



**ENOC TRAINING WORKSHOP on
"Legal advocacy and use of human rights mechanisms to pursue
persistent violations of children's rights"**

4-5 June 2012, The Hague (the Netherlands)

Workshop venue: Cafe Schlemmer, Lange Houtstraat 17, The Hague

Following the challenging adoption of the new Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child providing a communications/complaints procedure for violations of children's rights, a special training on this new instrument and on other relevant mechanisms such as those before the European Court of Human Rights and before the European Committee on Social Rights is organized on the occasion of a restricted ENOC workshop in the Spring of 2012, kindly hosted by the Dutch Ombudsman for Children Office. The training is addressed to staff members of Ombudspersons for Children Offices dealing with legal issues and/or with children's complaints at national level or providing legal advice to children and/or their representatives on how to seek redress for violations of their rights.

The training should focus on detailed presentations of the procedures and formalities to follow before each of the above mechanisms but also on concrete cases that have already been or that can potentially be addressed by any of the above instances.

Training participants may and are encouraged to address questions related to concrete situations in which national authorities have failed to redress violations of the right (s) of a child or of a clearly identified group of children.



Draft Programme

	<p><u>Monday 4 June</u></p>
10h00	Opening by an ENOC Bureau representative
10h15	✓ The European Court of Human Rights and its contribution to asserting children's rights
(11h15-11h30 Coffee break)	Mr. Vincent De Gaetano, ECHR judge with respect to Malta
11h30-12h30	Q/R
12h30-14h00 <i>Lunch break</i>	
14h00-17h00 (15h15-15h30 Coffee break)	✓ The European Social Charter (ESC) Collective Complaints mechanism and children's rights Ms. Jarna Petman, member of the European Committee for Social Rights
15h30-17h00	Q/R
	<p><u>Tuesday 5 June</u></p>
9h30-12h30 (10h45-11h00 Coffee break)	✓ The new communications mechanism to the CRC Mr. Drahoslav Stefanek (Slovakia), Chairperson Rapporteur of the WG on the Optional Protocol to the CRC providing a communications procedure
11h00-12h30	Q/R