Bio for aagje ieven

Aagje ieven is Secretary General at Missing Children Europe, where she is responsible for the strategic development and day-to-day management of the organization. In this role she is currently (June 2024-June 2025) also representing the Child Rights Action Group as co-chair. Aagje has a background in Health (Bachelor, KULeuven 1998), Political Philosophy (Master, KULeuven, and Radboud University of Nijmegen, 2002) and Law (Doctoral Programme Certificate, KULeuven and Columbia University, NYC, 2014). She has close to twenty years of experience in research and policy analysis on children’s rights in Europe and has worked for a number of EU civil society organisations advocating for the rights and wellbeing of children and their families. She coordinated a campaign for the rights of children in vulnerable situations and managed a European membership network supporting families affected by mental health issues. At Missing Children Europe her focus is on research based advocacy, prevention and quality service delivery. She developed the organisation's programmes on children who run away and on grooming and set up several research projects to improve the data available on missing children. Aagje is a certified family mediator and guest lecturer in international family mediation at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences.