



Deadline extension - register now!

Welcome to our newsletter about the upcoming [3rd CFJ-EN Annual Seminar](#)! Many of you have already signed up, and we're excited to share more details about the event and to announce an extension of the registration deadline.

In this edition, you'll find more information and the latest updates on our high-level speakers, workshops, panel discussions, and a special film screening. We'll also provide practical details about the various locations and events that comprise the seminar.

Organised in partnership with [Terre des hommes Foundation](#) and the [Global Initiative on Justice with Children](#), [CICS.NOVA](#), and hosted by the [Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(VUB\)](#) and [Baker McKenzie](#), this seminar will explore how climate change impacts justice systems and children's rights. If you haven't registered yet, we have good news: **we're extending the deadline till Tuesday 17 September** (tickets subject to availability).

Register now

Meet our speakers

We're excited to announce the list of speakers for this year's CFJ-EN Annual Seminar on Climate Change and Children's Access to Justice. Our panel of experts includes:



Elisa Morgera
UN Special
Rapporteur on
Climate Change
**Keynote
Speaker**



**Marie-Cécile
Rouillon**
EC Coordinator
for the Rights of
the Child



**Regina
Jensdottir**
Head of
Children's Rights
Division, Council
of Europe



**Michaela
Krömer**
Climate Lawyer



Gerry Liston
Climate Lawyer,
Global Legal
Action Network



**Astrid
Podzialowski**
EU Agency for
Fundamental
Rights



Els Dumortier
Professor in
Youth
Criminology,
VUB



Caroline Vrijens
Flemish
Commissioner
for Children's
Rights



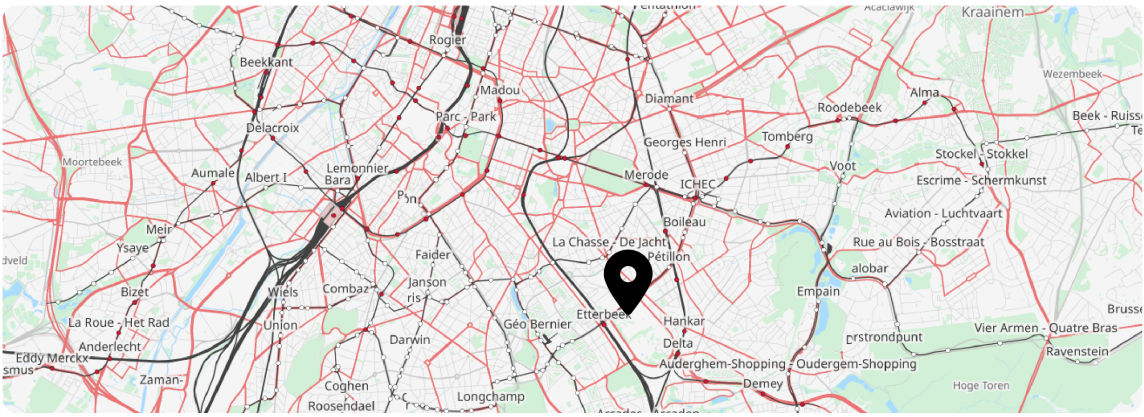
Kata Dózsa
Climate and
child rights
expert, VUB



Aoife Daly
Professor of
Law, University
College Cork

Plus **Ann Skelton**, Chair of the UN Children's Committee on the Rights of the Child, who will give an **opening address** via video message

See all speakers



Location and Agenda

The seminar itself will be held at the **U-residence of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium**. We will also be holding a film screening with the director and main protagonists at **Cinéma Aventure** in the centre of Brussels, and a networking dinner at the offices of law firm **Baker McKenzie**. Here are the details:

Wednesday, 9 October 2024

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Optional)

- **Film Screening & Debate:** Screening of "Planet B" followed by a chat with director Pieter Van Eecke.
- **Address:** [Cinéma Aventure, Rue des Fripiers 15, 1000 Brussels](#)
- **Tickets:** 10€ (full), 8.75€ (concessions)

Thursday, 10 October 2024

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

- **Conference Sessions:** Opening Plenary, Keynote Speech, Thematic Plenary Sessions, and Parallel Workshop Sessions.
- **Address:** [U-Residence, VUB Main Campus Etterbeek, Pleinlaan 2 / Bd de la Plaine 2, 1050 Elsene / Ixelles, Brussels](#)

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM (Optional)

- **Networking Dinner**
- **Address:** [Baker McKenzie Brussels, Manhattan building \(22nd floor\), Avenue du Boulevard 21, 1210 Brussels](#)

Friday, 11 October 2024

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

- **Conference Sessions:** Thematic Plenary Sessions, Parallel Workshop Sessions, and Closing Plenary.
- **Address:** [U-Residence, VUB Main Campus Etterbeek, Pleinlaan 2 / Bd de la Plaine 2, 1050 Elsene / Ixelles, Brussels](#)



Workshops

We have a series of workshop sessions running in parallel across the two days of the seminar:

- **Mainstreaming children's rights** through environmental law and legal practice | *Kata Dozsa* | *VUB, ENRICH project*
- Youth Climate Justice: **Children and Youth as Rights Leaders** in the Climate Crisis | *Aoife Daly, Florencia Paz Landeira, Emily Murray* | *YCJ Project, University College Cork*
- Children's Rights to Access Justice in **Climate Change Litigations: Procedural Issues** | *Clara Pastorino, Laura Carpaneto, Francesca Maoli* | *University of Genoa*
- Once upon a time... **Environmental restorative justice through storytelling** | *Marianna Dimou, Olga Ziori* | *I Participate – Project in Larissa, Greece*
- **Empowering Young Voices:** Advancing Child Justice in the Climate Crisis | *Giulia Patane, Angela Vigil, Judit Geller, Cedric Foussard, Fiona Dyers* | *PILnet*
- Beyond the Margins: **Integrating Climate Change into Justice Responses** for Children in Conflict with the Law | *Donna McEwan, Fiona Dyer* | *Centre for Youth & Criminal Justice (CYCJ) University of Strathclyde*
- Empowering Children and Young People through **Children's Rights and Climate Education:** The Inclusive Best Practice of a Youth-Led Organisation in Hungary | *Fanni Mátyók* | *WellBee*

[Find out more](#)



Panel discussions

There will be four panel discussions with renowned experts in the fields of child justice and climate law. We'll be addressing the following topics:

- State of Play in Europe: The impact of Climate Change on Children's Rights
- Children and their Legitimacy to Defend their Rights
- Enabling Environments for Children to Claim their Rights
- Embracing Children's Diverse Profiles and Situations in Addressing Climate Justice



Film screening and discussion

Tickets are still available for our "ciné-débat". We'll be screening the documentary "Planet B" followed by a discussion with the director, **Pieter Van Eecke**, **Bo Vanhoorickx**, one of the film's protagonists, **Elisa Morgera**, UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights. The film captures the spirited friendship between Bo and Luca, two teenagers passionately committed to ecological activism and their search for identity amidst a planet in crisis.

[Watch the trailer here.](#)

- **Date and Time:** October 9, 7:00 PM

- **Location:** Cinéma Aventure, Rue des Fripiers 15, 1000 Brussels

[Book your ticket](#)

Participation of young activists

We've invited a group of young environmental activists from across Europe to share their experience and expertise at the seminar. If you know a young activist who'd like to get involved, please contact mariama.diallo@cfjnetwork.eu. We have some funding available to cover their expenses.



Support our mission

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