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## Children in contact with the law in Europe- Where are we at ?

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## Children in contact with the law in Europe – Trends & Opportunities



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the law in Europe:  
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An estimated one million children each year face criminal justice proceedings in the EU (EC, 2013) and yet they often lack the necessary procedural safeguards envisioned by the Procedural Rights Directive (2016/800/EU). To address the magnitude of this issue, the Children in contact with the law in Europe: Trends & Opportunities report released by Terre des hommes in partnership with DLA Piper found that 33% of European countries can prosecute children above the age of criminal responsibility for offences committed while under the age of criminal responsibility, and that individual needs assessments of children involved in criminal proceedings are not systematically conducted across Europe.

The report presents a snapshot of the situation in 18 European countries and makes a number of recommendations aimed at improving the skills of professionals working with children, creating child-centred policies and legislation, investing in robust monitoring mechanisms of the situation of children in criminal proceedings and improving the knowledge of professionals about the needs of children in criminal proceedings. **The “Children in contact with the law in Europe- Where are we at?” webinar seeks to introduce the findings of this report in conjunction with key European experts on child-friendly justice in order to reinvigorate discussion and encourage participants to take action to improve criminal justice proceedings for children.**