

**B. FACTS ABOUT THE ORGANISATIONS (2012)**

(figures 2011 within brackets)

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<b>AC International Child Support / AC Børnehjælp Denmark</b>	no	no	(21)	(201)	no	???	no	Special meetings with applicants to discuss topics of relevance, eg. special needs. On-going dynamic interaction and communication via website and e-mail. Regular update via newsletters. Personal counseling in relation to expiration of adoption permit.	Counselling adoptees, assisting in arranging home country visits, searching for information etc. Inviting all children and their parents when partner from their birth country is visiting.
<b>Danish Society for International Child Care / DanAdopt Denmark</b>	no	no	14 (14)	70 (137)	no	382 (386)	no	General information, meetings regarding subjects with relevance for adoption, meetings for new applicants about eg. choice of country or special need child, every 9-12 month specific meetings for waiting applicants or an update letter with news from the country, sometimes meetings with families with children and families from their country and invitation if we have visitors from their country.	Special PAS team with special e-mail and phone consultation on fixed days. Counselling offering assistance during child's upbringing if needed, health, pedagogical and social counselling, inviting families when visitors from their country, offering assistance for background information, root seeking and journeys to birth country. Professional experience and knowledge on relevant subjects is available at request. Referral to National PAS counselling and other relevant experts.
<b>Adoption &amp; Society / Adoption &amp; Samfund Denmark</b>	yes	???	-	-	-	-	???	???	???

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<b>Interpedia Finland</b>	yes, 1256 (1800) individuals	no	7 (7)	56 (67)	no	195 (241)	No, the organisation All Our Children organises voluntary pre-adoption courses	Personal and group meetings for support and information, special lectures, country meetings, seminars	Children's summer camp, personal post adoption service, preparation for birth country tour, interaction support
<b>Save the Children / Pelastakaa Lapset Finland</b>	yes, 5836 (3950) individuals	80 (83) local associations	4 (4)	90 (67)	yes, 20-30 a year	114 (157)	The only obligatory pre-adoption element is adoption counselling, which we are providing (course is available, but not obligatory)	Personal and group meetings with adoption service staff, lectures, seminars, information events.	Peer group for teenage adoptees, personal post adoption service, preparation for birth country tour, interaction support, therapy services
<b>City of Helsinki Finland</b>	no members, part of municipality	no	6 (5)	29 (33)	yes, 1-5 per year	74 (74)	no, the organisation All Our Children organises voluntary pre-adoption courses	Personal meetings, group/country sessions, meetings with the adoption coordinator, seminars	Personal post adoption service, preparation for birth country tour, interaction support
<b>Adoptivfamiljer rf Adoptioperheett ry Finland</b>	yes, 3109 (3091) individual members	Some 30 groups in 23 cities. Offices in Helsinki.					No obligatory courses in Finland, but we have peer support groups and preparatory lectures (also via internet and skype).	Support networks, seminars and local groups. On-line discussion groups (e.g. www.Perheaikaa.fi). Cultural training.	Wide range of training seminars, theme groups and on-line support (e.g. www.Perheaikaa.fi) during the whole life cycle of adoption. Cultural heritage weekends and events. Groups for families with children who have traumatic background and/or challenges with attachment.

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<b>All Our Children Finland</b>	yes, 1100 (1100) members	no	not a mediating organisation	-	-	-	All Our Children is responsible for pre-adoption courses, which are voluntary in Finland. (Save the Children and municipalities are responsible for the obligatory adoption counselling)	Free of charge telephone counselling for adoptive parents, applicants, adoptees and professionals (as part of Finnish Adoption Curator services), peer groups (eg. single applicants), organising lectures and seminars	Counselling for adoptive parents, adoptees and professionals (Finnish Adoption Curator services)
<b>Icelandic Adoption Society / Islensk Ættleiðing Iceland</b>	yes, 232 (218) families	no	6 (7)	17 (19)	no	about 100	Yes	<p>Monthly lectures that are useful for everyone. IAS has support group for applicants. About 6 months before being matched the IAS has a small seminar called „Preparing for a child“. After matching there is traveling counselling.</p> <p>IAS has a freelance psychologist and a social worker that the members can get counselling from.</p>	<p>Every family get a phone call after 1 week, 1 month and 3 months at home. There are family gatherings every second week and the families are encouraged to meet at a swimming pool the other week. Monthly lectures are useful for everyone, both those who are on the waiting list and those how have already adopted. IAS is responsible for the post placement reports and employs few freelance social workers in that purpose. IAS has also a very active social committee that organizes monthly</p>

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									gatherings for the youngest children and their families and is also responsible for the Christmas ball and our yearly camping. IAS has been in cooperation with the Confucius Institution regarding cultural courses for Chinese children and their families. IAS has a freelance psychologist and a social worker that our members can get counselling from.
<b>Adopsjonsforum Norway</b>	yes, 3055 (3253) families	16	10 active (1 inactive) as of 31.12. 2012.	131 (171)	no	674 applications as of 31.12. 2012 (ca 800 in 2011))	No, the government offers voluntary pre-adoption courses. Up to 2009 our association offered voluntary courses for families that could not attend government courses.	Our local branches offer weekend or evening gatherings of both a professional and a social nature. These include “waiting time courses”, “grandparents’ evenings”, lectures on attachment /child psychology, etc. The head office of Adopsjonsforum sponsors some of these events. The last three years we have developed Spanish courses designed for communication with small children in order to prepare parents better for the first period with children that already have developed their mother tongue. This course is	We have a full time social worker offering counselling and advice to families after adoptions. The service is free of charge for members. All adoption consultants may assist young adoptees and their families if they search for the origin / biological families of the adoptee. We have since 2010 organised official “homeland tours” to India, China, Ethiopia and the Philippines. Chile, Colombia and other countries will be included in the future. One full time person works with this service, which is still under development. The “country clubs” offer social events linked to national days, summer

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								now also available online via internet as of September 2013 in cooperation with the online school NooA	camp, etc. for families and young adoptees. Most of the clubs have at least 1 such gathering every year, while others may have more events.
<b>InorAdopt Norway</b>	yes, 440 (435) families	2 (2)	5 (5)	35 (35)	no	130 (148)	no	Creating network groups, Facebook groups, adoption counsellor, family gatherings	Arranging contact with children's home etc. for root seeking tours
<b>Verdens Barn / Children of the World Norway</b>	yes, (2800) members	(21)	(5)	(98)	no	(387)	no	The local branches arrange meetings for the waiting families	Root seeking and homeland journeys, advising parents and young adoptees before and after their trips
<b>Adoptionscentrum AC Sweden</b>	yes, 6000 (6113) families	24 (24)	25 (20)	272 (358)	no	1921 (1912)	no	Various courses and information on specific relevant topics. The local branches arrange local activities and voluntary courses to prepare parents for the journey and the first meeting with the child.	Root seeking service is not available at the moment except for South Korea and Colombia. Homeland tours are not organized any longer but a contact person is in Seoul in June to support root seeking adoptees and families. The local branches arrange local activities to support families and adoptees.
<b>Children Above All / Barnen Framför Allt / BFA Sweden</b>	yes, 1600 (1500) families	no	13 (13)	107 (117)	no	654 (789)	No, in Sweden the municipalities are responsible for these courses.	Information meetings and education during waiting time. The applicants can also attend yearly summer camps and Christmas gatherings for families.	Yearly summer camp and Christmas gatherings for families. Family gatherings for families who have adopted children from the same country.
<b>Swedish Friends of Children / Barnens Vänner / BV</b>	yes	no	(5)	44 (34)	no	159 (186)	no	Monthly information about the situation abroad and at office.	Birth country tours. Creating networks of children from same country or

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Sweden								Telephone and mail support to the families.	contact, intermediating and counselling by root seeking, scholarship fund for adoptees (between 18 and 28) to seek cultural background and identity.
<b>Family association for intercountry adoption / FFIA Sweden</b>	yes, 1079 (1150) families	no	11 (10)	37 (43)	no	310 (350)	no	Monthly information via newsletters about the adoption situation. Lectures regarding subjects with relevance for adoption. Facebook groups.	Birth country tours and advising parents and adoptees before the trip and even after if needed. Root seeking counselling. Family gatherings and