

COMPARISON OF FAMILY LAW PROVISIONS ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



CRITERIA	GERMANY	FRANCE	IRELAND	SWEDEN	SPAIN
Right of children to be heard in court proceedings	Fundamentally yes, restrictions possible	From 7 years of age, restrictions possible	Fundamentally yes, restrictions possible	Generally required from the age of 15, under 15 if desired	No age limit, restrictions possible
National training obligations for judges	✗ but prescribed knowledge for family court judges	✓ but no prescribed content	✗ but prescribed knowledge for Children Court judges	✗	✓ Specifically related to sexualised violence
Application of the Barnahus model	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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