



EURADOPT



EURADOPT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION DILEMMA
MAY 24-25th, 2018 MILAN

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of united action for the protection of
children and intercountry adoption

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The Intercountry Adoption Dilemma

*How can we provide the highest level of protection
to abandoned children?*

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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EurAdopt profile



**Founded when the Hague Convention
was under discussion (early 1990s)**



**26 organisations from 13 European
countries**

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EurAdopt structure

-  **General Assembly, every two years**
-  **Council, 1 representative per country (two year term)**
-  **Chairperson, elected by the General Assembly (two year term)**
-  **Executive Board, chairperson plus two elected by the Council (two year term)**
-  **Working Groups on specific subjects, set up by the Council and/or the General Assembly**

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What EurAdopt stands for

-  The subsidiarity principle as set up by the Hague Convention
-  Adoption as a priority only on other permanent care measures, outside a family
-  Adoption procedures to be carried out only by experienced professionals
-  Activities adequately controlled by government

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What EurAdopt stands for

-  **Ethical standards, transparency and accountability on financial matters**
-  **Avoid undue pressure on countries of origin**
-  **Preparation and pre/post-adoption assistance to children and parents**

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The Ethical Rules of EurAdopt

based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and others.

-  no pressure shall be put on biological parents,
-  all adoptions must be in the best interest of the child,
-  national adoption takes precedence over intercountry adoption,
-  no-one shall generate undue profit from adoption work,
-  must be conducted in a professional and responsible way.

(see www.euradopt.org)

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What EurAdopt does

-  **Takes responsibility for representatives, staff and activities in the countries of origin**
 - **Guidelines for representatives**
-  **Provides inputs to national, European and global policy on children's rights and adoption matters**
 - **Participation in the activities of the Permanent Bureau**

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What EurAdopt does



Advocates for prohibition of “private adoptions”



Works for capacity building of authorities,
institutions and other stakeholders in countries of
origin

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Good practices for EurAdopt

 **Accountability**

 **Transparency**

 **Professionalism**

 **Preparation**

 **Assistance**

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Some facts on this Conference

-  **Participants: 280 (max hall capacity);**
-  **Countries represented: 24;**
-  **Participants include: Accredited agencies, Central Authorities, Local, Regional and National Government Bodies, Adoptees Associations, Family Associations, Psychologists, Social Workers, Academia, Judges.**

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Some facts on this Conference

Italy (140)

Norway (27)

Sweden (13)

Finland (12)

Belgium (11)

The Netherlands (11)

Germany (9)

Denmark (7)

Malta (7)

France (6)

Switzerland (9)

UK (6)

Iceland (5)

Bulgaria (5)

Canada (4)

Czech Republic (4)

Austria (3)

Burkina Faso (3)

Spain (3)

Chile (2)

Ireland (2)

Luxemburg (2)

Vatican (2)

USA (1)

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Why are we here?

-  To analyse the data on intercountry adoptions
-  To discuss the determinants of the change
-  To discuss how better support children in need of a family
-  To discuss the outcome of adoptions
-  To identify the best support for adoptive children and parents
-  To hear about the search of origins
-  **EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND NETWORKING**

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Many thanks and enjoy the meeting!

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