Conference
(Registration fee: 25 CHF – Limited seating)

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Kurt Bösch Foundation, Sion/Bramois

How to adapt childhood policy to the lived reality of children?
Inter-governmental and inter-institutional collaboration and coordination

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Programme

8.30 Accueil des participant·e·s
9.00 Mot d’ouverture

Marcel MAURER, Président de Sion
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Philip D. JAFFE, Centre interfacultaire en droits de l’enfant – Centre suisse de compétences pour les droits humains
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**Première partie (Présidée par Dr Roberta RUGGIERO)**
La place de la collaboration et coordination : un regard d’ensemble sur la Politique pour les jeunes

9.40 - La Politique de l’enfance et de la jeunesse en Suisse
   Sabine SCHIEIBEN, Secteur Questions de l’enfance et de la jeunesse, Office fédéral des assurances sociales (OFAS) (F)
   Martine LACHAT CLERC, Responsable du domaine enfance et jeunesse, Conférence des directrices et directeurs cantonaux des affaires sociales (F)

10.25 - La Politique de l’enfance et de la jeunesse en Valais
   Christian NANCHEN

10.40   Pause

11.10 – Expériences internationales

11.10 – The development and implementation of Ireland’s National Policy Framework for Children and Young People – Anne O’DONNELL, Head of Citizen Participation, Department of Children and Youth Affairs - Ministry for Children and Youth Affairs (E)
11.50 - Le rôle de la coordination des politiques dans le travail d’un Ombudsperson pour les droits des enfants – Bernard De Vos Délégué général aux droits de l’enfant de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (F)

12.10 - Discussion plénière
12.45    Lunch (buffet)

**Deuxième partie (Présidée par Philip D. Jaffé)**
Façonner la pratique des politiques en fonction de l’analyse des données: evidence-based policy.

13.45 - Contexte international

13.45 - Using evidence based practice to develop and improve child policy - Stijn HOORENS, Director, Brussels Office, RAND Europe (E)
14.10 – Indicateurs nationaux pour les droits de l’enfant : l’expérience de la Belgique – Catherine PETERS, Attaché-Commission Nationale pour les Droits de l’enfant, Belgique (F)

14.30 - Expériences en Suisse
14.30 - Casadata, Beatrice KALBERMATTER, Office fédéral de la justice (D)
14.55 - Inter-cantonal system of data collection on child abuse - Andreas JUD, Institute of Social Work and Law, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (D)
15.20 - Tableaux sur la condition de vie des jeunes en Valais, Roberta RUGGIERO, CIDE UNIGE

15.35   Discussion plénière

16.10 - Conclusions
Oskar FREYSINGER, Conseiller d’Etat du Valais et Chef du Département de la formation et de la sécurité
Jean ZERMATTEN, a. Président du CDE, Chargé de cours à l’Université de Genève, a. Directeur de l’IDE
The recommendations put forth on 19 May 2016 by the Conference of cantonal directors of social affairs (CDAS) aimed at the development of childhood and youth cantonal policies, are based on the Concluding observations of the United Nations Committee on the rights of the child. The recommendations state that in order to achieve the long term amelioration of “life conditions of children and youth living in Switzerland and guarantee to them equitable and adapted access to services”, it is necessary to implement coordination, or even inter-cantonal harmonization, to identify minimal standards and common language and to strengthen collaboration between specific domains. In parallel, the CDAS reaffirms the necessity to elaborate “an overview of cantonal and federal childhood and youth policies, in collaboration with the Federal office for social insurance (OFAS)”. 

De facto, coordination strategy, and inter-governmental/inter-institutional collaboration occur horizontally, thanks to operators and actors, infrastructures, data analysis (evidence and data analysis), and effective financing. Also, vertical coordination and collaboration occurs from the national to the local level and viceversa. In addition, inter-governmental and inter-institutional coordination and collaboration depend on the following requirements:

- Investment in people, culture change and professional development;
- Linking infrastructures, organizations and systems by transcending the divisions integral to traditional mandates;
- Collection and analysis of data, information sharing and ensuring local and national result follow-up procedures;
- The effective use of available resources proven to work, and targeting identified needs.

Since 2000, the policy for childhood and youth in Valais bases its activities on the principles contained in The Law in Favor of Youth (11 May 2000, Lje), namely: awareness-raising, prevention, special measures and protective measures. In this context, on 20 June 2012, in view of ameliorating the conditions of living for children and youth, and to ameliorate the effectiveness of cantonal youth policies, the State Council for the canton of Valais, has, among other actions, charged the cantonal Youth Service (SCJ) to implement a cantonal Youth Observatory in collaboration with the Secretary for gender equality and family.

Taking into account the global approach of Valais canton’s Youth policy, and the various involved actors, the OCJ also has the mandate to support coordination and collaboration between the various local and national service providers, and to facilitate the implementation of a Youth policy based on the results obtained by following-up on children’s life conditions (evidence-based policy).

Objective
The aim of the event is to engage in thought on the added-value of strengthened collaboration and coordination within the circles of cantonal Youth policy for children, youth and their relations. A comparison with other countries will allow a reflection beyond the Swiss framework. It is also an aim of the event to identify strategies towards adapting practices in Youth policy in regards to the analysis of collected objective data.

Target audience
The event welcomes policy makers, including actors working with and for children and youth, service providers and heads of services and representatives from academic and scientific circles.

The proceedings of the event will be simultaneously translated into French, German and English
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1 Cantonal office for gender equality and the family (OCEF) since August 2015.