

Final International Conference

Pierre Laroque room, Ministry of Health, Youth and Sports

Paris, September 11th and 12th, 2007

The Final Conference of the AGIS programme took place in Paris, in the Pierre Laroque room, at the Ministry of Health, Youth and Sports.

The Child's Voice was responsible of the organisation of the final conference and the visit of the Medical-Judicial Unit at Creil on the 10th of December, 2007.



The Final Conference was opened by the Doctor Bernard CORDIER, President of the Child's Voice, and Mr. Dominique DE LEGGE, Director of the interministerial delegation of the family.

During the opening intervention, Mr DE LEGGE emphasized the matter of receiving the victim child's complaint in the best conditions by offering a safe place in order to help him to express what he went through and let the professional to be able to collect his evidence in the best conditions.

Following the opening interventions, two round tables and different debates led the morning and the afternoon of this first day of conference.

During the first round table, the intervening partners explained their practices, underlined the dysfunctions and the good practices existing in their countries concerning the hearing and the collection of the evidence of child victims of maltreatments.

The second round table of the afternoon was about "the multidisciplinary training for professionals".

The Partners exposed the programs of initial and ongoing trainings existing in their countries for professionals working with child victims.

Mrs. Anne GROLEAU, social worker in the Medical-Judicial Unit of Saint-Nazaire, in France, and Laura JEFFREIS, police officer working in the interviewing centre for child victims in England, underlined the importance of a multidisciplinary work and the coordination among professionals in charge of the receipt of the child victim.

The second day was opened by Mrs. Françoise FOUQUET-DORR, magistrate and Vice-President of the Child's Voice and Mrs. Martine BROUSSE, Director of the Child's Voice who made a synthesis of the work done in the previous day of the conference.

During the first round table, the partners emphasized the importance of having a European cooperation to improve and harmonize a common system for the interview and the taking in charge of the child, assumed as victim.

The second round table involved "*the child protection, between the defence's rights and the search of the truth*".

The second day of the Final International Conference of the AGIS programme was closed with the presentation of the final report and the finalisation and presentation of the common recommendations to improve the hearing system of child victims, which were adopted in unanimity by the partners.

These recommendations were integrally included in the conclusion of the Programme's Final Report.

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