

Directive (EU) 2016/800 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings

Article 3

Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive the following definitions apply:

- (1) 'child' means a person below the age of 18;
- (2) 'holder of parental responsibility' means any person having parental responsibility over a child;
- (3) 'parental responsibility' means all rights and duties relating to the person or the property of a child which are given to a natural or legal person by judgment, by operation of law or by an agreement having legal effects, including rights of custody and rights of access.

With regard to point (1) of the first paragraph, where it is uncertain whether a person has reached the age of 18, that person shall be presumed to be a child.