Conference
“Improving the work with Children on the move in the EU”

24th April 2014
From 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

European Economic and Social Committee
74 rue de Trèves, Brussels
Trèves Building
Room TRE 7701, 7th floor
Presentation

The situation faced by unaccompanied children throughout Europe is a growing concern for a great number of NGOs working with and for children.

Starting with a presentation of the results provided by the different partners of the European project “Net for U – Needs tackling and Networks Tracing for Unaccompanied Minors integration”, this conference will focus on sharing experiences and promising practices to improve the work of professionals dealing with unaccompanied children and children on the move, in regards to two key aspects: the needs assessment and family tracing.

What is the role of the children’s family and what level of involvement is necessary in order to support the child during their transition to adulthood? How can we identify, support and meet the children needs, taking into consideration the complexity of the phenomena and the variation in challenges faced by different EU countries?

How can we foster a cooperative strategy between organisations and stakeholders working at the local, national and international level? These will be the main issues around which participants will discuss and share their experiences.
9.30 - 10.00  Registration and welcome breakfast

10.00 – 10.15  Opening

Mr Cédric Foussard. Director of International Affairs. International Juvenile Justice Observatory. Belgium

Ms Adélaïde Vanhove. Policy Officer on EU Affairs. International Juvenile Justice Observatory. Belgium

Ms Sabrina Brutto. Project Coordinator. Istituto Don Calabria. Italy

Inauguration: Ms Grace Attard. European Economic and Social Committee. Belgium

10.15 – 11.00  Working with Children on the move and their families: the results of the Net for U project

Ms Sabrina Brutto. Project Coordinator. Istituto Don Calabria. Italy

Ms Svenja Heinrich. EU Project Coordinator. CJD-Eutin. Germany

Mr. Emanuele Frezza. Researcher. Synergia. Italy

Intervention of project partners.
11.00 – 12.00  Round table Session: “Good practices on Family tracing, needs assessment, and reception of Children on the move”

Mr. Pascal Reyntjens. Chief of mission. International Organisation of Migrations. Belgium

Ms. Lilana Keith. Programme Officer. Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants. Belgium

Ms. Ulrike Schwarz. Legal consultant, Bundesfachverband Unbegleitete Minderjährige Flüchtlinge e.V. (BUMF), one of the German stakeholders in IOM project: ”Promoting Family Reunification and Transfer of Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers under Dublin Regulation - PRUMA”

Ms. Daphné Bouteillet. Senior Advocacy Officer. Save the Children- EU Office. Belgium.

Exchange with the audience

12.00 - 12.45 Roundtable: “Improving the coordination and cooperation between EU and non EU actors for a better protection and integration of Children on the move in EU”

Mr. Salvatore Parata. Head European Office. Terre des Hommes. Belgium

Projection of the Documentary “Children on the move, children first!”

Mr. Bernard de Vos. Délégué général de la Communauté française aux droits de l’enfant. Belgium (to confirm)

Mr. Stephan Durviaux. Conseiller du Délégué général de la Communauté française aux droits de l’enfant. Belgium

Exchange with the audience

Discussant: Pablo Gallego. Fundación Diagrama. Spain

12.45 – 13.00 Conclusions

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Mr. Brian de Lord. Director. Europeace Youth. UK.

The Conference will be followed by a lunch offered by the IJJO for all the participants.
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- INTERNATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE OBSERVATORY
- OBSERVATORIO INTERNACIONAL DE JUSTICIA JUVENIL
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