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To whom it may concern

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This is to confirm, that the participation of Hintalovon in the ChiLLS project (*Children in Legal Language Settings*, JUST-JACC-AG-2017) has been of priceless value.

Allow me to explain this statement.

As head of the Interpreting Studies Research Group at KU Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium) I wish to underline the importance of the grant that was awarded to me and my team as a coordinator.

This means I had great responsibility in selecting our collaborators with care. Hintalovon was one of them.

Next, I want to stress that Hintalovon was even a natural choice since we have had former collaboration with the director of Hintalovon, dr Szilvia Gyurko. This collaboration is excellent and lasting since almost ten years.

The contribution of Hintalovon is invaluable because it was massive and supported by great expertise of the Hintalovon team.

This expertise was transferred to us, a researchers' team that has no experience in working in a professional way with minors. The scholars and practitioners of the team were scholars in interpreting studies, psychology or law, not specifically experts in children's rights.

Hintalovon shared its expertise amongst other things on children's rights, on vulnerability in minors, on participation of minors in issues and topics that concern them, on child friendly justice and child friendly materials.

Concretely this means Hintalovon

- introduced to us the code of conduct and ethics when working with minors
- took care of the training of us as researchers, on how to handle vulnerable minors when interviewing them and how to let them feel safe in the first place
- designed the research plan with the rest of the team
- worked with child ambassadors to prepare them for their concrete participation during the workshop in Antwerp (May 2019)

- developed and/or discussed and adapted all child friend materials for the website (<https://chills-research.eu/>) with the minors themselves
- worked with the same child ambassadors to let them participate in the final conference
- organized the online final conference in a brilliant way so that it has attracted more than 500 subscriptions

I can only conclude by confirming that I strongly believe in the expertise of Hintalovon and its team and that I will continue to ask their advice for new projects, publications, dissemination materials, in short: for everything that concerns children's rights and children's participation.

Sincerely,



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