

## **CO-Minor-IN/QUEST: confidentiality statement**

Cooperation in interpreter-mediated questioning of minors

### **The project**

The CO-Minor-IN/QUEST project (JUST/2011/JPEN/AG/2961) focuses on vulnerable victims, suspects and witnesses under the age of 18 and how to provide the necessary information, support and protection to this group when they are involved in criminal justice settings. In particular, the project will concentrate on interpreter-mediated child interviews. It unites partner universities and organizations in six European countries: Belgium (*KU Leuven*); Netherlands (*Ministerie van Veiligheid en Justitie, Raad voor Rechtsbijstand*); France (*ISIT*); United Kingdom (*Heriot-Watt University*); Italy (*Università di Bologna*) and Hungary (*Eszter*)

The project is funded by the European Commission, DG Justice: Criminal Justice Support Programme.

### **Purpose of the questionnaire**

As part of the interdisciplinary project mentioned above, the project partners will carry out an online survey to improve the interpreter-mediated questioning of minors. Information will be collected about current interpreter-mediated child interview practices to take stock of the present situation. Respondents will be invited to share their perceptions, as well as some demographic information. Participation is entirely voluntary.

### **Commitment to anonymisation of data**

The answers of the respondents will be kept completely confidential. Their IP address will not be registered when they respond to the online questionnaire. Only the researchers will see their individual survey responses. The results of the survey will be exclusively used for research purposes.

This letter confirms the confidentiality commitment of the undersigned, acting as project coordinators. If you have any concerns or questions about this study, please contact the project coordinators below.

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