. Vienna.

**2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> of March** - Participating in and presenting at an expert meeting coordinated by UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre on trafficking in children. Florence, Italy.

**16<sup>th</sup> of March** - Press conference in cooperation with the Polish researchers, presenting the results of the research “Baltic Sea Regional Study on Adolescent Sexuality”. Warsaw.

**3<sup>rd</sup> of May** – Presentation on Trafficking of Children in the Baltic Sea Region and the WGCC work at the seminar on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Sweden, organised by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Stockholm.

**12<sup>th</sup> of May** - Presentation at the conference “Assistance to the Child – Victim of Abuse” organised by the Organisation Child House and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. Vilnius.

## **Children at Risk within the CBSS structure**

The Children's Unit is one of three separate units within the secretariat of the CBSS. The Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk, the WGCC, is in the structure of the CBSS and the annual report is given to the CSO. The WGCC has on one occasion been at the meeting of the CSO. The work of the WGCC as such has however not been presented to the CSO during this year's Polish chairmanship.

Stockholm in May 2005