



Barnahus Network Membership applicant checklist

- Get in touch
 - If you have never been in contact with the Network before, it's a good idea to [schedule a call](#) to introduce yourselves and your work with Barnahus.
- Review key documents
 - The [Vision](#)
 - The [5-year strategy of the Network](#)
 - The [Network Statutes](#)
 - Other policies and reports as relevant
<https://barnahus.eu/2025/11/06/foundational-documents-for-the-barnahus-network/>
- Decide which membership level you qualify for. Guidance is provided below to help you decide.
 - [Member](#) - for Barnahus or similar services which fulfil the Barnahus Quality Standards or aspire to do so.
 - [Associate](#) - for everyone else.
- Prepare your documents
 - Guidance is provided below for the [member](#) or [associate](#) level.
- Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/250052190413342>

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MEMBER

Members are Barnahus or similar services. They fulfil the Barnahus Quality Standards or aspire to do so. They are committed to take all possible action to (progressively) comply with the criteria below.

- Offers multidisciplinary and interagency interventions (Barnahus Quality Standard 5), organised under one roof in a child-friendly setting (Barnahus Quality Standard 4), placing the best interests of the child (UNCRC art 3, Barnahus Quality Standard 1.1) at the centre.
- Offers each child a balanced multidisciplinary, professional and child friendly intervention, managed through joint case management and review.
- Professionals from the following disciplines collaborate to provide a carefully balanced intervention that responds to the needs of each child:

- Child Protection: The Barnahus contributes to the assessment of protection needs and supports follow up concerning the child victim and siblings in the family.
- Criminal justice investigation and proceedings: The criminal investigation in Barnahus, including the forensic interview, respects the procedural safeguards of both the child and the defendant. A child-friendly forensic interview is carried out according to an evidence-based protocol by a specialised forensic interviewer to secure the best possible evidence and to protect the child from (re)traumatisation. The interview is recorded and represents admissible evidence in Court.
- Medical examination and treatment: A child friendly medical evaluation is carried out by specialised and highly competent staff both for forensic investigative purposes and to ensure the child's physical well-being and recovery by the appropriate remedy.
- Mental health examination and treatment: All children are offered a mental health assessment and appropriate support by specialised and highly competent staff, including crisis support, short and long-term therapeutic services addressing the trauma of the child and non-offending family members and caretakers.
- Commitment to take all possible action to (progressively) comply with the Barnahus Criteria (see above)
- Commitment to take all possible action to (progressively) practice according to the Barnahus Quality Standards, within the boundaries of the national context.
- Facilities and interventions are specialised just for children
- Service provision fully compliant with national & European law and requirements for example on different sectors of the multidisciplinary service provision, protection of data and privacy, rights of victims and defendants.
- Non-for profit - service provision is free
- Service provision only carried out by competent, qualified and specialised staff
- Clear and transparent governance and finance
- Policy and procedures for safeguarding children from harm are in place.

Be prepared to explain how you do not currently meet the criteria above, why, and how you plan to work to meet the criteria.

For more information, please review the [Barnahus Quality Standards](#) and the [Vision](#).

Prepare your documents

For your application, please submit:

- 1. A motivation letter, in English, summarising the main points of the documents you are submitting, and why you want to join the Barnahus Network.
- 2. Documentation showing you are running a Barnahus. The documentation should describe your plans for development, capacity building, awareness-raising or any other activity that you engage in. This may be in any language. It should describe the commitment and action taken by the applicant to establish, promote, develop or implement Barnahus. It should give an overview of what stage you are in implementing Barnahus, including any areas which are not yet implemented or are actively being worked on. This document can take any format, including a letter, an annual report, a planning document, or something else that you already use for your planning or reporting. We encourage using existing documents rather than creating a new one for this application, and filling in any additional information in the letter.
- 3. An interagency agreement OR a letter of support from a national agency or ministry. This may be in any language.
- 4. Your organisation's child safeguarding policy, which includes a description of your recruitment and vetting procedures. Standards and examples can be found at <https://www.keepingchildrensafe.global/international-child-safeguarding-standards>.
- 5. Anything else you think may help us to assess if you meet the requirements for membership.
- Optional:* a reference from a current Barnahus Network member.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

In order to join as an associate member, the stakeholder must comply with the following requirements:

- Be an organisation or individual that fully supports and wants to promote the vision, mission and objectives of the Barnahus Network;
- If the applicant is an organisation, it should be formally constituted as a non-governmental, inter-governmental, governmental, academic, educational, children's rights or child victim support organisation operating at a national, regional or international level.

Prepare your documents

For your application, please submit:

- 1. A motivation letter about your work promoting Barnahus, and why you want to join the Network, in English. Explain what you can contribute to the network and what you hope that membership can contribute to your work.

Your letter should describe your past, current, and planned involvement and activities to promote Barnahus. It should give us an overview of your

commitment and action taken to promote, develop, establish or implement Barnahus. It should also give us insight on to what extent any current services you provide (if relevant) are meeting the Barnahus Quality Standards, and what stage you are in your national/local progress to bring Barnahus online.

Please also describe your cooperation with local/regional/national actors on the topic of Barnahus, including if you participate in any working groups.

- 2. Any relevant documents/links which can help us to verify what you wrote in your letter. These may be in any language.
- 3. Your organisation's child safeguarding policy, which includes a description of your recruitment and vetting procedures. Standards and examples can be found at <https://www.keepingchildrensafe.global/international-child-safeguarding-standards>. For individual members, you may submit a criminal record extract from your police or a similar document.
- Optional:* a reference from a current Barnahus Network member.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at any time. We look forward to reviewing your application!