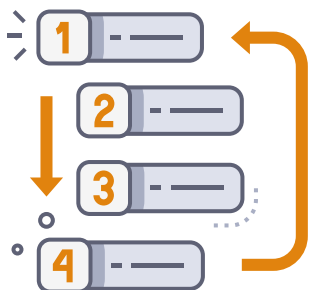



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# 1 What is the ENSURE Project?



The ENSURE Project works to make court cases fairer and easier for children with disabilities.



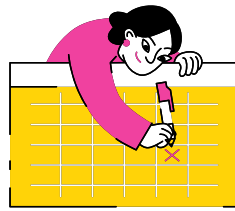
It aims to create and test new ways to support children in court cases.

This includes trying out special roles like support persons and intermediaries.



Intermediaries are special helpers who make it easier for children to talk to judges and lawyers.

Special helpers will help children understand questions, feel safe, and share with others what they want to say.



It started in March 2025 and will end in February 2027.

It helps children with disabilities who are victims in court cases.



## 2 WHY?

Sometimes, children with disabilities find it hard to take part in court because:

- They **don't get the support** they need to understand what's happening
- They **struggle to express** what they want to say
- Adults don't always listen to or understand them



ENSURE **wants to change this** by helping children with disabilities:

- **Speak and share** what they want to say
- **Understand** what is happening in court
- **Be listened to** and taken seriously
- **Feel safe, respected, and supported**



## 3 What will ENSURE do?



✓ Create new rules and tools



✓ Work with court workers to make the system welcoming to children with disabilities



✓ Train special helpers who will help children in court



✓ Study what works in different countries

## 4 PROJECT PARTNERS



 Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights (Austria)

 Terre des Hommes (Romania)  Validity Foundation (International)

 Child Rights Centre (Serbia)  ICJ-EI (International)

## 5 WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?



Children with disabilities



Judges, prosecutors, lawyers and the police



People who protect children



Lawmakers in the European Union

# WHAT ARE THE GOALS?



**The ENSURE project ensures children with disabilities are heard and respected**



**Help court workers support children with disabilities**



**Train professionals**



**Let professionals from different countries learn from each other**



**Make laws and systems better**



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