

4Children

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Framework

Child sexual abuse is a crime and a violation of Children's Rights. According to the [Council of Europe](#), 1 in 5 children is a victim of sexual abuse which, in most situations, is committed by a close person. These potentially traumatic experiences can decisively compromise their development. Several Guidelines, namely the [Lanzarote Convention](#), stipulate that children and young victims are entitled to child-friendly justice and specialized intervention that can promote their healing process. Based on these principles, the [Barnahus model](#) was developed in Iceland. This model has been the subject of international recognition as a good intervention practice, as it offers children and young victims a comprehensive, coordinated, professional response adapted to their characteristics.

Objective

This Project aims to promote bilateral partnerships for the implementation of the [Barnahus model](#) to contribute to the protection of children and young victims, to the promotion of a more child-friendly Justice and to the development of specialized intervention in sexual abuse.

Activities

This project, with the support of the [EEA Grants Bilateral Relations Fund](#), has four activities:

- Diagnosis: analysing of the current situation in Portugal regarding child sexual abuse;
- Study visit: contacting with the Barnahus principles and intervention model and with sexual abuse prevention strategies/methodologies;
- Roadmap: preparing a Barnahus implementation plan in Portugal;

- Seminar: presenting the model and this project's conclusions/recommendations.

Partnerships

APF is the promoter of this project and has the partnership of:

- [Barnaheill](#);
- [Centro de Estudos Judiciários](#);
- [Comissão Nacional para a Promoção dos Direitos e Proteção de Crianças e Jovens](#);
- [Council of the Baltic Sea States](#);
- [Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses](#);
- [Polícia Judiciária](#).

Timeframe

From April to December 2021.