



A paper airplane is shown flying from the top right towards the left. A dotted line traces its path, which includes a loop on the left side of the page. The background consists of horizontal bands of different shades of blue, suggesting a sky and a horizon.

CROSS-BORDER CHILD PROTECTION

Travelling from country to country without paying attention to child protection issues in the chosen country of residence can lead to variances in the family's interpretation of their children's wellbeing. At the same time, children have the right of protection against all types of violence, abuse and neglect. Children also have the right of protection against separation from their family, except in case a competent authority rules that such separation is unavoidable and it occurs in the best interest of the child. Every child is entitled to safe life and care. In complicated situations, children need unconditional protection while their families and those closest to them require relevant counselling.



A signpost with a chevron pattern on its post and a banner at the top. The banner contains the text 'ABIKESKUSED.EE'. The signpost is set on a circular base with concentric dotted lines. The background shows a dark blue, textured ground surface with white dotted lines representing paths or boundaries.

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AID FOR CHILD PROTECTION OFFICIALS IN CROSS-BORDER CHILD PROTECTION CASES



WHAT IS A CROSS-BORDER CHILD PROTECTION CASE?

It is a situation where the origin or past or present residence of the child or a parent in the need for help is abroad.

WHO IS INVOLVED IN CROSS-BORDER CHILD PROTECTION CASES?

A cross-border child protection case (hereinafter referred to as the case) is organised by a *child protection official of the usual place of residence of the child.*

The usual place of stay of the child and the address registration of the family may be different, for which reason the information on the cross-border case is also required by the local government (including in a foreign country) where the address of the child or the child's parents is registered.

The country requesting information on a child or a family also usually arranges the translation.

WHICH INFORMATION I MAY ASK AND AM REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TO A CHILD PROTECTION OFFICIAL OF ANOTHER COUNTRY?

- *name and date of birth of the child*
- *names and dates of birth of the parents*
- *contact information of the parents and persons involved*
- *data in the population register (right of custody and residence registered in the population register)*
- *short description of the situation*
- *which information I need*
- *contact information of the applicant and/or the respondent (incl. the administrative agency, postal address, e-mail address, telephone and fax number)*

NOTE! The Estonian personal identification code and digital signature are not valid outside Estonia!

WHERE TO TURN IF I NEED HELP?

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