

Evidence on baby hatches in Europe

Please, fill in as many columns as possible, indicating the source of information

There are many forms of child abandonment. This questionnaire aims at gathering evidence on child abandonment in 1). countries with baby hatches, that allow to anonymously leave an unwanted infant in a specific safe place & 2). countries where baby hatches do not exist.

| Please provide information according to the situation in your own country.

1). Countries with baby hatches:

Country & name of organisation (please indicate on what level do you work (locally ,regionally or nationally))	Hungary Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights (national level)
How many baby hatches (specific facilities) are there in your country?	26
Number of abandoned children in baby hatches (by age & year)	there
Number of abandoned children in other public places e.g. bus stop, front of hospitals, churches, etc. (by age & year)/ total number of abandoned children in the country (age & year)	
Number of reported infanticide cases (are there official statistics?)	
If evidence exists, who abandoned the child (women, men/mother, a family member)?	
Despite secrecy is there any evidence, research, etc. on characteristic of the abandoned children (age, disability, from ethnic minorities, etc.) or on parent/s who decide to abandon their child?	

Are children left in baby hatches given to adoption?	
What happens to children voluntarily given up in hospital wards/other public places? (foster care/adoption/ institutions?)	
What is the legal framework for baby hatches? Is there a legislation specifically allowing, regulating, encouraging it?	
What is the legal status of abandoned children (both in and outside baby hatches)?	
If at all, what kind of law (Penal Code, Child Protection Acts, etc.) foresees a punishment (and what kind) for abandoning a child outside baby hatches?	
What is the timeframe, if any, for claiming back an abandoned child?	
Are there any preventive child abandonment/ support services for the general public, for at risk pregnant women, special groups of vulnerable women?	
How are baby hatches funded?	
Who has the right to decide to set them up and by who are they run?	
Where are baby hatches located (cities, rural areas/ hospitals, other public places, etc.)	
Can women/persons abandoning a child leave their testimony? Are any available?	

In case a child is not left by his/her mother, is there any police investigation/court case, etc.?	
Is there any attempt (police investigation or any other form of search) to find a child's family?	
Is there any kind of information on site, near the baby hatches on how and where to get support, what other options are available for the person leaving the child?	
Is there any information provided to the general public/ women in crisis pregnancies/professionals on how to prevent abandonment/encouraging adoption or promoting the use of incubators/baby boxes?	
Is the issue of child abandonment in general and of baby hatches specifically debated on national/regional/local level? What are arguments for & against?	

2). Countries where baby hatches do not exist

Country & name of organisation (please indicate on what level do you work (locally ,regionally or nationally))	
Are there similar programs to baby hatches initiatives, e.g. an anonymous birth?	
Was there a debate on baby hatches or any other form of secret child abandonment? If yes, what was the reason leading to the adopted solution?	

Number of abandoned children (by age & year)	
Are there children left in public places, e.g. bus stop, front of hospitals, churches, etc.? (by age & year)	
Number of infanticide cases (are there official statistics?)	
What is the legal framework for child abandonment?	
What are preventive child abandonment/ parents support services?	
What is the overall assessment of the system? Are there voices that baby hatches should be introduced?	