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## GLOSSARY

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,
Dear Friends of Children’s Rights!

For the International Institute for the Rights of the Child, 2017 was a year marked by history:
• As in History, that which is taught in schools and which bore a particular impact on Switzerland and Valais
• And as in the personal history of children who, in one way or another, participated in the realization of their rights.

In 2017 History celebrated the 20 years since the Swiss State ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. On this occasion, multiple events were organized by cities, cantons and NGOs. One of the main challenges linked to the CRC, and which is of particular importance to childhood and youth professionals, be they in Switzerland or elsewhere, lies in the implementation of the principle of child participation (art. 12 CRC). This principle was understood and developed under the procedural angle, while it influences all dimensions of society: school, politics, family, medical affairs, associative activity... The major stakes related to article 12 CRC is to understand how to bring about child participation while avoiding any and all instances of manipulation or influence. The IDE has chosen to take up this challenge by training professionals and by raising awareness among children.

The training programmes provided by the IDE are of an academic nature, provided thanks to quality partnerships with Universities, such as the Interfaculty Centre for Children’s Rights Studies of the University of Geneva. The Centre is our main partner for training programmes such as the online Certificate of Advanced Studies in Juvenile Justice for professionals in Latin America; the Certificate in Protection and Children’s Rights in West Africa with the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar; the Executive Course in Juvenile Justice with the University of Odisha in India. The IDE also trains actors involved with juvenile justice systems in Senegal with the Centre for Judiciary Training in Dakar, and, in Bulgaria, with the Ministry of Justice. Listening to children and respecting their right to be heard are obviously at the heart of the teachings of the IDE. Given the needs of professionals, the IDE organized an additional 4th class of its Certificate of Advances Studies on hearing children in judicial proceedings in Sion.

The IDE is firm in its belief in youth participation and seeks to involve children as much as possible in awareness raising activities. In this vein, during the celebration of the Universal Children’s Day in Geneva, which was organized in large part by the junior staff of the IDE, children were included in the proceedings. Over the course of the fall, these children worked on developing recommendations to the attention of city authorities. The recommendations touched on the subjects of security, human rights education, internet use and diversity. A prize was especially created for the occasion and was awarded to the Medico-pedagogical Centre in Châtelard (Lausanne), for its project “Sur le chemin de l’école” (On the way to school). The IDE also celebrated another anniversary, that of the 50 years of the St-Agnès Foundation in Sion, and its enduring efforts to give life to the korczakian approach to child participation through its youth Parliament, a highly participative institution. On this note, a Somalian delegation of high-level professionals came to see the youth Parliament in action, in order to understand what the participation principle represents, during their training programme at the IDE.
It is thanks to training and awareness raising that children will become rights-holders, and history is here to legitimate it. Following the publication of the research results last year led by the IDE on childhood over 200 years of Valais history, this year children were given centre stage by the IDE in order to tell their own stories in the book “Histoires d’enfants, en Valais, de 1815 à 2015” (Children’s histories, in Valais, from 1815 to 2015). The book is aimed towards both child and adult readerships, and was presented by students of the schools of Saint-Maurice, who organized a press conference and a party on the theme of diversity. They were inspired by the 2017 version of pedagogical teaching tools that the IDE distributed to all schools in Switzerland.

In order to promote children’s rights through trainings and awareness raising, the IDE needs your support. The current context is morose and relatively closed to human rights in general and to children’s rights in particular. The competition between NGOs is tough, and the political situation in many countries where the IDE is active, such as Somalia and Burkina Faso, make our work most difficult, but all the more necessary. In order to carry out our activities, the IDE is particularly grateful for the support from its many partners, who through their generosity contribute in their own way to strengthen the rights of children in Switzerland and around the world.

The collaborators of the IDE, the Director, and the Foundation Council, all THANK YOU for your support and assure you of their enduring enthusiasm.

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Federal Department for Foreign Affairs
- Federal Social Insurance Office
- City of Geneva
- City of Sion
- People of the City of Sion (Bourgeoisie de Sion)
- Valais Cantonal Bank
- RAJO Association
- Les enfants du Burkina Faso Association
- Oak Foundation
- Mammina Foundation
- Rosyland Foundation
- Les enfants d’abord Foundation
- Terre des hommes – Helping children worldwide Foundation
- Valais Cantonal Bank
- Migros Valais
- The numerous contributors to the teaching materials

Thank you all!

Paola Riva Gapany
Director
COMPETENCE CENTRE

QUALITY EDUCATION IN CHILDREN’S RIGHTS

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PROFESSIONALS
CHILDREN
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ONLINE
IN SWITZERLAND
ABROAD

ACT FOR CHILDREN
TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

As a competence centre in children’s rights, the IDE is active:
• In Switzerland
• Abroad

In the following types of training:
• Academic
• Non-academic

The Institute provides children’s rights training to all types of professionals working for/with children.

ACADEMIC TRAINING IN SWITZERLAND

In Switzerland, the IDE helped to train some 40 professionals on the Sion premises by awarding diplomas accredited by the University of Geneva (CIDE).

Hearing children in judicial proceedings
The fourth graduating class of the Certificate in Continuing Education entitled Child Victims, Child Witnesses: Hearing Children in Judicial Proceedings (CPE), aimed at professionals from the fields of justice, mediation, police, child protection and lawyering (socio-psycho-judiciary intervention) concluded by the awarding of 10 certificates on 8 December 2017. On this occasion, the IDE had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Lyes Louffok, a once-foster child who became a member of the National Council for Child Protection in France, during a public conference which brought 80 people together.

Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Children’s Rights
The 2017-2018 cycle (8th graduating class) of this two-year training programme organized by the CIDE, in collaboration with the IDE, is aimed at professionals who possess a prior university degree and who work or have competences in the field of children’s rights, who seek to acquire specialized university-level training. The training began in February 2017 with 15 participants. The cycle will end in December 2018. The IDE takes part in tutoring the students and in teaching.

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Children’s Rights
The CAS in Children’s Rights (February 2017-December 2018) is provided by the CIDE since 2015, in collaboration with the IDE. It is comprised of two modules of the MAS in Children’s Rights. This training programme is worth 12 ECTS credits. The training is aimed mainly at persons who possess a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent), working or having competences in the domain of children’s rights, who are seeking to acquire university-level training in this domain. In 2017, three participants took part in this training programme and one degree was awarded.

“Strong point: the quality of speakers!”
( Participant to the Hearing Children in Judicial Proceedings Certificate)
**ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAMMES ABROAD**

In 2017, the IDE continued preparations in view of offering academic training abroad. Considering academic expectations, the creation of a university-level degree takes much time and effort. Training programmes are planned to take place soon in India and West Africa.

**India**
From 21-24 February, the IDE welcomed an Indian delegation composed of Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, the vice-Chancellor of the National Law University of Odisha, and Mrs. Enakshi Ganguly, co-Director of the NGO HAQ - Centre for Child Rights. An executive course in juvenile justice is in preparation with Indian partners and the University of Geneva. Negotiations are ongoing and the start of training is planned for the 2018.

**West Africa**
From 9-10 November, the IDE was very honoured to welcome in Switzerland Prof. Samba Thiam, Director of the Institute for Human Rights and Peace at Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD) in Dakar. This meeting, which followed other meetings on-site, was led in the view of creating a Continuous Education Certificate in Protection and Children’s Rights for professionals in the region of West Africa. This training will be led in collaboration with the Interfaculty Centre in Children’s Rights Studies. This CAS will be open to registration during 2018.
**ONLINE TRAININGS**

The creation of e-learning platforms is one of IDE’s priorities. These platforms will bring the IDE’s knowledge, tools and experience accumulated by its small team experienced in universal children’s rights implementation to a broader audience. In 2017, online trainings created in 2016 continued to be carried out and preparations were underway to create a new training programme in the Horn of Africa.

**Somalia and the Horn of Africa**

In 2017, the IDE pursued its work with its partner RAJO following the ratification by the Somali State of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Together they laid the groundwork to create a training programme in the implementation of children’s rights. The training is aimed at professionals from the field of academia, the State and civil society. In this framework, a delegation composed of members of the Federal Government of Somalia and non-State actors were welcomed to Geneva and Sion on 11-17 September.

This training programme is demonstrating concrete results: a strategic State Plan of Action, and the first report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the end of 2017 are some of the achievements by the trained actors. In parallel, in order to avoid the challenges posed namely by security concerns that render an *in-situ* teaching situation impossible, steps were taken to create an online training programme for professionals in the Horn of Africa. In order to do this, the IDE will be creating a position for an e-learning manager for the region at the start of 2018.

**MOOC in Children’s Rights**

The MOOC Children’s Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Introduction was created by the CIDE in partnership with the IDE. It was made accessible online via the Coursera platform in January 2017, after 2 years of preparation. The course provides an overview of the main teaching subjects in children’s rights studies. As of the end of 2017, 8945 students were actively enrolled (1263 students completed the course). The website boasted 31,193 visits.

**Latin America**

In Latin America, the CAS in Juvenile Justice via e-learning (5 modules), was launched in September with 4 students. The training was created in collaboration with the CIDE and the Terre des hommes Foundation - Helping children worldwide. This training programme is tailored for Spanish-speaking professionals involved in the protection of the rights of children in conflict with the law, child victims and child witnesses, i.e. police, prosecutors, judges, lawyers, penitentiary institution staff, educators, psychologists, doctors, criminologists, migration experts, researchers, etc. A new graduating class of this international CAS taught in Spanish will be launched in August 2018. It will be translated into a set of other languages at a later date.
Juvenile Justice in Senegal
The third Juvenile Justice Training Programme for Trainers in Senegal (FFJ3) was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Judiciary Training and the Swiss Embassy of Dakar. It is aimed at all professionals who intervene in the chain of juvenile justice. Its first module took place in 3-7 July and a second module took place in 16-20 October, with 16 participants. There were some noteworthy moments during these trainings: the programme alumni met in the garden of the Swiss Embassy in Dakar on the invitation of Ambassador Dagmar Schmidt Tartagli. Some 40 alumni from the regions of Dakar, Thiès, Diourbel, Kaolack, Kédougou and Kolda created a platform in order to facilitate networking and favour good practices. This is a first and important step towards instituting interdisciplinarity and strengthening the effect of the training programme!

Juvenile Justice in Bulgaria
Bulgaria (Ministry of Justice and Swiss-Bulgarian Cooperation) requested that the IDE add 3 complementary modules to the training programme to strengthen the legal and institutional capacities of the judiciary system in the field of juvenile justice conducted by the IDE in 2015. On 27-30 March 2017, 13 people took part on a module about training trainers, with the participation of Paola Riva Gapany, Renate Winter and

TAYLOR-MADE TRAININGS
As a centre in children’s rights engineering, the IDE is regularly solicited by its partners, States and institutions to implement special training programmes that are adapted to their needs. In order to do this, the IDE is mobilizing a methodology that is specific, and based on the transmission of knowledge, tools and examples within interdisciplinary groups, resulting in the creation of useful points of action linking academia and the field.
Jean Zermatten in Veliko Tarnovo. On 29 May to 3 June, 18 participants were taught on the issue of penal mediation with Aline Sermet, Michel Lachat and Gérard Demierre in Varna and the project will continue to 2018 with a module on hearing children for professionals who work in “Blues Rooms”.

**Ste-Agnès Institute, Switzerland**

Two training workshops in children’s rights were created for 35 professionals working at the specialized institute of Ste-Agnès, in Sion, from 6 February to 14 March. The institution, which was celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, was already collaborating with the IDE on the project of the Youth Parliament. The institution welcomes children with learning difficulties, slight intellectual deficiencies or personality disorders, especially relative to the autistic spectrum disorder.

**Journalists from Burkina Faso**

In Burkina Faso, the IDE was mandated by the Initiative of African Journalists for Cooperation and Development (IJACOD) to provide workshops in children’s rights and journalistic ethics – especially as related to the worst forms of child labor – to some 20 journalists from the country, on 13-15 March in Ouagadougou. Aline Sermet, Paola Riva Gapany and Claire Brisset went to the field. This workshop was organized with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The training was covered by local media (e.g. Burkina24.com, lefaso.net).

**Personnel from the City of Geneva**

The City of Geneva took it upon itself to train personnel in the relevance of children’s rights to their everyday work. Some 30 staff members took part in the various workshops offered by the IDE, the CIDE and Create between 7 February and 8 June. The workshops were relative to themes such as child participation, inclusive city administration and communicating with children.

“We could not ask for a better forum to discuss children’s rights.”

(Burkinabe journalist trained by the IDE)

In the long term, specialized tribunals for children will be established in the country.

**“Participants appreciated the fact that the speaker took part in exchange with the audience over very concrete topics that directly impacted the Institute’s staff.”**

(Training at the Ste-Agnès Institute)
**RAISING AWARENESS**

In parallel to devising training programmes, the IDE’s work is focused on awareness raising. In 2017 the IDE mainly raised awareness in Switzerland: as an actor of implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Switzerland since its ratification, the IDE felt it was important to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of this event!

**IN SWITZERLAND: 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE RATIFICATION OF THE CRC**

**Children participate in Geneva**

To celebrate the 20-year anniversary since Switzerland’s ratification of the treaty which gives voice to children, what could be more appropriate than letting children speak out about their rights, and the way in which they are best implemented in the public space? It is this mission which the IDE aimed to complete during the afternoon festivities organized on 22 November at the International Geneva Conference Centre, in partnership with the Department of Solidarity and for Social Cohesion of the City of Geneva and the Geneva Intercommunal Group for Extra-curricular Activities (GIAP). In this sense, some twenty children who are beneficiaries of the GIAP were invited to take part in the proceedings, and speak before some 200 people (children, professionals and policy-makers). The children were prepared to the task thanks to workshop-debates organized during the autumn semester on themes including: minor migrants, the role of children in the public space, access to human rights education, equal opportunity and child protection in relation to the use of digital media. By the end of the process, children brought forth recommendations on these themes that will be transmitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child via the Swiss alternative report!

The afternoon was held as a follow-up event to the research project “Consulting children on their rights” (2014) led by the City of Geneva.

**IDE 20-year Award**

In order to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the ratification of the CRC by Switzerland, the IDE awarded the “IDE 20-year Award” on 22 November to the Medico-pedagogical Centre of Châtelard (Lausanne, Switzerland). This educational institution welcomes children ages 7 to 14 and helps them to surmount schooling and family-related difficulties. This institution won the favour of the jury composed of three children, two young IDE interns and a high-level worker
from an institution for its project “Sur le chemin des droits” (On the way to children’s rights). The children were very enthusiastic after having seen the film “Sur le chemin de l’école” (On the way to school, Pascal Plisson, 2013). Five modules were thus developed by their educators in order to discuss about world children’s rights, compared to their own Western lifestyles. Health, food, arts and traditional dance, freedom of expression, spirituality, games and leisure will be discussed through various means, such as sketches, interviews, tasting and calligraphy. The project will begin in January 2018 and will take on the shape of a blog, curated by the students in real-time.

Teaching material
One of the grave gaps which the CRC Committee expressed in its Concluding Observations to Switzerland is linked to the lack of awareness raising to children’s rights organized in schools. Since 2015, the IDE is proud to continue to collaborate, with the éducation21 Foundation, to the design and production of free teaching material on children’s rights. This material will be distributed to teachers and pupils in Switzerland (in French, German and Italian). It will allow teachers to guide the conversation in the classroom during the Universal Children’s Day. In 2017, the theme for the teaching materials was Diversity. This theme gave way to a global project supported by the Sarah Oberson Foundation in the schools of St-Maurice (Valais). All of the primary-level classes worked on the theme in their own way. Once pupils went conscious of the challenges which face children in wheel-chairs to travel in the city of St-Maurice, a class of 10-year olds wrote to the communal authorities in order to contest this situation; this was a process that was subject of a short television segment aired by Swiss Television and Radio (RTS). Another class worked on the topic of intergenerational diversity by organizing a press conference for the book unveiling “Histoires d’enfants, en Valais, de 1815 à 2015” (Childhood histories in Valais, 1815-2015).

The teaching materials were a subject of interest among teachers. In 2017, 71,341 materials on the topic of diversity were distributed (against 68,518 in 2016). 4720 paper format orders were made and 4855 downloads were completed.

Create an Adult - Child Association!
(Children’s recommendations, 22 November 2017)

61,765 orders were included into the pedagogical journals l’Éducateur, Bildung Schweiz and Scuola ticinese. In addition, the 2016 materials on the theme of school bullying continue to interest the public: 1022 materials were downloaded in 2017 from the IDE website and 140 were downloaded in paper form.

May colloquium
The traditional May colloquium organized by the CIDE in collaboration with the IDE and other partners took place in Berne on 4-5 May on the theme “The rights of children in migration situations in Switzerland: protection, services, participation”. The Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights, the school of pedagogy of Valais, and the school of social work of Valais were partners in 2017. Also, the Alliance for the Rights of Migrant Children (ADEM) and the Child Rights Network Switzerland (RSDE) participated. 150 persons attended the event every day: lawyers, medical and school personnel, police, juvenile court representatives, NGO workers, social assistants (by number) and representatives of shelters and centres for migrants, and cantonal and federal administration. The event was very positively evaluated, and the speakers, of great quality, covered a great diversity of issues linked to child migration, all the while discussing the theme from the standpoint of a number of specialists from different domains. The testimony of two young migrants and a public debate allowed the conference to communicate with a wide audience.
INTERNATIONAL AND ONLINE AWARENESS RAISING

In terms of planned events, 2017 was a year during which the IDE less centred its activities on international awareness raising as compared to other years. The IDE focused on events taking place in Switzerland, in celebration of the 20-year anniversary of the ratification of the CRC. On the other hand, the IDE website and social media accounts continue to reach a broader audience, allowing the IDE to carry out awareness-raising activities globally.

Summer School
The Geneva Summer School Children at the Heart of Human Rights is an international and interdisciplinary teaching programme taught since 2014 by the CIDE in collaboration with the IDE. In 2017, the summer school welcomed 17 students from 6-16 June. The students were young professionals interested in children’s rights and international organisations of children’s rights defence.

Website childsrights.org
The website www.childsrights.org continues to be a choice tool for awareness-raising, especially through its publication of editorials on the topic of children’s rights. By the end of 2017, 1140 people were subscribed to the newsletter, which is 81 more than in 2016. The website extranet is also an important meeting space for training programme participants and speakers. In 2017, the number of users of the website increased to 6550, therefore by 36%.

Social media
On social media (Facebook page Institut international des Droits de l’Enfant and Twitter account @info_ide) the IDE continued its efforts to assert itself as a competence centre by a modern watch, allowing the IDE to partake in a global movement. In 2017, the IDE gained 236 followers on Facebook and 169 on Twitter.
SWISS CENTRE OF EXPERTISE IN HUMAN RIGHTS

In the absence of a national institute for human rights in Switzerland, the Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights (SCHR) – for which the IDE and the CIDE are in charge of the Children and Youth Politics thematic cluster – continued to work as a service provider in 2017. In May, the SCHR co-organized the colloquium entitled “The rights of children in migration situations in Switzerland: protection, services, participation” (see page 13).

At the end of August, the thematic cluster Children and Youth Politics published its report entitled “Child friendly justice – Hearing children in foster procedures and in the case of the expulsion of a parent”. Since this autumn, the thematic cluster began work on a new federal mandate. This project seeks to establish a comparative evaluation of the implementation of CRC article 12 within Switzerland (regarding health, education, child protection and justice).

It is also noteworthy that the consultation based on the preliminary draft of the federal law on the support for national institutions for human rights took place from June to October 2017. The report based on the consultation was published at the beginning of 2018 and the various actors’ position papers are made available on the Confederation’s website www.admin.ch.

ALLIANCE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT CHILDREN

The Alliance for the Rights of Migrant Children (ADEM), of which the IDE is a founding member with the Terre des hommes – Helping children worldwide Foundation and the Swiss Foundation of the International Social Service, celebrated the 20-year anniversary of the ratification of the CRC by the Swiss State. For the anniversary a series of articles were produced on the topic of specific rights in the CRC that involve child migrants. This series of articles included an interview with Mr. Rolf Widmer: for the past 40 years he has worked for the care of children who cannot grow up in their own families; a text on the topic of legal representation for minor migrants; an article entitled “Sport: a powerful tool for participation, a support for integration and well-being of young migrants”; and a text entitled “The right to the highest attainable standard of health”.

NETWORK RESEARCH AND ACTION

The broad network developed by the IDE over the course of collaborations in multiple domains and places continues to be a guarantee of its effectiveness. In 2017, partnerships in Switzerland were particularly strengthened.
The Alliance also stated its position concerning cantonal decisions (Argovia, Berne) or the restructuring of asylum law in Switzerland (consultation procedure). The Alliance also joined into a press conference with other organizations in order to advocate for the right to dignity for minors, in relation to the occurrence of the Bainveggi Fugitives March in Valais.

The high point of the year: the annual colloquium, which took place on 7 December at the congress centre BERNEXPO in Berne. The event was organized with the Swiss Red-Cross and the Support for Torture Victims Association. It explored the theme “Overcoming trauma: what are the perspectives for migrant children and youth?” More than 300 people participated in the event.

The main ideas of the conference were condensed in six recommendations in view of facilitating adequate support and care for children and youth who experienced trauma (on the medical, legal, housing, education, legal security, social life and participation aspects).

Since 18 October, the Alliance enjoys the services provided by Mrs. Barras, its new coordinator (50%).

SARAH OBERSON FOUNDATION

The Sarah Oberson Foundation is located on the premises of IDE offices. The Foundation collaborated with the school of social work of Valais, in order to produce a quantitative study on child runaways in Valais.

For the past years, the Foundation is advocating for the creation of national statistics concerning the disappearance of children. This research project is the first step in this direction. On 17 October, the Foundation organized a half-day event to present the study to professionals of the sector under the name “Runaways in Valais: taking a closer look at the phenomenon”.

In addition, on 20 November 2017 the primary school of St-Maurice/Lavey and the FSO celebrated the Universal Children’s Day and the 20-year anniversary of the Swiss ratification of the CRC.

The theme of the event was Diversity. As of the beginning of school and throughout the autumn, teachers and the FSO collaborated to organize it. Finding inspiration in the teaching materials developed by the IDE (see page 13), the pupils created a multitude of activities: photographs, paintings, songs, tastings, novels, self-portraits, etc. The works of art were presented to families and the St-Maurice community during the celebration.

VEILLARD-CYBULSKI FUND ASSOCIATION

Also hosted in the premises of the IDE, the Veillard-Cybulski Fund Association brought together some 90 people on the occasion of the discussion forum on the topic of “Cannabis and adolescents: new approaches. What about prohibition?” on 7 November in Lausanne. The IDE was a partner to this event.
PUBLICATIONS

In 2017, the IDE is proud to have produced two publications.

THE ESSENTIALS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

The English version of the book Justice juvénile: les fondamentaux was published in June 2017, under the title “The Essentials in Juvenile Justice”. Edited under the direction of Philip D. Jaffé, Michel Lachat, Paola Riva Gapany, Renate Winter and Jean Zermatten, this publication brings together thirty experts on juvenile justice and offers over 500 pages of knowledge and experience for professionals. The publication informs readers on the existing legal framework which guides the objective characteristics of intervention; it discusses the principal questions that arise when actors come together to intervene, even in the case of dejudiciarization; the publication cites examples of good practices and demonstrates the extent to which training is crucial.

HISTOIRES D’ENFANTS EN VALAIS

The publication Histoires d’enfants, en Valais, de 1815 à 2015 (Children’s histories in Valais, 1815-2015) is the result of two years of research on childhood in Valais. It commemorates the 2015 bicentennial anniversary of the entry of the Valais canton into the Swiss Confederation. This book is the version intended for primary and secondary school-aged children based on a 3 volumes big publication, which was released in 2016. It was created in collaboration with the CIDE, the School of pedagogy of Valais (HEP-VS), the School of social work (HETS-VS), and the Historical society of Western Valais (SHVR). The publication is by Jean Zermatten, who adopts a first-person narrative to tell the stories of 22 young people from Valais, over 6 time periods. The portraits of thirteen real inhabitants of the canton, who give their insights of the past and future, are provided in the text. This child-friendly version will serve to connect the different generations of Valais.
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