

20 Years of Missing Children Europe

2001

- Founded by Child Focus (BE) La Mouette (FR) & Aurora (IT)
- JHA Council Resolution on the role of civil society in finding missing children
- International Missing Children's Day coordination w/ ICMEC
- Established under Patronage of EC VP Antonio Vitorino & EP President Nicole Fontaine

2002

- Formal registration as an international non-profit in Belgium

2003-5

- Childscope reports (directory, model protocol for cooperation, epidemiological study)
- Tour of new Member States to present results and discuss stakeholder collaboration

2006

- Missing in first EU strategy on the rights of the child

2009

- Launch of first hotlines best practice handbook & contact booklet
- Event at Conrad with President Barroso
- Lanzarote Convention launched with MCE in the drafting committee

2008

- MCE is funded by the EC to implement and raise awareness of the 116000 number
- Number reserved in 48 countries

2007

- First Ladies Meeting at the Elysée
- Reservation of harmonised number 116000 across EU
- 1st Colloquium on Missing Children in Brussels

2010

- "Vulnerable Children on the Run" conference at the Royal Palace with Belgian Presidency
- Launch of MCE Patrons' Council
- EC Communication "Dial 116000, the European telephone number for missing children"

2011

- EP event hosted by VP Angelilli
- EC earmarks 3M € for specific 116 000 grants and child alert systems
- Missing from Care conference with Hungarian Presidency

2012

- Launch 'Notfound' app converting 404 error pages into posters of missing children
- Launch EC funded European Financial Coalition Against Child Sexual Exploitation - MCE & Europol
- 'Futures' video

2013

- EC study "Missing children in the European Union: mapping, data collection and statistics" with contributions from MCE
- MCE takes coordination of Cross Border Family Mediators network

2018

- Miniila App launch
- European Electronic Communications Code includes accessibility and adequate funding for hotlines

2017

- Mention the Unmentioned
- 1st Lost in Migration conference in Malta co-organized by MCE PFWS
- EC Communication on children in migration incorporates these
- 'Once Missing Never Forgotten' on impact publicity appeals
- 'Bouncing Back' on wellbeing children in international abductions

2016

- Lancering "What Children Think" in Egmont Paleis
- SUMMIT handbook and training
- 19 hotline members accredited
- Initiative on Children in Migration co-led by MCE with over 100 CSO's
- ReMUMber app launch

2015

- 27 national reports on transposition CSA directive launched at
- EP event with First Ladies
- 2nd International Academic Conference on missing children and adults" in Brussels with Portsmouth U
- "Here to Help" video

2014

- Unaccompanied children conference at Renaissance with HM Queen Paola & Mme Chirac
- Publication of 1st "Figures and Trends" based on data from hotlines and mediators' network

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2019

- Brussels IIb includes hearing child & mediation
- INTERACT handbook and training on trafficking
- VOICE report, conference and training on best interests child
- Tiny & Apollo campaign reaches 1mio

2020

- Lost in Migration IV youth conference online
- EU Child Rights strategy includes data and policies on missing children
- INCLUDE handbook on childfriendly practices developed with children

2021

- RADAR research on the underlying drivers of running away, co-led by young people, published
- Lost in Migration V fully youth-led conference at 7 local hubs and online

2022

- Launch of RADAR online course on drivers of running away
- Launch of www.missingchildreukraine.eu and Ukraine helpdesk
- Missing in Council of Europe strategy on children's rights
- ECLAG coalition on child sexual abuse legislation established and co-led by MCE with 103 civil society organisations
- iCare Methodology and conference on child-inclusive mediation
- Under the Radar Conference & 20th Anniversary Celebration

Our Members

Missing Children Europe represents 32 Non-Governmental Organisations active in 27 countries across Europe for the prevention, protection and support of missing and sexually exploited children and their families. 23 members manage the national 116000 hotline services for missing children, providing free and immediate emotional, psychological, social, legal and administrative support 24/7 to children (at risk of) going missing and their families.

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