CONCLUSIONS & BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION

There are a wide range of provisions under EU law that may have a bearing on child friendly justice. Although many of them need to be implemented into national law, and may take different forms, the objectives which these national measures should achieve are the same.

The EU also generates a wide range of other actions, including policy and practical measures of support, which have a bearing on the practical work of implementing and interpreting EU law.

Jurisprudence from regional courts in Europe provides a clear indication that the rights of the child have both procedural and substantive implications.

Practitioners should be alert to the specific tools that may assist in ensuring child rights obligations are translated into a reality in the justice process.