

**Presentation during the HOPE Congress in Vienna, May 2016:**

**In Blue: for Monika: especially for the Meeting of the Committee Members**

**In Red: for Addie: especially for the General Assembly**

**Presentation of Workshop 15 - 'About the Charter of HOPE':**

**'The rights and educational needs of sick children and adolescents'**

During the General Assembly of 2014 in Bucharest, the former leader of this Workshop 15, Gerd Falk of Sweden, announced that she would like to transfer this work to other members of HOPE.

As the new team of participants of Workshop 15, we have picked up the work about half a year ago. Starting this work, we have **chosen for a practical way**.

We have made it **our priority to get as many translations of the Charter as possible**, which we did through **you, through** the Committee Members and Contact Persons of the countries of Europe. And after we received the translations, we had them posted on the website, with many thanks to Fabrizio and Michele!

We already had 10 translations on the website, including the original English version, and now there are 21 translations! Of course we are very happy with this result, so also many thanks to all the Committee Members and Contact Persons who helped us to translate the Charter in their own language.

So, if you are interested, take a look on the HOPE-website, when you open under 'Charter', you can find all those translations, free to download.

**Only a few are still missing**, and during this Congress, we will ask the Committee Members and Contact Persons of the countries, from whom we don't have a translation yet, to help us with a translation, so we can complete this job. This also means that at the end, we want to post them in the same lay-out and format, with the up-to-date logo of HOPE on it, on the website.

**Only a few are still missing**. During this Congress, we have asked several Committee Members and Contact Persons of countries, from whom we don't have a translation yet, to help us with a translation of the Charter. When we will get those, we can have them posted on the website and we can complete this job. That also means that we are going to make a new format, with the up-to-date logo of HOPE on it, so everyone of them will have the same lay-out on the website.

**Next to this practical work, it is our intention that the Charter will be recognized and implemented by all European countries** and their governments and by the members of the European Parliament.

It is obvious that Western European countries have a better financial support for the education of sick children and adolescents. Especially in the Eastern European countries it is not so common, to get the education for sick children and adolescents financed.

Therefore it is important to get the Charter acknowledged all over Europe!

We are thinking of ways to get in touch with the official authorities of Governments or of the European Parliament. Maybe a Children's Ombudsperson can help us. Jan Haverkate already has been in touch with the Dutch Children's Ombudsperson about this.

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**Jan also wrote a draft about the History of Children's rights, which we are going to post on the website. (this depends on how members of the Workshop decide to post it or not).**

Anyone who has additional ideas of how to get more attention for our Charter, and how to get it accepted, please offer your ideas to us, to one of the participating members of this Workshop.

**This introduction only in the General Assembly? Or also during the Committee Member Meeting?**

**Introducing the members of the Workshop 15:**

From Bulgaria: Theodora (Armenkova)

From Croatia: Ivanka (Gregurincic)

From Hungary: Monika (Almassy)

From Sweden: Gerd (Falk)

And from The Netherlands: Jan (Haverkate) and Anja (de Jong) (as members of the Board)

And myself, being the coordinator of the Workshop: Addie (Sierksma)

Thank you very much!