



## International Network Meeting EFJCA

2 June 2021

European Family Justice Center Alliance



# Welcome to our friends and colleagues

From Aruba, Belgium, Bonaire, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kosovo, Latvia, Malta, Northern Ireland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Serbia, Sweden, The Netherlands, Turkey, United States,...





# OUR EUROPEAN DREAM


Eliminating genderbased violence, domestic violence and child abuse

Empowering survivors and restoring hope in their lives

By working together in a high quality, interdisciplinary approach

Starting from the question: what can we do for you?



A close-up photograph of several ants on a tree branch. The ants are dark brown and black, with long antennae. They are positioned on a light-colored, textured tree branch that curves across the frame. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The ants are engaged in various activities, some appearing to be carrying small particles or interacting with each other. The overall scene is a naturalistic depiction of ant behavior.

“Taking the best of what you  
already have and bring it all  
together.” – Casey Gwinn



Co-location of a multidisciplinary team of professionals who are cooperating under one roof to offer help and support to victims of family violence and their children.

*A place where professionals come together and survivors come first – A SAFE PLACE*

All services survivors and their children need are under one roof.



# What is a Family Justice Center?

# European Family Justice Centers Alliance

The EU FJCS started with a Daphne-project (European Commission) in 2013-2015, building FJCS in 6 European Cities (Italy, Germany, Poland, Belgium and The Netherlands).

The project was successful and the partners decided to continue working together after the Daphne-project ended.

The EFJCA is a result of this international collaboration, showing that sustainability can be achieved from pilot-projects.

Today, the EFJCA:

- has members and partnerships in 36 countries
- is connected and has a joint-ventures with important international networks
- fulfills ongoing tasks in connecting professionals, volunteers and survivors to tackle gender-based violence, domestic violence and child abuse in a multidisciplinary way
- helps regions and organisations to create and build FJCs and co-related centers



# The EFJCA subscribes to:

- the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)
- the DIRECTIVE 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- the European Charter of Human Rights
- The Treaty on the European Union





# European Family Justice Centers Movie

<https://www.efjca.eu/centers/video-about-fjc>





# A view on projects, actions and targets of the European Family Justice Centers

- **FJC Mechelen, Belgium:** Family Justice Center Mechelen has started a strengthening process in collaboration with the mental health center. We can easily refer clients with a heavy backpack to a regular therapist.
- **FJC Maison D’Ella, Bordeaux, France:** Erasmus project: "Intimacy in exile » is one of our works 2020-2021 with Photos and texts exhibition: photos are shown on billboards throughout the city, giving voices to survivors.
- **FJC Fier, The Netherlands:** Fier is dreaming of building the “Verenigde Veste”: a second building besides the brand-new building of Fier, where profit and non-profit sectors will physically come together to inspire each other and combine their energy. The Verenigde Veste, a symbol for the power of collaboration between companies and organizations from a (non)profit background.
- **FJC Bjarkarhlíð Reykjavik, Iceland:** The FJC runs a pilot project for a referral mechanism and/or center for human trafficking. The main goal is to ensure response and coordinate social services and support to victims of human trafficking and to take part in identifying of victims.

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- **FJC Maison Des Femmes, Paris, France:** Maison des Femmes set an initial care program for co-victim children with pediatricians and a child psychologist, and in October they plan to open a special unit for victims of sexual assault.
- **FJC Kempen, Belgium:** The brand-new FJC Kempen works on a close cooperation with the sector of addiction treatment and care.
- **FJC Aruba:** FJC Aruba is working hard towards opening in September 2021, with a focus the first year on forensic medical services and a holistic approach for adults and children.
- **FJC Sterk Huis, Tilburg, The Netherlands:** Sterk Huis is developing a holistic treatment, with trauma-based knowledge and treatment, for the whole family (adults and children) to prevent the recurrence of violence through generations.
- **FJC Milan, Italy:** One of the SVSeD's (Service for Sexual and Domestic Violence, Milan, Italy) projects is aimed at the identification, treatment and reporting of the detrimental effects of witnessed violence on children of women victims of domestic violence.

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- **FJC Malmö, Sweden:** the FJC in Malmö is working out a new program for perpetrators, with focus on accountability, involving probation and specialized treatment
- **FJC Limburg, Belgium:** FJC Limburg has started a pilot on honor-related violence: a specialized approach with central reference persons from social services, the police and the public prosecutor's office.
- **FJC Foyle's Women's Aid, Derry, Northern Ireland:** FJC Derry is building a brand-new location, involving a range of services who lead survivors to strength and empowerment. The FJC offers their first Camp Hope to children this summer.
- **FJC Sigurhæðir - Victory Hills, Iceland:** Victory Hills is a service and treatment centre for victims of gender-based violence in the South of Iceland initiated by the Soroptimist Club of South Iceland, that opened in March this year. As an addition, Victory Hills offers emdr trauma treatment.

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- **FJC Bjarmahlíð, Akureyri, Iceland:** We are working on implementing more professional group-focused therapy, with a trained therapist.
- **FJC Bonaire:** FJC Bonaire is in the direct line forwards to the opening of their center.
- **FJC Gewaltschutz Ambulance, Berlin, Germany:** The Gewaltschutzambulanz recorded an increase of child mistreatment during the corona pandemic in Berlin in 2020 and focused on a Covid-19 proof approach.
- **FJC Centrum Praw Kobiet, Warschau, Poland:** Besides the help to survivors, the team is very active in advocacy, awareness raising, getting public attention and organizes a lot of activities to bring violence in the open.
- **FJC Veilig Thuis Antwerpen, Belgium:** FJC Antwerp is focusing on the theory and power of Hope as leading approach towards empowering victims of violence, both adults and children. With the Circus School El Fuego they work out the TarMak, the Circus Hope for children survivors.

# 2020-2021: brief overview of EFJCA activities

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- Masterclasses “Offender Accountability and Victim Safety” with James Henderson
- Participation in activities of the OECD: high-level conference on ending violence against women, event ‘government after shock’, Global Best Practices For Gender Balance Toolkit
- Handling the covid-19 crisis: Practical guidelines and support for the members
- Several Webinars “Domestic violence, FJCs & covid-19”
- Study Visits online for several regions and organisations
- Support of member organisations and FJCs
- Orange the World campaign

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- Joint venture with Soroptimist International: advocacy and programming to tackle GBV
- Training of EFJCA team members in the Theory and Power of Hope by Chan Hellman
- Hope Trainings by EFJCA team members
- SafeShelter Project (2021-2022), EU co-funded project (REC) to provide capacity building, training and implementing child safeguarding policies and frameworks in shelters (Austria, Spain, Germany, France, Netherlands, Belgium)
- Exchange and sharing knowledge with the US Alliance for Hope
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# Speed-date 1





Welcome Casey Gwinn, Gael Strack,  
Raeanne Passantino, James Henderson,  
Chan Hellman and Susan Williams







Welcome Valery  
Frey, OECD and  
Marieta Toshiva, EC

# Speed-date 2





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Chan Hellman  
The Theory and  
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Speed-date 3



# Planning the Future

Dates to block in your agenda:

2 international EFJCA conferences in 2022:

- Week of 17-21 January, The Netherlands, focus: Intimate partner violence, Working together with Child Advocacy (Barnahus), Non Fatal Strangulation (Gael Strack)
- Week of 16-19 November, Belgium, focus: Non Violent Resistance approach, NVR interventions and Adult Entitled Dependence (Dan Dulberger and Willem Beckers), Power of Hope (Chan Hellman)

Masterclasses “Offender Accountability and Victim Safety” (James Henderson): as soon as possible.

Interested? Mail [info@efjca.eu](mailto:info@efjca.eu)





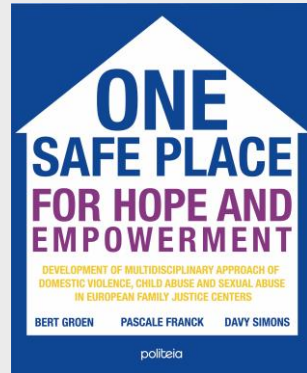
# Membership EFJCA

- **MEMBERSHIP** formula “cross professions”, including organisations and experts of various sectors: health and mental health sector, police, justice, women’s aid, victim service, child advocacy, perpetrator programs, research centers, universities, ... The promoting of multi-agency starts with the exchange and joint ventures on network-level.

## How do you become a member of the EFJCA?

- Membership is free and it’s easy to register:  
<https://www.efjca.eu/membership>





# European literature about Family Justice Centers

<http://www.politeia.be/nl-be/book/one-safe-place/15893.htm>

Politeia: One Safe Place





# Thank you for your attention

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